World environmental challenges such as climate change and biodiversity loss pose considerable risks to health and well-being. Linear resource extraction and processing account for half of total greenhouse gas emissions and more than 90% of biodiversity loss and water stress.

Institutional and European stakeholders agree that transitioning to a circular economy could help solve these existential crises. It would reduce greenhouse gas emissions, help conserve and restore nature, and relieve pressure on natural resources while ensuring that the EU is competitive and no one is left behind.

With the coming change in the European political landscape, the members of the Coordination Group of the European Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform want to flag up this issue to incoming legislators and advocate keeping the Green Deal and the circular economy as a primary focus for the next Commission and European Parliament, keeping the just transition as a critical narrative, supporting circular economy projects with sufficient funding and keeping European ambitions for a swift transition from a linear economy high.
Specifically, the Coordination Group members:

1. Ask the European institutions to maintain ambitious commitments to a circular economy and circular patterns of behaviour so as to meet Green Deal targets;
2. Express their commitment to contribute to meeting the current biodiversity, climate and other environmental targets, both global and European;
3. Advocate for a just transition to a circular economy that effectively reduces resource use as a critical solution which will help meet these targets;
4. Suggest that policymakers analyse existing legislation on unintended barriers hindering the transition to a circular economy and design frameworks to overcome them;
5. Feel that it is crucial to ensure that EU competitiveness remains a priority for future action and that an enabling framework is rolled out for sustainable competitiveness, particularly for SMEs;
6. Ask that ambitious targets be devised for the circular economy and resource consumption;
7. Ask for measures to boost green industries, including SMEs and social enterprises, which are crucial for transforming the EU's circular and climate-neutral ambitions into local, green jobs and sustainable lifestyles.
8. Ask that circular economy indicators be used to measure progress towards a more resource-efficient economy and lifestyle.
9. Feel that it is crucial to invest in circular economy projects and solutions to support sustainable and resource-efficient production and consumption patterns;
10. Advocate the need for circular economy solutions to promote innovation and competitiveness in all EU countries.