

European Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform



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I. Executive summary

The European Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform (ECESP), established in 2017 by the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) and the European Commission, contributes to accelerating the circular economy transition in Europe. ECESP supports businesses, civil society organisations and public authorities accelerating the transition to a circular economy across Europe by fostering dialogue, sharing knowledge and expertise and exchanging good practices with a website, annual conference and regular activities such as thematic workshops or studies.

The ECESP Coordination Group (CG) consists of 24 leading organisations from across the civil society spectrum encompassing European business and trade union associations, environmental groups, national circular economy hubs, waste management, environmental research, and recycling platforms, think tanks, research institutes, and public authorities. Its members come from 13 countries, but drive the conversation on the circular economy across Europe. At its third annual meeting in October 2019, the CG re-elected Ladeja Godina Košir, Founder and President of Circular Change, as Chair for 2020. Through its members, the CG covers a wide range of activities aiming at fostering circular activities and thinking across Europe.

The 2020 edition of the Circular Economy Stakeholder Annual Conference, held on 3-4 November, remained the flagship policy and networking event on the circular economy in Europe. The members of the Coordination Group had an active part in shaping the eight thematic workshops on Day 2 of the conference.

The virtual platform (circulareconomy.europa.eu) has continued to grow into a digital one-stop shop on the circular economy, becoming the reference in Europe. Starting from a few good practices in November 2017, the ECESP website now features over 600+ pioneering circular initiatives, policies and guidebooks. It also regularly publishes upcoming circular economy conferences, workshops or meetings across Europe - a feature actively followed by visitors - and circular economy related news. An ECESP Twitter account (@CEStakeholderEU) has passed the 3000-follower mark since its October 2018 launch, and widens the reach of a specialised community on a daily basis. The Secretariat launched a LinkedIn account in March 2020 which now has over 200 followers.

As the 2017-2020 ECESP mandate of the Coordination is now complete, the new Coordination Group (November 2020-May 2023) will focus on the Platform's contribution to the implementation of the new Circular Economy Action Plan launched by the European Commission in March 2020.

II. The European Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform

European civil society, businesses and public authorities are committed to a circular economy (CE). To accelerate this transition, in 2017 the European Commission and European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) established the European Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform (ECESP) as a "network of networks" connecting pioneers across sectors, highlighting cross-sector opportunities and challenges. The platform is a hub of knowledge, a place for dialogue and a bridge between existing initiatives. It contributes to anchoring the concept of the circular economy across businesses, government and society at national, regional and local level by making information more easily accessible, and by providing a framework for exchange and discussion.

1. Background

The EU is strongly committed to a circular economy and the corresponding more resource-efficient management of all material flows. Back in 2016, with its Circular Economy Action Plan (CEAP), the European Commission kick-started Europe's transition towards circularity; its 54 actions ranging from consumption to production, from waste management to innovation and investment are now all completed or ongoing. Key success factors of the 2016 CEAP include strong stakeholder involvement and interaction, constantly feeding into the policy-making process at all levels, as well as a silo-breaking approach putting together relevant decision-makers across "traditional" departments.

Simultaneously, the European Economic and Social Committee has worked on both the policy level (by adopting opinions on various themes related to the circular economy¹) as well as the practical level by providing the Platform's Secretariat to manage stakeholder requests and events.

¹ NAT/764 Opinion on Developing synergies across different circular economy roadmaps; NAT/775 Opinion on Delivering on the CEAP; INT/895 The new Circular Economy Action Plan; NAT/676 Circular Economy Package; INT/882 Consumers in the Circular Economy; NAT/706 Waste to energy under the circular economy; INT/784 - The functional economy; NAT/712 Climate justice; NAT/652 The circular economy: job creation and the Green Action Plan for SMEs.

The two institutions jointly launched the European Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform (ECESP) at the March 2017 Circular Economy stakeholder conference, where participants helped shape this Platform to reflect stakeholder expectations and requirements.

To continue with the transition to a circular economy, the Commission adopted a new Circular Economy Action Plan² for a cleaner and more competitive Europe in March 2020. This new plan announces a series of actions to change how Europe produces and consumes, putting the focus on preventing waste in the first place. The 35 initiatives announced aim to make sustainable products, services and business models the norm, not the exception. The action plan is at the core of the European Green Deal, leading towards a more resource efficient and clean economy that gives to the planet more than it takes, contributing to EU's climate neutrality ambition.

The Platform will focus on supporting the implementation of the new Circular Economy Action Plan through stakeholder engagement. As we look ahead to the post-COVID-19 recovery, the circular economy will contribute with increased resilience, job creation and an increased autonomy towards a new structure of the economy. The transition towards a circular economy requires the commitment and involvement of civil society, businesses, the knowledge community and public authorities. The Coordination Group will continue delivering on the circular transition and translating policy into action.

2. Structure

The Terms of Reference governing the Platform Aim and Structure rest on three pillars:

- **Policy Dialogue:** *annual two-day conference on the circular economy*, with a first day focused on policy, and a second on exchanging good practices, in addition to external meetings raising awareness on national and European initiatives while gathering local evidence and the platform itself providing an **online meeting place** with dialogue via webinars, policy Q&A sessions and expert workshops as well as online discussion forum;
- **Coordination:** 24-member **Coordination Group** that brings together existing networks pioneering the circular economy in Europe, a [Workplan](#) to augment their contribution,

² New CEAP, launched on 11 March 2020 (COM(2020) 98)

and **Secretariat** provided by the EESC to support the Platform's activities overall and prepare Day 2 of the annual conference, host the virtual platform, and provide business continuity in particular. The ECESP **Steering Group** (composed of the Commission representatives and EESC representatives) provides a coordinated strategy for the ECESP.

