



CIRCULAR WEEK 2025

AGENDA

3-7 November, 2025



Circular Bioeconomy as Key to Biodiversity and Resilience

3 November 2025 | 10:30-15:00
French Embassy in Warsaw



Norwegian Embassy



Kingdom of the Netherlands



CIRCULAR BIOECONOMY AS KEY TO BIODIVERSITY AND RESILIENCE

French embassy in Warsaw | 3 November 2025, 10:30-15:00

10:30 – 10:40 | Welcome and Introduction to the Topic of Bioeconomy

- » Etienne de Poncins, Ambassador of France to Warsaw
- » Agnieszka Sznyk, PhD, President, INNOWO

10:40 – 10:55 | Bioeconomy in the EU – Research and Innovation

- » Tomasz Calikowski, PhD, Policy Officer, DG RTD Directorate B "Healthy Planet", unit B1 "Green Transitions", European Commission

10:55 – 11:05 | Bioremediation as a Key Strategy for a Cleaner Future

- » Agnieszka Sznyk, PhD, President, INNOWO

11:05 – 11:20 | National Bioeconomy Strategy from a French Perspective

- » Pablo Menubarbe, Biomass Mobilization Strategy Officer, Ministry of Agriculture and Food Sovereignty, France

11:20 – 11:45 | Policy Perspectives on the Bioeconomy in the Context of the Materials Transition

- » Richard Kempen, Policy officer for the Circular Economy and its link with Climate and Energy, Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management

11:45 – 12:00 | Formation of National Circular Bioeconomy Roadmaps

- » Piotr Jurga, Expert, The Institute of Soil Science and Plant Cultivation (IUNG)

12:00 – 12:40 | Panel Discussion: Shaping the Future – Perspectives on National Bioeconomy Strategies and Policy Integration

Moderation: Agnieszka Sznyk, PhD, President, INNOWO

- » Sascha Bollerman, Manager International Knowledge and Innovation Policy, Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality, Netherlands
- » Assoc. Prof. Jerzy Kozyra, Head of the Department of Bioeconomy and Agrometeorology (NBA), The Institute of Soil Science and Plant Cultivation (IUNG)
- » Marta Tomaszewska-Pielacha, PhD, Director of Food and Nutrition, Polish Federation of Food Producers
- » Piotr Masłowski, Senator, Senate of the Republic of Poland
- » Andrzej Stangret, Director of External Relations and B2B Market, REFOOD Poland

12:40 – 12:55 | Coffee Break

12:55 – 13:10 | Biodiversity Reporting: Insights from the First Year of CSRD and ESRS E4 of Polish Companies

- » Tamara Bińczak, Principal Expert – ESG Innovation, ING Bank Śląski S.A.

13:10 – 13:50 | Panel Discussion: Towards a Holistic Vision for EU Circular Bioeconomy

Moderation: Guus ter Haar, Director of Impact, Circle Economy

- » Mirabela Lupaescu, Policy Officer, European Commission, DG Environment - Bioeconomy and Sustainable Materials
- » Marianne Kettunen, Biodiversity Lead, Ellen MacArthur Foundation
- » Marja-Liisa Meurice, Director, EIT Food North and East
- » Magdalena Kowalewska, PhD, Director of Food & Agri Sector Analyses Bureau, Bank BNP Paribas Poland

13:50 – 14:10 | The CEE2ACT Project and its Bottom-Up Approach to Promote the Bioeconomy Development in the CEE countries

- » Kartika Anggraeni, Project Manager, Collaborating Centre on Sustainable Consumption and Production (CSCP)
- » Piotr Jurga, Expert, The Institute of Soil Science and Plant Cultivation (IUNG)

14:10 – 15:00 | Best Practices in the Development and Implementation of the Bioeconomy

Moderation: Mariusz Maciejczak, DSc, Professor, Warsaw University of Life Sciences (SGGW)

- » Magdalena Edvardsen, Special Advisor, Fredrikstad Municipality, TREASoURcE Project
- » Tomasz Trzpił, Co-Founder, byMYCO Sp. z o.o.
- » Olaf Horbańczuk PhD, Association for Sustainable Agriculture and Food
- » Anna Kozera-Szałkowska, PhD, Managing Director, PlasticsEurope Poland
- » Aleksandra Leszczyńska, Agriculture Expert, Wetlands Conservation Centre (CMOK)
- » Tomasz Mierzwa, Founder, Myco Renew sp. z o.o.

