2019 Circular Economy Stakeholder Conference:
Success Stories and New Challenges

The recording of the sessions on both days will be available on the event webpage

Agenda
DAY 1
6 March 2019
Charlemagne Building, European Commission

07:45  Registration and coffee

08:45  Welcome Addresses
Circular Economy Action Plan, a Framework for the Transition
Karmenu Vella – Commissioner for the Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission
Elżbieta Bieńkowska (video message) – Commissioner for the Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, European Commission
The Role of Civil Society as a Catalyst for the Circular Economy and Sustainable Development
Luca Jahier – President of the European Economic and Social Committee

09:15  Morning Session

Keynote Speech
The Circular Economy, a Long-Term Vision for a More Sustainable Future
Frans Timmermans – First Vice-President of the European Commission

Plenary Session I
Circular Economy Action Plan – A Solid Foundation for our Present and Future
Adina-Ioana Vălean – Member of the European Parliament, Chair of the ENVI Committee
Ismo Tiainen – Director of International Affairs, Ministry of Environment, Finland
Ronald van Roorden – Ambassador, Deputy Permanent Representative to the European Union, The Netherlands
Joss Blériot – Executive Director, Ellen MacArthur Foundation
Alexandre Affre – Industrial Affairs Director, BusinessEurope

10:45  Coffee Break
### Parallel sessions – Policies to Continue the Transition

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<td><strong>Towards Circular Industrial Value Creation Networks</strong>&lt;br&gt;Hosted by <strong>Antti Peltomäki</strong>, Deputy Director General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs&lt;br&gt;Moderator: <strong>Jacki Davis</strong>&lt;br&gt;Speakers: <strong>Per Møller</strong>, Kalundborg Symbiosis, <strong>Jennifer Shaw-Taberlet</strong>, Axeler cluster, <strong>Mesbah Sabur</strong>, Circulairse, <strong>Roberto Ferrigno</strong>, Novamont, <strong>Guido Lena</strong>, SMEUnited</td>
<td><strong>A Restorative Circular Economy: How to Protect our Natural Capital</strong>&lt;br&gt;Chair: <strong>Humberto Delgado Rosa</strong>, Director, DG ENV&lt;br&gt;Speakers: <strong>Wijnand Broer</strong>, CREM Consult, <strong>Mark van Oorschot</strong>, Dutch Environment Assessment Agency, <strong>Henry Le Fleming</strong>, PWC, <strong>Guillaume Neveux</strong> &amp; <strong>Patricia Martz</strong>, i-care</td>
<td><strong>A Fair Circular Economy for Consumers: How to Inform, Empower and Protect Citizens</strong>&lt;br&gt;Chair: <strong>Marie-Paule Benassi</strong>, Director, DG JUST&lt;br&gt;Speakers: <strong>Ivo Mechels</strong>, Euroconsumers, <strong>Bert Keirsebilck</strong>, University of Leuven, <strong>Nicoletta Fascetti Leon</strong>, Italian Ministry for the Environment, Land and Sea, <strong>Paolo Falcioni</strong>, APPLiA</td>
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### Lunch Break

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<td><strong>Investing into the Circular Transition</strong>&lt;br&gt;Chair: <strong>Mario Nava</strong>, Director, DG FISMA&lt;br&gt;Speakers: <strong>Jonas Byström</strong>, EIB, <strong>Frido Kraaen</strong>, PPGM, <strong>Sandrine Dixon-Decleve</strong>, Climate-KIC, Sustainable Finance Technical Expert Group, <strong>Guy Thiran</strong>, Eurométaux</td>
<td><strong>What is industry doing to achieve a circular plastics economy?</strong>&lt;br&gt;Chair: <strong>Carlo Pettinelli</strong>, Director, DG GROW&lt;br&gt;Moderator: <strong>Patricia Vanhellewe</strong>, PlasticsEurope&lt;br&gt;Speakers: <strong>Eugenio Longo</strong>, Borealis, <strong>Karl Edsjö</strong>, Electrolux, <strong>Antonio Arena</strong>, Mayansi, <strong>Chiara Faenza</strong>, COOP Italia, <strong>Peter-Boris Schmitt</strong>, Henkel</td>
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### Coffee Break
15:40  Afternoon Session