- **Knowledge, national strategies and good practices:** *a virtual platform* in the form of a **website** that functions as a one-stop shop for CE knowledge and digital meeting place to exchange contacts, advice and best practices and a **brand** built on consistent visual identity and a **communication** strategy. The participants in the Platform will be encouraged to advertise their participation in the Platform both on their websites and in their own events related to the circular economy.

III. ECESP (2019 – 2020)

From the formal establishment of the European Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform in June 2017 up to the third meeting of its Coordination Group in October 2019, efforts focused on rendering ECESP operational and then developing its profile. 2020 focused on the work of the Leadership Groups a forum of consultation on sectoral matters, and consolidating and finalising the mandate of the first Coordination Group and preparing for the next one.

3. Coordination Group

Working together on the [Workplan](#) and Leadership Groups the Coordination Group delivered more than 50 initiatives, published on the website ([CG Activities](#)).

In 2020, the Leadership Groups were launched with a view to focusing on thematic issues. The following reflections papers were published and served as the basis for the Day 2 workshops of the 2020 annual conference.

[Retail and Consumers](#)

[Cities and Regions](#)

[Food Waste](#)

[Construction](#)

[Textiles](#)

[Roadmapping \(initial guidelines\)](#)

[Economic incentive policies](#)

4. Annual Conference

The 2020 conference, originally scheduled for May after the launch of the new CEAP, was re-scheduled to 3-4 November. In line with COVID-19 measures, the event took place completely [online](#) for all plenaries and workshops on the rich [agenda](#). More than 1500 participants registered for Day 1 and more than 1200 for Day 2.

a. Day 1

Day 1 of the conference, organised by the European Commission in the Charlemagne building on 3 November, featured plenaries and roundtables on the following topics: Consumer information, Waste, Global Alliance on CE and Resource Efficiency, Innovation and Research, and Retailers. It gave a broad overview of current and upcoming challenges for the circular economy in Europe and the successful implementation of the CEAP, with experts and pioneers sharing their experience

and expressing their views on how policy can help amplify the transition. High-level participants included First Vice-President Frans Timmermans, EESC President Christa Schweng, and Commissioner Virginijus Sinkevičius. All plenary sessions and online sessions remain available to view online.

b. Day 2

On 4 November 2020, the EESC welcomed more than 700 online participants to its online plenaries and workshops. The event left a great impact in social media with over 150,000 impressions on Twitter, bringing the number of followers to the ECESP account to 3500, and with more than 1300 impressions on LinkedIn, adding another 86 followers. On the day of the conference, [#CEStakeholderEU](#) was trending at No. 2 in Belgium, and #circular economy was trending at No. 5.

The Coordination Group led the eight participatory workshops on day 2, with more than 40 speakers contributing. The workshops focused on the circular economy in the following areas: Textiles, Procurement, Construction, Food waste, Consumers, Cities and Regions, Roadmaps, and Economic Incentives. As in the previous edition, a pre-event factsheet and post-event report are prepared for each workshop and remain available [online](#).

An online Networking Village allowed stakeholders to connect with ongoing [projects](#), discover [good practice examples](#) linked to the workshops on Day 2, and discover the newly-launched [EU Circular Talks](#) to continue circular debates on a specific topic.

Networking Village



Projects



**Workshops in
practice**



**EU Circular
Talks**

The conference was followed by three side events: [R&I Funding opportunities for the circular economy](#) (organised by DG RTD), [Presenting the OECD synthesis report on The Circular Economy in Cities and Regions](#) (OECD), and the [Circular Economy under the German EU Presidency](#) (FEAD).

5. Website

The ECESP virtual platform was launched in November 2017, with a website hosted by the EESC and managed by the ECESP Secretariat. In December 2019, the Commission engaged the services of an external contractor to help increase the number of submissions on the Platform and to revive the online dialogue, both via the discussion forum and thematic webinars through #EUCircularTalks concept.

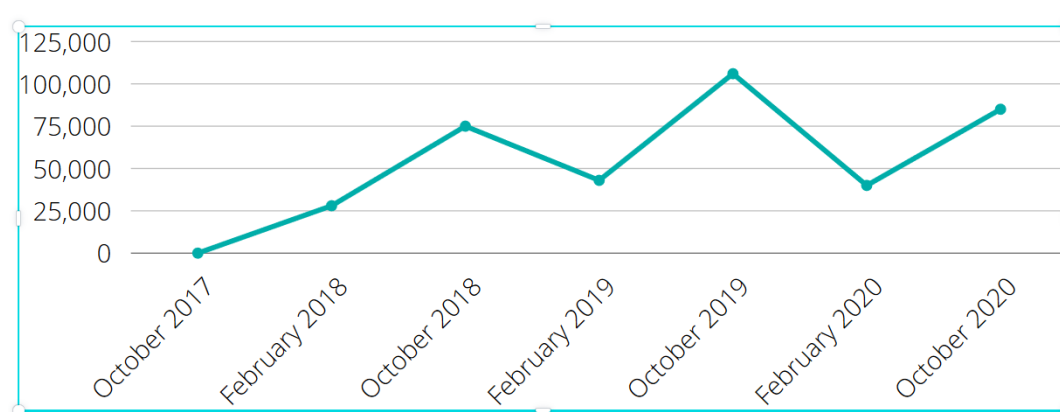
In October 2020, the Platform re-launched the homepage with a fresh new look, designed to improve usability, and to introduce two new features on the website. A deeper re-vamping of the website is planned for 2021-2022.