15:00 | Lunch and networking



Building a sustainable urban future

4 November 2025
German Embassy in Warsaw



BUILDING A SUSTAINABLE URBAN FUTURE

4 November 2025

10:00 – 10:10 | Conference Opening

- » **Miguel Berger**, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany
- » **Agnieszka Sznyk, PhD**, President of the Board, Institute of Innovation and Responsible Development INNOWO

10:10 – 10:30 | Key note speech

- » **Lucie Blondel**, Policy Officer | European Commission - DG Research & Innovation, *“The European Commission's Circular Cities and Regions Initiative: Supporting the Implementation of Circular Systemic Solutions in Cities and Regions.”*

10:30 – 11:00 | Key note speech

- » **Silke Schleiff**, TUTECH INNOVATION GMBH
“How to Accelerate Circular Transition in Urban Environments.”
- » **Britta Peters**, Senior Advisor | Hamburg Institute for Innovation, Climate Protection and Circular Economy
“The City as Ecosystem – Designing Circular Urban Futures.”
- » **Magdalena Walerysiak-Castillo**, Catalonia Trade & Investment
“Experiences of Catalan Companies in Building Circular Solutions for Cities.”

11:05 – 11:45 | Panel discussion: How to build cities of the future?

Moderator: Dorota Bartosz, PLGBC

Participants:

- » **Britta Peters**, Senior Advisor | Hamburg Institute for Innovation
- » **Silke Schleiff**, TUTECH INNOVATION GMBH
- » **Lucie Blondel**, Policy Officer | European Commission - DG Research & Innovation
- » **Marcin Gładzki**, Director at City of Warsaw | Air Protection and Climate Policy Department
- » **Magdalena Śladowska**, Head of the Air Emissions and Protection Department, Marshal's Office of the Mazowieckie Voivodeship in Warsaw
- » **Magdalena Walerysiak-Castillo**, Catalonia Trade & Investment

11:45 – 12:00 | Coffee Break

12:00 – 12:45 | Best Practice Case Study from city and business perspective

Moderation: Paweł Wołęjsza, Architect

Introductory presentation follow by panel discussion

CITY BEST PRACTICE

- » **Zbigniew Gołębiewski**, PUHP LECH Sp. z o.o., Białystok
“Waste Management in Cities – Challenges and Good Practices.”
- » **Michał Gelata**, Department of Municipal Economy and Climate, City of Kraków Office
- » **Iwona Kowalczyk**, Head of the Environmental Education Section, Department of Environmental Protection and Agriculture

BUSINESS BEST PRACTICE

- » **Mugur Schuppler**, McKinsey & Company, Inc.
“What do circular cities do – Insights from 26 case studies.”
- » **Piotr Kalbarczyk**, Architect and Associate at CITYFÖRSTER architecture+urbanism
“Sustainable city is more than the sum of sustainable buildings.”
- » **Tomasz Kleszczewnik**, E MBA - Winkelmann Foundation Screw PL spółka z ograniczoną odpowiedzialnością sp.k.
- » **Martyna Wróbel**, Director of the Communications and Public Relations Office of Budimex SA

12:45 – 13:30 | Best Practice from Poland

13:30 – 14:30 | Lunch and networking

EUROPEAN SUSTAINABILITY CONGRESS

5 November, 2025

EUROPEAN SUSTAINABILITY CONGRESS

REDESIGN, REGENERATE, REVOLUTIONIZE Circular economy for a competitive future of Europe

5 November 2025 | Kultura Wysoka, Szwedzka 2

09:00-09:20 | Opening Remarks Session

- » **Master of Ceremony: Ron van Bloois**, Board Member, Real Asset Media
- » **Opening speech: Agnieszka Sznyk, PhD**, President of the Board, Institute of Innovation and Responsible Development INNOWO, Member of European Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform
- » **H.E. Øystein Bø**, Ambassador of Norway

