Dear circular economy community,

We are happy to introduce this edition of the newsletter with a calendar of big, exciting, circular events coming up this year. The circularity of different sectors is being increasingly discussed, researched and developed. We encourage you to take part in these conferences and spread the word!

April: UNECE
May: CARE INNOVATION (registration fee requested)
May-June: Circular Economy Hotspot Dublin and World Circular Economy Forum
June: ISPIM Innovation Conference and IEEE International Workshop on Smart Circular Economy
September: International Cradle to Cradle Congress
October: Circular Week

Keep an eye on our webpage for more events to add to your calendars!

**News and events**

**Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform Conference**

More material from the annual Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform Conference on 27-28 February has been uploaded! [Click here](#) for interviews with some of the conference speakers. You will also find workshop reports on the individual workshop pages, accessible via the [main conference webpage](#).
A Circular Economy for Plastics in Canada & the Netherlands
The session on 5 April 2023 from 16:00 to 17:00 CEST will be hosted by Holland Circular Hotspot in collaboration with the Consulate General of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Toronto, Canada. The webinar aims to bring together policy experts, scientists and entrepreneurs across the Dutch and Canadian value chains to discuss current trends, challenges and developments in circular plastics.

The D-CARBONIZE project is looking for 12 doctoral candidates with an interest in producing bioplastics from biomass
The D-CARBONIZE project is kicking off by recruiting 12 doctoral candidates. They will receive training on how to use circular chemistry to develop monomers from biochar sources, for use in the production of recyclable bioplastics. Apply before 10 April 2023.

Tyre recycling: Making the wheel go round
EuRIC invites you to join the 8th edition of their Recyclers’ Talks series fully dedicated to tyre recycling in Brussels on 18 April 2023 in order to discuss with top-level policy-makers and experts how to boost the circularity of tyres alongside the value chain.

ProCirc Results | Circular Procurement: No time to waste!
Do you want to learn more about their circular procurement journey, be inspired to take action, and connect with others? Join the Interreg NSR ProCirc project’s online event on 18 April 2023 from 10:00 to 12:00 CEST.
Circular Bio-based Europe Joint Undertaking
Info Day 2023
Are you considering applying for the CBE JU 2023 call for project proposals? Follow the Info Day on 20 April 2023 to learn about joining the CBE JU networking platform to pitch your project idea, look for partners and offer your services - and, more importantly, get in touch with other CBE JU community members!

Registration opens for the CBE JU Info Day 2023

Enhancing the circularity and recycling in the Construction sector
This workshop on 26 April 2023 from 8:30 to 13:00 CEST is part of the METABUILDING project. It will bring together stakeholders from the construction and the recycling sector, including industry associations, RTOs, policymakers, business, and SMEs.

More about news and events

#EUCircularTalks

EU Circular Talks are an exchange concept where stakeholders interact and discuss circular topics on our Platform, in the form of online workshops, webinars or interviews with high-profile supporters and experts of the circular economy.

Upcoming EUCTs
21 April 2023: Packaging: waste or valuable resource? Harnessing the value of packaging in the food system (Circular Change, Tetra Pak)

27 April 2023: Making the Right to Repair a reality (ECESP Leadership Group on Sustainable products and design)
You can read the final reports of #EUCircularTalks or watch the recordings, and feel free to join the online discussion!

More about EUCTs

Knowledge and strategies

Boosting the Renovation Wave with Modular Industrialized Renovation Kits: mapping challenges, barriers and solution strategies
This position paper refers to the outcome of a workshop and assesses the challenges and barriers (including circularity) in terms of developing, adopting and/or implementing Zero Energy Renovation Kits, which address the need for efficient, sustainable and customisable deep-renovation solutions.

Eco-innovation in the Basque Country - 105 industrial projects for new circular solutions
This publication by IHOBE, contains the results of over 120 projects completed as part of the Circular Eco-innovation Programme between 2018 and 2022.

Catalogue of circular products manufactured in the Basque Country
This catalogue by IHOBE, entitled '20 years of ecodesign - Made in Euskadi', is the first in Europe to compile a broad list of product categories from ten industrial sectors. The publication illustrates how lifecycle analysis methodologies have been applied to substantially improve the environmental impact of these products and to serve as an example for the European industrial sector.
EU exports of used textiles in Europe's circular economy
This **briefing** by the EEA, analyses used textile exports in the EU. It finds that, as reuse and recycling capacities in Europe are limited, a large share of used textiles collected in the EU is traded and exported to Africa and Asia, and their fate is highly uncertain.

Report on the role of Mixed Waste Sorting
This **report** by Eunomia, looks at whether, and to what extent, the EU recycling targets can be met through improved recyclability of packaging and increased separate collections of municipal waste.

More about [knowledge](#) and [strategies](#)

**Good practices**

AIMPLAS developing a method for converting marine plastic waste into aquaculture products
**NCostas** is an AIMPLAS project that will make it possible to **reuse plastic material recovered from the sea and waste from the aquaculture industry** to make walkways and platforms for fish farms, port protection products, flotation tubes, and nets and mesh for reinforcement, among other products.
Re:Lab AB: converting research lab plastic consumables into carbon monoxide and hydrogen
Re:Lab AB has developed a circular economy solution for the vast amount of plastic used in modern research laboratories: a proprietary Low-Temperature Conversion technology that breaks waste lab plastic down into a syngas comprised of carbon monoxide and hydrogen. The project aims to prove that the technique works and is economically viable.

REEPRODUCE: Dismantling and recycling rare earth elements from end-of-life products for the European green transition
The REEPRODUCE project will break new ground by establishing a sustainable and complete European industrial-scale value chain for recycling the rare earth elements (REEs) in permanent magnets. This innovative technique will be able to produce new permanent magnets using environmentally-friendly technologies at a competitive cost and using end-of-life (EoL) products as a resource.

Hydal Coffee: cascade recycling of spent coffee grounds and coffee capsules
The NAFIGATE Corporation has developed a cascade recycling system for coffee grounds that uses 100% of this abundant bio-waste. Hydal Coffee produces secondary products which are used in cosmetic products, masterbatches (concentrated pigments used to dye plastics) and final plastic products.

More about good practices

Circular updates from the European Commission
The Commission is consulting the general public and stakeholders on the Ship Recycling Regulation
The European Commission has launched an online public consultation on the evaluation of the Ship Recycling Regulation that will run until 7 June 2023. Depending on the findings of the evaluation, the Commission may then take steps to revise the regulation.
Are you making the circular economy happen? Can your project inspire others? Share your good practice and connect with the circular economy community!