c. Visitors

Since its launch in November 2017, the ECESP website has received over 270,000 visits and over 610,000 unique page views. For the period October 2019-September 2020, the website had over 85,000 visits and over 193,000 unique page views. The graph below shows that interest in the virtual platform has steadily increased since its creation.

Although the number of visits on the platform fluctuates, many indicators, including social media and the number of submissions, show an increasing interest in the Platform's activities. The graph below depicts the fluctuations and regain of interest, in terms of visitors, after low periods.

It is important to note that, in the previous years, the number of unique visitors tended to increase around the annual conference. The conference, traditionally held in the Spring, adapted to a different format in November 2020, due to the health crisis.



The same crisis explains the relatively low figures for 2020. However, the November 2020 conference edition going digital is expected to have a positive effect on web traffic. The preliminary statistics for

early November already indicate over 4,000 unique visitors, compared to 5,200 unique visitors for the whole month October.

Further analysis by content type shows that, after the homepage, Good Practices, Knowledge and Strategies remained the most popular sections of the ECESP website:

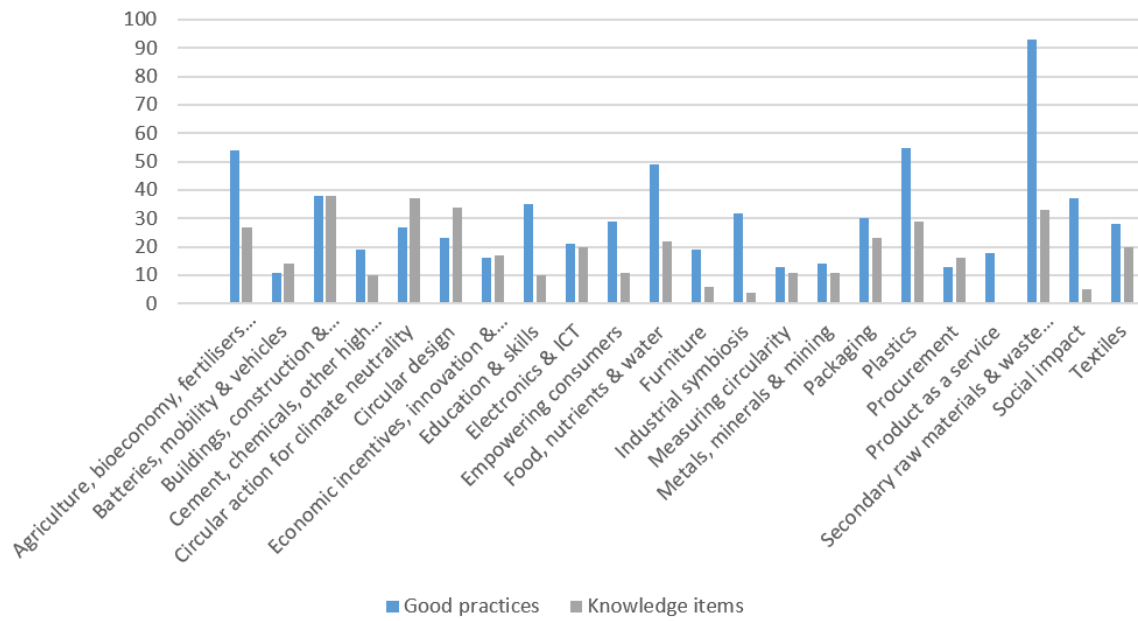
d. Content

The ECESP website contains a variety of content types – period October 2019 – September 2020:

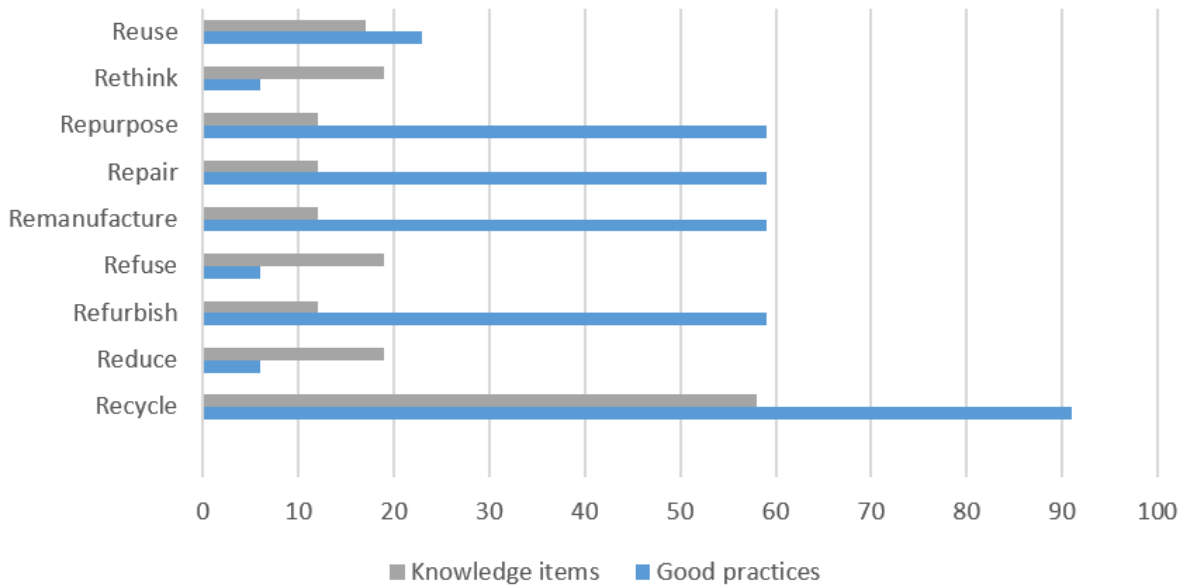
Type	Description	Total
Good practices	Circular business models, outreach campaigns	>400
Knowledge	Reports, papers and studies advancing the circular economy.	>150
Strategies	Public policies committing to a circular transition	34
Commitments	Private and public voluntary actions with specific targets	4
Pledges in the context of the Plastics Strategy	Company and value chain commitments to use recycled plastic	37
News	Updates for the specialised circular economy community	98
Events	Conferences, workshops and (virtual) seminar with a circular dimension.	183
CG Activities	Coordination Group activities from the 2018 – 2020 workplan .	60

With content from 33 countries (see figure below), the ECESP website has steadily increased the number of good practices, reports and strategies made available to Europe's CE community in the year up to October 2020, while the number of commitments on this website has stagnated.

ECESP online content – Circular Economy Action Plan



ECESP online content – 9Rs



Visitor Map



At the end of 2019, the European Commission engaged Technopolis, an external contractor, to help generate content for the website, and to revive the forum. From the Platform's infancy, the forum was considered as an important feature. It was envisaged as an online space where stakeholders and members of the circular economy could come together and exchange.

However, despite the potential of the idea, the forum has had a very slow uptake.

Forum	Total	Organic
Threads	19	5
Comments	7	3
Users	161	/

To revive the section, Technopolis launched an online survey followed by a series of interviews with members of the Coordination Group to understand better the needs of the community for this type of functionality. In its report, barriers were identified linked to the concept of the forum, and solutions were proposed to revive this section of the online platform.

Among the solutions, the #EUCircularTalks were proposed: a concept to create a space where members of the circular economy community could participate in thematic workshops and discuss the outcomes online. The first of the series on Education, Skills and Training took place on 9 October followed by a second on Packaging on 19 October.

The official launch of the concept by the Commissioner for Environment, Oceans and Fisheries, Virginijus Sinkevičius, took place on the first day of the November 2020 annual conference. In run-up to this event, an increase was observed in the number of new forum users, but no significant improvement on the discussions. The Secretariat, together with Technopolis, plan further communication campaigns on social media to foster the debate on the forum.

e. Developments

Following the results of the survey by Technopolis, the ECESP deployed a light revamping of the homepage. This exercise addressed the immediate remarks from the survey and introduced two new sections: circular economy education and financing.

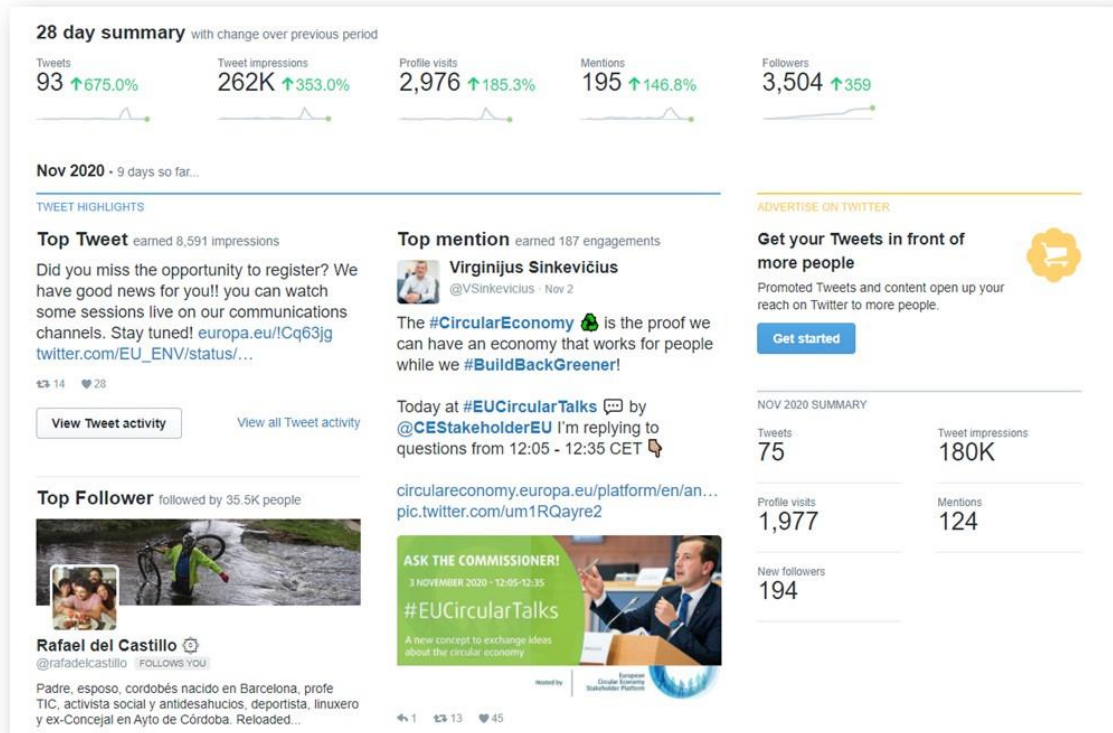
The next objective is to revamp the entire website to take it to the next level.