09:20-09:25 | Opening Remarks Session

- » **Jessika Roswall**, Commissioner Environment, Water Resilience and a Competitive Circular Economy (online)

09:25-10:15 | Panel Discussion:

Clean Industrial Deal as a Driver for Competitiveness

Moderator: Agnieszka Sznyk, PhD,

President of the Board, Institute of Innovation and Responsible Development INNOWO, Member of European Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform

- » **Arne Daneels**, Policy Advisor, Flemish Department of Environment Flemish Green Deals
- » **Leszek Kąsek**, Senior Economist, ING Bank Śląski S.A.
- » **Maria Nikolopoulou**, European Economic and Social Committee, President of the EESC Sustainable Development Observatory
- » **Markus Norström**, Vice President of Energy and Bioeconomy, RISE Research Institutes of Sweden
- » **Patryk Darowski**, Managing Director of the Industry and ESG Risk Division, National Development Bank
- » **Prof. Rafał Łukasik**, Director of the Research, Innovation and Commercialization Department, Łukasiewicz Centre, Łukasiewicz Research Network
- » **Grzegorz Kozieja**, Director of Food & Agri Analyses and Sectorial Specialization Department, Bank BNP Paribas Poland

10:15-10:30 | Keynote Speech: The Circular Advantage
» **Tim Forslund**, *Circular Economy Specialist, Finnish Innovation Fund SITRA*

10:30-11:45 | Panel Discussion: Achieving Circularity: Can Incentives Outperform Regulations?

Moderator: Karolina Adamska-Woźniak, PhD,
Managing Director, Responsible Business Forum

- » **10 min | Introductory presentation by Bartosz Silczak**, *Director of the ESG Risk Office, National Development Bank*
- » **15 min | Introductory presentation by Guus ter Haar**, *Director of Impact, Circle Economy*
- » **Andrzej Gantner**, *Vice President of the Management Board and Chief Executive Officer, Polish Federation of Food Manufacturers Employers' Union*
- » **Anita Sowińska**, *Undersecretary of State, Polish Ministry of Climate and Environment*
- » **Anna Sapota**, *Vice President Public Affairs Eastern Europe North, TOMRA*
- » **Sławomir Brzózek**, *Director of the Management Board Office, EKO-PAK – Employers' Association of the Packaging and Packaged Products Industry*
- » **Łukasz Sosnowski**, *President of the ProKarton Foundation*

11:45-12:05 | Networking Break

12:05-12:55 | Panel Discussion: Building Sustainability Urban Future

Moderator: Paweł Wołęjsza, *Architect*

- » **Cathrine Barth**, *Head of Circular Economy, Natural State*
- » **Lucie Blondel**, *Policy Officer, European Commission, DG Research & Innovation*
- » **Magdalena Edvardsen**, *Project Manager for the TREASoURcE project, Fredrikstad Municipality/Norwegian Institute of Bioeconomy Research (NIBIO)*
- » **Marcin Grądzki**, *Director, Air Protection and Climate Policy Department, City of Warsaw*
- » **Prof. SGH dr hab. Ewelina Szczech-Pietkiewicz**, *Head of the European Union Unit, Institute of International Economic Policy, SGH Warsaw School of Economics*
- » **Silke Schleiff**, *Project Manager, Enterprise Europe Network & Up2Circ, TUTECH INNOVATION GMBH, Consultancy & Competence Development*

12:55-13:55 | Lunch Break

13:55-14:45 | Panel Discussion: Circular Design - Driving Product Innovation and Customer Loyalty

Moderator: Tamara Bińczak,

Principal Expert – ESG Innovation, ING Bank Śląski S.A.

