



European Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform

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The transition from a linear to a circular economic model is an essential contribution to the EU's efforts to develop a sustainable, resource-efficient, resilient and competitive economy. It is also key to achieving our climate objectives and restoring biodiversity.

For the European economy to become truly circular, **all stakeholders need to get involved**: public authorities, businesses, trade unions, consumers, and civil society as a whole.

The **European Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform** is a joint initiative by the European Commission and the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC), launched in March 2017. The two institutions are working closely together to promote the Platform as a space for the exchange of ideas and a growing body of information, and to make the circular economy happen faster for the benefit of all. At the EESC, the Platform is spearheaded by three members: Anders Ladefoged (Group I: Employers), Maria Nikolopoulou (Group II: Workers) and Cillian Lohan (Group III: Diversity Europe).



By creating new partnerships and scaling up circular economy solutions across Europe, the Platform also highlights the contribution that the circular economy can make to the **implementation of the UN Sustainable Development Goals**.

A "network of networks"...

The Platform brings together stakeholders active in the broad field of the circular economy across Europe. As a "network of networks", it goes beyond sectoral activities and highlights cross-sector opportunities. It also provides a **meeting place for stakeholders to share and scale up effective solutions and address specific challenges**. The Platform bridges existing initiatives at local, regional and national level, and supports the implementation of the circular economy.



... to make the circular economy a reality by:

- **Advancing the circular economy concept** in Member States, regional and local governments, civil society and businesses and also linking to the global dimension;
- **Strengthening the cooperation** among stakeholders' networks to facilitate the exchange of expertise and good practices on the circular economy;
- **Helping to identify social, economic and cultural barriers** to the transition towards a circular economy, leading on existing or new solutions, and proposing initiatives related to matters promoting the circular economy.



Coordination Group

The Coordination Group oversees the Platform's activities. Composed of a broad spectrum of organisations with a pan-European reach, it enables and implements change through its work plan of activities. The team brings together 24 members selected from civil society organisations, business and trade union representatives, think tanks, research centres and public bodies that have a stake in the circular economy. At its 2020 annual meeting, the Coordination Group elected Ladeja Godina Košir (Circular Change) as its Chair for the first half of the mandate and Freek van Eijk (Holland Circular Hotspot) for the second half.

For regular updates about the Coordination Group's activities, see:
<https://europa.eu/!dk73fy>



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Website and interactive forum circulareconomy.europa.eu/platform

The virtual Platform provides a space to exchange knowledge, good practices and policy initiatives across sectors and countries. The website also keeps stakeholders in the loop with news and upcoming events on the circular economy throughout Europe while simultaneously providing a database of contacts and a discussion forum for direct interaction with other stakeholders.

The Platform is growing and on its way to becoming THE reference on circular economy in Europe. Get inspired by the 300+ good practices, read the latest policy research and find your nearest circular event in our calendar.

Are you making the circular economy happen in Europe? Help us to spread the word and share your good practices, events and reports on the Platform.



The screenshot shows the website for the Annual Circular Economy Stakeholder Conference, 3-4 November 2020. The header features the title "CIRCULAR ECONOMY STAKEHOLDER CONFERENCE" and the dates "3-4 November 2020". Below the header, there is a navigation menu with "Home", "About", "The Annual conference", "Annual Circular Economy Stakeholder Conference, 3-4 November 2020", and "Detailed programme". The main content area includes a circular diagram representing the "European Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform" and a section titled "Annual Circular Economy Stakeholder Conference, 3-4 November 2020". The text describes the fifth edition of the platform and mentions the participation of the European Commission and the European Parliament. There is also a section for "ASK THE COMMISSIONER!" with a date of 3 NOVEMBER 2020 - 10:00-12:00 and a hashtag #EUCircularTalks. The bottom of the page shows a social media-style interface with "Day 1" and "Day 2" sections, a photo of two people, and a "Share and 8 others" button.



Annual conference

The Circular Economy Stakeholder Conference, jointly organised by the EESC and the European Commission in Brussels, is an opportunity for stakeholders to meet, nurture their networks, share ideas and deepen their expertise. This high-level flagship conference has grown year on year since it first took place in 2017. The 2020 online edition confirmed this trend, reaching the highest number of people since its launch.

Subscribe to our newsletter to receive the latest information on circular economy and make sure you are in the loop about our next conference.

To stay informed and get involved:

Engage with the Platform on social media:

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 [LinkedIn/ECESP](https://www.linkedin.com/company/ECESP)

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Join the conversation on our virtual Platform:

<http://circulareconomy.europa.eu/>

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