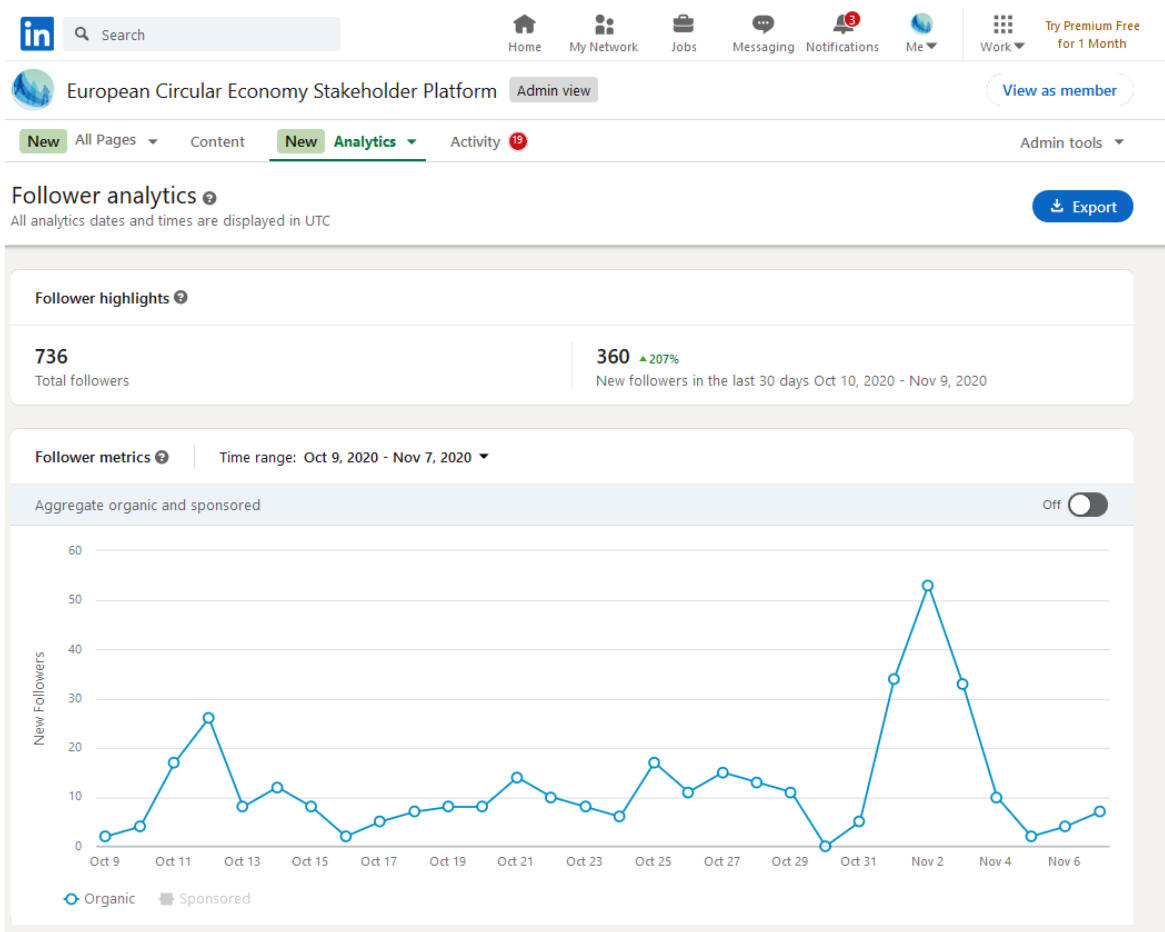
f. Social media

ECESP is present on two social media platforms: [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

The Twitter account was launched in October 2018 and as of November 2020 has more than 3,500 followers. The account registered an increase of over 260% in the number of followers between October 2019 and October 2020, growing from 1,241 to 3,507 followers.

The ECESP LinkedIn page was launched in March 2020. The objective set for 2020 was of 250 followers by December of the same year. The Platform has seen steady growth in its online community and exceeded the set objective. By November 2020, the LinkedIn account had more than 700 followers.





IV. Next steps: ECESP in 2020 and beyond

The ECESP is an established feature in the European circular economy community, and the EU has delivered a fresh impetus through its new Circular Economy Action Plan launched in March 2020. The COVID crisis has brought its own challenges to the transition to a Circular Economy, but has also served to highlight the importance of a resilient and sustainable economy that respects the planet's boundaries. With the circular economy remaining very high on the overall European policy agenda, we need to ensure continued stakeholder engagement on the circular economy.