- » **Anna Kozera-Szałkowska**, *Managing Director, Plastics Europe Polska*
- » **Krzysztof Lipiec**, *Director of Commercialisation, Łukasiewicz Research Network – Industrial Research Institute for Automation and Measurements PIAP*
- » **Marianne Kettunen**, *Biodiversity Lead, Ellen MacArthur Foundation*
- » **Niccolò Cipriani**, *Founder of Rifò*
- » **Sylvia Calvo**, *Founder of Sylvia Calvo BCN*
- » **Wiktoria Ogonowska**, *Sustainability Business Partner, IKEA*

14:45-15:45 | Panel Discussion: Critical Raw Materials & Resource Sufficiency: Enabling the Clean Energy Transition

Moderator: Piotr Hajdecki, *Senior Advisor, Business Finland*

- » **10 min | Introductory presentation by Sascha Bollerman**, *Manager International Knowledge and Innovation Policy, Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality, Netherlands*
- » **Dr hab. Grzegorz Tchorek**, *University of Warsaw*
- » **Sigurd Sagen Vildasen, PhD**, *Senior Business Developer, SINTEF*
- » **Erick Petit**, *President and Founder of MagREEsources*
- » **Kevin Rossi, PhD**, *Assistant Professor in Materials Science Engineering the Climate Safety & Security Research Center of the TU Delft*
- » **Prof. dr hab. Krzysztof Pikoń**, *Silesian University of Technology*

15:45-16:45 | Panel Discussion: Digital Solutions for Circular Value Chain

Moderator: Hubert Bukowski, *Research Director,*

Institute of Innovation and Responsible Development INNOWO

- » **10 min | Introductory presentation by Eva Blomqvist**, *Associate Professor, KMACS group (HCS division) at IDA, Linköping University*
- » **Dariusz Prasek, PhD**, *Board Member, Georgian Society of Nature Explorers "Orchis"*
- » **Dr inż. Piotr Glazer**, *Head of a research group, Łukasiewicz Research Network – Poznań Institute of Technology*
- » **Eva Blomqvist**, *Associate Professor, KMACS group (HCS division) at IDA, Linköping University*
- » **Joanna Krombholz-Zabielska**, *Senior Consultant & Circularity Lead, P2S MC*
- » **Maciej Jakimiec**, *Managing Director and Board Member at Device Europe*
- » **Prof. dr Fenna Blomsma**, *University of Hamburg*

16:45 | Closing Remarks



Circular Energy Transition Resource Optimization for Self-Sufficiency

6 November 2025 | 10:00-12:00
Embassy of the Netherlands in Warsaw



CIRCULAR ENERGY TRANSITION

Resource Optimization for Self-Sufficiency

6 November 2025, 10:00-12:00

10:00 – 10:05 | Opening speech

- » **Agnieszka Sznyk, PhD**, *President of the Board, Institute of Innovation and Responsible Development INNOWO, Member of European Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform*
- » **H.E. Jennes de Mol**, *Dutch Ambassador in Poland*

SESSION I

Systemic Approach to Energy Transformation

10:05 – 10:35 | Introductory presentations

- » **Prof. Krzysztof Pikoń**, *Silesian University of Technology*
- » **Kevin Rossi, PhD**, *Assistant Professor in Materials Science Engineering the Climate Safety & Security Research Center of the TU Delft*

10:35 – 11:20 | Panel discussion

Moderator: Prof. Krzysztof Pikoń,
Silesian University of Technology

Panelists:

- » **Tomasz Jarmicki**, *Director for Innovation, Polish Oil and Gas Company (PGNiG)*
- » **Bogdan Ślęk**, *Public & Government Affairs Director, Signify Poland sp. z o.o.*
- » **Bartosz Dubiński**, *CEO, Mazovia Energy Agency*
- » **Nina Vielen-Kallio**, *Independent expert (formerly Director of Circularity at ECHT)*
- » **Kevin Rossi, PhD**, *Assistant Professor in Materials Science Engineering the Climate Safety & Security Research Center of the TU Delft*
- » **Błażej Olek**, *Senior Expert, Bank BNP Paribas Poland*

11:20 – 11:35 | Coffee break

SESSION II

Challenges of Energy Transformation in the Agricultural Sector

11:35 – 11:45 | Introductory presentation

- » **Jouke Campen**, *Programme Manager for Energy Transition, Wageningen University & Research*

11:45 – 12:30 | Panel discussion

Moderator: Karol Bujoczek,

Publishing Director – Board of Editors Chairman, AgroHorti Media Sp. z o.o.