Keynote Speeches

*The Circular Economy as a Driver to Deliver on Climate Action and Energy*

**Mauro Petriccione** – Director-General for Climate Action, European Commission

*The Circular Economy as a solution for sustainability challenges*

**Daniel Calleja Crespo** – Director-General for the Environment

Plenary Session II

*The Circular Economy: An Enabler to Achieve the 2030 Agenda*

**Nanqing JIANG** – Secretary General, Chinese Plastics Reuse and Recycling Association

**Kari Herlevi** – Circular Economy Director, SITRA

**Brendan Edgerton** – Circular Economy Director, World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD)

**Lieze Cloots** – Rapporteur from World Resources Forum 2019, Head of International Policy, OVAM

17:00  Getting Ready for Day 2

**Ladeja Godina Košir** – Director of Circular Change, Chair of the European Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform’s Coordination Group

17:10  Closing Session

*What’s Next? Reaping the Full Potential of the Circular Economy*

**Jyrki Katainen** – Vice-President of the European Commission for Jobs, Growth, Investment and Competitiveness

17:30  End of Day 1
**DAY 2**
7 March 2019
Jacques Delors Building, EESC

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<td>Suzanne Jongmans – artist</td>
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Come to the poster stands and discover more from ...

Ladeja Godina Košir
Circular Change

Philippe Micheaux Naudet
ACR+

Maja Johannessen
Ellen MacArthur Foundation

Jean-Pierre Schweitzer
EEB

Julika Dittrich
Circular Futures

Elena Simina Lakatos
Institute for Research in Circular Economy and Environment

Oana Neagu
Copa-Cogeca

Laurent Zibell
industriAll

Colm Walsh
Sixtyhome

Emanuele Bompan
Renewable Matter

Isabelle Heijmans
EMAS, European Economic and Social Committee

Margaux Le Gallou
European Resource Efficiency Knowledge Centre

Connect with circular projects and develop new partnerships at the networking tables ...

Arthur ten Wolde, Ecopreneur.eu
Ecopreneur.eu is the political voice in Brussels of European sustainable businesses, amplifying the national efforts and activities of its member organisations. With its active support to sustainable development, more than 3000 SMEs and dozens of leading companies in 6 Member States have already joined this network. To gain further strength, Ecopreneur.eu is currently seeking new members throughout Europe that share and subscribe to its vision and mission. Chat with Arthur to find out if Ecopreneur can broaden your networks.

Raymond Slaughter, Centre for Sustainable Consumption and Production
The R2Pi - Route to Circular Economy - project seeks to help business leaders and policy makers to enable the transition by innovating Circular Business Models and improving Circular Policies. Find out more when you talk with Raymond.

Ewa Dziobek, Waste Management and Recycling Cluster
Industrial symbiosis engages diverse organizations in a network to foster eco-innovation and long-term culture change. It often presents an innovative approach to transform waste or byproducts of one industry to become inputs for another, for example raw material recovery from waste from the extractive industry. Good practices, best tools and solutions will be the main subject of discussion when you join Ewa.

Claudia Brunori, ENEA & CICERONE
CICERONE - Circular Economy platform for European priorities strategic agenda - brings together programme owners, research organizations and other stakeholders to create a platform for efficient Circular Economy programming, in close cooperation with research and technology organisations. Find out more from Claudia.

Jana Zurkova, RREUSE
RREUSE is the European network of social enterprises active in re-use, repair and recycling, representing around 1000 individual social enterprises across 25 countries. Partnerships with the private and public sector are key to their activities, which include collection, sorting, repair and sale of used products. Thanks to their know-how and positive social impact, social enterprises are natural partners for developing more circular and inclusive business models including product take-back schemes, reverse logistics and remanufacturing systems. Discover how by chatting with Jana.

Håkon Sandven Jentoft, Urban Agenda Partnership on Circular Economy (EUROCITIES)
Circular economy legislation – is there a need for changes? The partnership has identified barriers and solutions in water, waste and bio-fertilizer legislation by carrying out policy research, which has lead to the following conclusion: circular economy legislation requires an update, but who should initiate this discussion? Share your thoughts with Håkon.

Mariana Nicolau, CSCP & Academy of Change
The Academy of Change is a networking and capacity building program launched in 2017, supporting 60 NGO leaders from all over the world to improve their campaigns with behavioural knowledge and consumer insights, as deeper understanding of the drivers and motivations to behave and consume in a certain way enable NGOs to develop more effective and successful solutions. Mariana can tell you more at her networking table.