At the end of one successful mandate and the beginning of another, it will be ever more important to continue building on the Platform's recognition and momentum. The role of the incoming Coordination Group will be to ensure these objectives are met.

Annex I – ECESP Workplan 2018-2020

Type key

G = exchanging good practices

K = increasing knowledge

D = fostering dialogue

Title	Type	Lead CG	Partners (CG & others)	Objective	Output
Italian Circular Economy Platform	G	ENEA		Launch an Italian mirror platform aiming to represent, in coordinated way, Italy in Europe and to bring the “Italian way for circular economy”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ICESP launched 30 May 2018 - Formal launch at the Italian Senate 3 December 2018 - 6 working groups activated in 2019: Research & Innovation, Policy & Governance, Indicators, Sustainable Systems, Cities, Good Practices - Conference on financing tools in November 2019
Sharing agri-food best practices for the circular economy	G	Copa-Cogeca		Collecting and sharing of best practices on prevention and reduction of food losses and food waste in the agri-food sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - #GrownNotThrown campaign launched in December 2018 - Best practices featured in the 2019 stakeholder conference - Selected best practices showcased on ECESP
Learning from Peers – Municipalities Making the Move to Waste Prevention and Recycling	G	MWE	European Environmental Bureau (EEB)	Organisation of Peer2Peer projects between municipalities focusing on efforts on prevention and recycling, and moving away from landfill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MWE organised study visit using TAIEX-EIR P2P for Danish local officials with BXL env in September 2018 and a similar good practice between Slovenia and Portugal in 2018-2019
Organisation of a thematic seminar on waste minimisation	G	ACR+	INTHERWASTE project	Thematic seminar on waste minimisation in Cordoba, which will explore the principles of reuse, reparation and prevention measures as essential elements of a circular economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ACR+ organised seminar on minimizing waste in heritage areas in Cordoba 13 June 2018
Identifying Best Practices in Circular Economy in Romania	G	IRCEM	IRES, ADR, CCI	Organizing a common working session between IRCEM + ADRs (Development Agencies) & CCI (Chambers of Commerce and Industry) to identify best practice in circular economy in Romania's regions, and map business practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IRCEM identified best practice in Romanian circular economy - Selected good practices shared by IRCEM published on ECESP website
Sharing of case studies relevant for the circular economy developed and disseminated by the Ellen MacArthur Foundation	G	EMF		Case study development and dissemination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EMF shared case studies on ECESP website

Roadmap for the Built Environment	G	WBCSD	Circle Economy	Roadmap for the Built Environment – the World Business Council for Sustainable Development in partnership with Circle Economy and member companies is developing a road map for circularity for the built environment. This will detail the opportunities, risks, and activities along the value chain that will help companies in this sector move towards circularity, as well as share case studies and best practices	- WBCSD and Circle Economy published Scaling the built environment in December 2018
Sharing Best Practices – Circular Metrics	G	WBCSD	Several organisations are included in the process (EMF, Circle Economy, etc.)	The WBCSD is collaborating with companies and partners to develop a framework for how companies can measure and report on their circularity. Existing approaches will be leveraged, as well as consideration for reporting framework guidelines. The Framework is expected to be delivered by the end of 2018	- WBCSD developed a circular indicator toolkit for corporations, in partnership with KPMG - Continuous dissemination on ECESP website
Streamlining Circular Economy Websites	G	INEC	International Centre Resources and Innovation for Sustainable Development (CIRIDD)	Streamline websites with good practices on circular economy, so that they can be better integrated into the Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform	- INEC shared proposals to simplify ECESP good practice database - ECESP Secretariat making website more user-friendly to increase submissions and build on existing resources
Submission of examples of good practices on the circular economy implemented by cities, in cooperation with the EU Urban Partnership on Circular Economy	G	OVAM	Participants of Urban Partnership, ACR+	This includes the mapping of cities' needs to be able set up circular economy strategies and existing information on circular cities	- OVAM and ECESP Secretariat held a workshop 11 October 2018 as EWRC side event to introduce website as resource for city representatives - OVAM and ECESP Secretariat defining how to align urban partnership needs with ECESP website scope
Evaluation of projects on the Circular Economy Industry Platform	G	CEC4 Europe	BusinessEurope, Universities of Graz and Leipzig	Scientific review on the current state of research on circular economy, through a master's thesis "Exploring and evaluating Business Showcases of the Circular Economy Industry Platform"	- MA research published in CEC4Europe factbook on Circular Economy