Panelists:

- » **Grzegorz Brodziak**, *President, Polish Agricultural Federation*
- » **Mariusz Matyka**, *Executive Director, Institute of Soil Science and Plant Cultivation, State Research Institute (IUNG-PIB)*
- » **Wiktór Szmulewicz**, *President, National Council of Agricultural Chambers (Krajowa Rada Izb Rolniczych – KRIR)*
- » **Paweł Strauchmann**, *Product Development Manager, Rijk Zwaan Poland sp. z o.o.*
- » **Ireneusz Osękowski**, *General Manager, Koppert Polska sp. z o.o.*
- » **Dawid Stopierzyński**, *Legal Advisor, Legal Advisor's Office in Nowy Tomyśl*

12:30 – 12:45 | Coffee break

12:45 – 13:45 | Workshop

- » *The second part will take the form of a workshop focused on the key barriers and challenges facing the agricultural sector during the energy transformation process.*
- » *Participants will work in groups to identify obstacles (technical, regulatory, financial, and social) and propose practical solutions.*
- » *Special attention will be given to energy efficiency and renewable integration - particularly in greenhouse production - which play a critical role.*

13:45 – 15:00 | Lunch

Financing the Circular Transition

6 November 2025 | 10:00-11:30



FINANCING THE CIRCULAR TRANSITION

6 November 2025 | 10:00-11:30, Online event

10:00 – 10:10 | Welcome and opening remarks

- » Introduction to the topic and program of the event.
Hubert Bukowski, *Institute of Innovation and Responsible Development INNOWO.*

10:10 – 10:50 | Inspirational presentations

- » 8 minute presentation by each panelist on their institution's current approach to financing circular endeavors and its future.

10:50 – 11:25 | Panel discussion

Moderator: Hubert Bukowski

Institute of Innovation and Responsible Development INNOWO

Panelists:

- » **Dominik Benedikt**, MA, Senior Expert & Product Manager ESG, Erste Asset Management GmbH
- » **Pia Nieminen**, Senior Policy Adviser, European Investment Bank
- » **Leszek Kąsek**, Senior Economist, ING Bank Śląski
- » **Murat Karaege**, Senior Investment Officer & Regional Climate Lead, IFC - World Bank
- » **Bartosz Silczak**, ESG Risk Bureau Director, Polish Development Bank (BGK)

Topics:

- » The benefits and barriers of financing circular business endeavours for the financial sector.
- » The simplification of circularity assessment to make use of preferential financing tools.
- » The financial sector possible evolution to better suit circular economy requirements.
- » Already available financing tools and the ones that are still missing.
- » Synergy between circular financial tools and other supporting measures such as public procurement, economic incentives, etc.
- » Circular vs. linear businesses profitability and its consequences for financing

11:25 – 11:30 | Q&A and final remarks

Sustainability in the Healthcare Sector

7 November 2025 | 10:00-12:00

HOW CAN THE HEALTH SECTOR BECOME MORE SUSTAINABLE?

7 November 2025 | 10:00-12:00, Online event

10:00 – 10:15 | Conference Opening Introductory presentation

- » **Agnieszka Sznyk, PhD**, *President of the Board, Institute of Innovation and Responsible Development INNOWO, Member of European Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform*

10:15 – 10:35 | Healthcare Green Deal initiatives

- » **Marlous Broekhuizen**, *Senior Policy Advisor Sustainability & Health at Netherland Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport*

10:35 – 11:50 | Pharmaceutical Innovation for a Sustainable Future

- » **Rose Sandra**, *Chiesi Pharmaceuticals GmbH*

10:50 – 11:10 | Green technologies in medical devices

- » **Ewa Brozdowicz**, *Philips*

11:10 – 11:30 | Technology That Heals – How a Circular Approach to IT Supports the Resilience of Healthcare Systems

- » **Krzysztof Matowski**, *4hfix*

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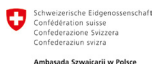
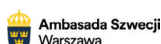
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