Launch of a Circular Green Deal in France	G	INEC	MGP, OBSAR	Launch of a Green Deal on circular procurement in France	- Concrete achievements of circular purchases in France
Organisation of the Circular Change Conference, including the presentation of National Circular Economy Roadmaps	D	Circular Change		Circular Change Conference (with presentation of National Circular Economy Roadmaps)	- CC hosted 3rd conference in May 2018, with EESC support and CG members' participation - CC hosted 4th conference in May 2019, with EESC President and several CG members
Connecting Circular Economy Platforms in Central and Eastern Europe	D	Circular Change		Connecting circular economy platforms in the Central and Eastern Europe, enabling collaboration and exchange of knowledge	- several activities in 2020
Enabling SMEs successful transition to circular business models	K	Ecopreneur	UEAPME	Enable more SMEs to move on successfully to circular business models through the identification of barriers and enablers, as well as indicators to help make the transition to a circular economy	- Ecopreneur completed research into Barriers to CE by publishing Circular Economy Update Report 2019
Consumer Insights into the Circular Economy	D	CSCP	SITRA, BusinessEurope	Circular economy consumer panel with key stakeholders, and to promote dialogue to determine impacts, opportunities and gaps	- EESC helped CSCP and SITRA host Consumer Insights into the Circular Economy 25 Oct 2018 - CSCP and SITRA organised workshop on consumer behaviour in 2019 - EESC supported and hosted the official launch of the Consumer Insight Action Panel initiative on 18 October 2019 at the EESC premises in Brussels - ECESP Coordination Group members regularly informed about it and invited to engage and contribute
Scaling Up Circular Economy Solutions in Member States	D	Business Europe	Circular Change, Ecoembes	Holding three circular economy events in Member States for businesses and policymakers on challenges and opportunities for scaling up circular economy solutions	- in October 2018, BusinessEurope organised 2 events on CE in Brno (CZ) & Madrid (ES)
Austrian Circular Economy Platform	D	EEB	Circular Change, RREUSE, Circle Economy, SITRA	Launch of a Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform in Austria that includes a website as a central information and communication platform, targeted workshops and events to help increase capacity building for stakeholders, and the coordination of local activities and regional networks	- EEB launched Circular Futures Austria in September 2018 - Circular Futures present at 2019 stakeholder conference networking village

Conference on how Separate Waste Collection is Crucial for the Circular Economy	D	ACR+		Hosted by LIPOR and organised by ACR+, the conference entitled "Separate Waste Collection, Crucial for the Circular Economy" will include and a study-visit designed to help raise awareness and share knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conference on separate waste collection held in Porto 29 May 2018 - Featured on ECESP website
Conference on Circular Economy and Sustainable Tourism on Islands	D	ACR+		Conference on circular economy and sustainable tourism on islands, with launch and discussion about a charter of commitment (Blue Islands project)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ACR+ hosted conference on CE and sustainable tourism in Brussels in April 2018
Bridging the World Resources Forum 2019 and the ECESP	D	OVAM		OVAM hosted the World Resources Forum 2019 in Antwerp	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - OVAM presented key findings at 2019 stakeholder conference
Establishing the Romanian Institute for Circular Economy	D	IRCEM	T Uni Cluj-Napoca, CPADDD, SNSIM, EPA-Cluj, EWWR	Establishment of the Romanian Institute for Circular Economy, and development of the Romanian Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform – ROCESP. Activities will include a conference on Circular Economy & Green Cities for a Greener Future, and the organization of an entrepreneurship platform for the better management of packaging in the circular economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IRCEM relaunched as CE-focused think tank in early 2018
Sustainable Fashion Policy Lab	D	Ecopreneur	C+A Foundation	Hold a conference with key fashion companies of Europe to work through policy and actions for circularity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EESC supported Ecopreneur.eu in hosting fashion policy lab 30 May 2018
International Champions in the Circular Economy Business	D	SITRA	International Champions in the Circular Economy Business (ICCEB)	Co-project with relevant stakeholders for establishing a mechanism in order to recognise ground breaking circular economy businesses in Europe	
Conference on the Circular Economy and the Rational Use of Raw Materials	D	WMRC	MEERI PAS, International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI)	Hold a conference to exchange knowledge and experience on effective methods of management in accordance with the rules of the circular economy and their future directions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - WMRC hosts international conference on CE and raw materials annually in July since 2017 - Ecopreneur + ENEA participated in 2019
Creative industries as important contributors to the Circular Economy	D	Circular Change		Discussion on the role of creative industries for circular transition, job creation, circular business, etc. with a pilot project and a roadmap of activities designed to take in to account the important role of creative industries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Creative & Circular design competition - co-organised with Slovenian Ministry of Architecture and Design; completed in May 2019 - Workshop 7 of 2019 ECESP conference fed into this competition

Identify legal barriers to improving recycling rates of bulky waste	K	ACR+	URBANREC project	Using the URBANREC Legal Working Group meetings on plastic and textile management to discuss the barriers for increased recycling of bulky waste such as hard plastics, bulky textiles, polyurethane foam, etc.	- URBANREC final conference held in Brussels 6 November 2019
Create portal for Public Procurement and the Circular Economy	K	ACR+		Publication of guidance material on strategic use of public procurement, focusing on circular procurement, public procurement of innovation in the waste sector and performance based criteria in public procurement for waste management	- Circular Public Procurement Roadmap completed in June 2018, available publicly on ACR+ CE portal
Begin research for a Circular Economy in Romania	K	IRCEM	CESCO; T Uni Cluj-Napoca, EUCRF, National Society of Science and Environmental Engineering	Organise research for Romanian Circular Economy Platform, to include: ecoinnovation, impact of circular green brands on local devt, legal work on classification of environmental engineering; strategic use of public procurement	- IRCEM organised 9 workshops and conferences in spring 2019, morphed into 5 thematic working groups - CG members + EU representatives supported workshop series
Mapping circular economy networks in Europe	K	INEC	Orée, Circular Change, Circular Futures, IRCEM	Improve knowledge of European networks in the circular economy	- Study on course to be completed by end 2019
5th Circular Change Conference	D	Circular Change		Organisation of the 5 th Circular Change Conference on 1 September 2020	- CC hosted 3rd conference in May 2018, with EESC support and CG members' participation - CC hosted 4th conference in May 2019, with EESC President and several CG members
Circularity Gap Report Austria	K	CEC4Europe, Circle Economy			

ECESP breakfast with the MEPs at the European Parliament	D	EEB, Ecopreneur, Circular Change			
EMF launches Circular economy for cities portal	K	EMF			- EMF launched Circular Economy for Cities portal , dissemination includes ECESP
Circular fashion and textile producing countries	K	Ecopreneur		Production of a research note as a first inventory of the potential impacts of future EU circular fashion on non-European textile producing countries	
Exploring the circular economy's potential for fostering decent jobs	D	Circle Economy	IndustriAll	Organising a Policy Dialogue event to explore the interlinkages between the transition to a more circular economy and quality jobs, drawing on Circle Economy's recent report on Jobs & Skills in the Circular Economy: State of Play and future Pathways .	- The event took place online on 16 June 2020
Circular Economy on the City Level	D	CSCP			- CSCP organised a webinar on this theme on 1 April 2020
Showcasing urban best practice to accelerate circular economy throughout 2019	G	ACR+			
Knowledge base on Circular Economy and Lifelong Learning	K	ACR+	Zero Waste Scotland		- 19 February 2019, ACR+, in partnership with Zero Waste Scotland, organised a workshop on Lifelong learning and later shared the results of it in a publication

Development of sub-national circular economy monitoring and evaluation frameworks	D	ACR+			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To continue the work started through the Circular Europe Network and as part of its activity within the Urban Agenda Partnership on Circular Economy, ACR+ has contributed to the discussions and exchanges of expertise on 2 UAPCE actions related to: - planning and monitoring of circular economy - material resources in urban areas
Circular economy & social inclusion in practice	D	RREUSE			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To help inspire conversation and policy action concerning inclusive circular business models during the next EU Commission mandate
The World Circular Economy Forum 2019	D	SITRA			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - WCEF 2019 of over 2,200 participants had a strong emphasis on scaling up the CE transition by increasing investments into CE businesses, spreading and adopting new technologies and making significant regulatory changes that enable the circular economy to flourish around the world.
Aiming at Circular City Portal	D	ACR+, OVAM	EESC, CEMR, Eurocities		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In the framework of the UAPCE, ACR+ co-organised a workshop with its member OVAM, the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC), the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR), and Eurocities. The aim of the workshop was to raise the awareness of cities and network organisations of the opportunities offered by the ECESP as a portal to circular economy strategies and case studies/good practices.
The impact of the Circular Economy on the Fast-Moving Consumer Goods industry	K	IndustriALL			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IndustriAll European Trade Union shares with the EESC the wish to identify the opportunities and challenges that the labour market will face in the Fast-Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG) in the transition from a linear to a more sustainable model. Therefore a special study has been commissioned to support the activities of the ECESP and its Coordination Group, and help businesses, workers and the wider civil society to make the shift to a more sustainable economic model.

Presenting the ECESP at the UN	D	IRCEM			- Elena Simina Lakatos presented ECESP and IRCEM at a UN meeting on Circular economy for the SDGs: From concept to practice, to discuss how the transition towards a circular economy can be leveraged to accelerate implementation of the 2030 Agenda and Sustainable Development Goals.
Informing about Circular Economy Bringing value for Real Estate Businesses	K	EMF			- https://www.ellenmacarthurfoundation.org/news/value-of-the-circular-economy-in-real-estate-revealed-in-new-report
Creating a learning hub for discovering the circular economy	G	EMF			- https://www.ellenmacarthurfoundation.org/explore
Creating a Circular Schools Programme	G	INEC			
Participating in a Circular Economy Action Group delivering reports on current situation	K	Ecoembes	Forética		
Developing circular economy indicators	K	ENEA			
ECESP Leadership Group on Retailers & Consumers: reflections Summer 2020	D	CSCP	ENEA, IRCEM, CEC4EUROPE		- Retailers were invited as speakers to share best practices and reflections as part of the workshop 'Nudging and beyond' led and delivered by the CSCP as part of the ECESP Annual Conference 2020

ECESP Leadership Group on economic incentive policies: reflections Summer 2020	D	Ecopreneur	EEB, BusinessEurope, IRCEM, FEAD, WMRC, MWE, INEC, Ecoembes		
ECESP Leadership Group on Roadmapping: Initial Guidelines	D	Circular Change, Ecopreneur			
ECESP Leadership Group on food waste: reflections Summer 2020	D	Copa-Cogeca	CSCP, ENEA, Ellen MacArthur Foundation		
ECESP Leadership Group on the construction sector: reflections Summer 2020	D	ENEA	INEC, ACR+, European Environmental Bureau, Ecopreneur		
ECESP Leadership Group on the textile sector: reflections Summer 2020	D	CEC4Europe	Ecopreneur, RREUSE, CSCP, EEB, IRCEM, OVAM, Ellen MacArthur Foundation		
ECESP Leadership Group on cities and regions: reflections Summer 2020	D	ACR+	OVAM, BusinessEurope, IRCEM, Circle Economy, Circular Change, Ecopreneur, Eurocities, EEB, INEC, ENEA, RREUSE		

