

European Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform



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Welcome

Dear circular economy community,

As 2019 is about to end, it is great to see that the momentum in circular economy will be maintained in 2020. Interesting times lie ahead with the new Commission lining up while more and more stakeholders are joining the circular economy movement – and our platform! In 2019, our website had an average of 7000 visitors per month.

But not only the number of visitors is going up: The input to our platform is increasing as well. We have received various interesting contributions from the Nordic countries recently, so this month's country focus will be on Sweden.

We would like to thank all of you for your contributions to the website. With all your **Good Practices**, **Strategies**, and **Knowledge** items, you are promoting the circular economy and spreading its achievements across Europe and beyond. [Keep sharing](#) your circular news and follow the **Dialogue** to our [forum](#), where you can share experiences and opinions!

Country Focus: Sweden, with thematic focus on textiles and fashion

Sweden, here are some inspiring examples from Swedish companies accelerating the circular economy:

[Karun](#) is a Chilean corporation with a base in Sweden and offers a selection of sunglasses with frames made entirely from recycled ocean plastics, derived from 100% recycled and recyclable nylon fishing nets. Part of the company's sales revenues are funding a project that aims to empower 600 entrepreneurs in rural Patagonia, a region called Cochamó Valley, thus allowing discarded waste to create opportunities for poor communities.

[Kavat](#) is one of the first footwear companies to have acquired the EU Ecolabel in 2008. The Swedish company produces durable and high-quality shoes made of sustainable materials, by resorting to very eco-friendly manufacturing processes. As part of its contribution to circularity, Kavat even offers a shoe repair service.

[ShareWare](#) collected items from Swedish fashion designers and created a common collection customers could not buy but only borrow. By doing so, they raised awareness that consumers throw away old clothes although they can be recycled, reused or repurposed.

[Mistra Future Fashion](#) is a research programme that focuses on how to turn today's fashion industry and consumer habits toward sustainable fashion and behaviour. The programme focused on achieving economic and environmental gains by applying good practices in the fashion industry. This can help reducing the environmental footprint and expanding the lifespan of clothing material.

For more inspiration on Swedish circular economy, have a look at Sweden's government agency for innovation [VINNOVA](#).

News and events

Circular Economy side event at the COP25

The upcoming COP25 in Madrid will be hosting a [side event](#) on **combining circular economy principles with GHG reduction strategies**. The Chair of the **European Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform**, Ladeja Godina Košir, will present the Platform at this event, which will take place on **11 December 2019 in the EU Pavilion**.

EURACTIV circular economy workshop

EURACTIV is hosting a [high-level circular economy workshop](#) on **4 December 2019** to discuss the EU's circular economy policy, its current challenges and its future steps.

Policy discussion on Circular Economy at the European Parliament

The Swedish Foundation for Strategic Environmental Research (Mistra) is organising this [event](#) on "*Delivering circular economy through the European Green Deal: policy solutions for high-impact sectors such as textiles*" at the **European Parliament on 5 December** from 9-11am.

Conference on final sinks

The [5th International Conference on Final Sinks](#) will take place in Vienna from **8 to 11 December 2019**. The conference will address different topics regarding the handling of material flows and stocks from the resource and waste management perspective.

Anniversary of Retail Forum and the way forward with new EU Green Deal

Innovative retailers and the European Commission are going to celebrate the 10-year anniversary of working side by side with a common goal: to promote

sustainable consumption by reducing the environmental impact of the EU retail sector and its supply chain. The [Event](#) will take place on 11 December in Brussels.

Research and policy conference on smart and sustainable planning

The European Academy of Bolzano (Italy) will be hosting the [SSPCR research and policy conference](#) dedicated to **Smart and Sustainable Planning for Cities and Regions** from 9 to 13 December 2019.

Please click here for more [news and events](#).

Knowledge

Have a look at those two circular economy knowledge reports in the area of plastics and textile sorting for recycling.

New Plastics Economy Global Commitment 2019 Progress Report

The Ellen MacArthur Foundation and the UN Environment Programme have published the first annual [New Plastics Economy Global Commitment progress report](#), describing how almost 200 businesses and governments are reshaping the plastics system.

Policy Recommendations: Towards a Zero Waste Textiles Industry

This Interreg project with support from Circle Economy and others has just launched its report on [Fibersort](#) – a technology able to categorise textiles based on their fibre composition, structure and colour. the automated sorting technology by validating it as a key value adding innovation to enable textile-to-textile recycling.

Plastics Atlas

The Heinrich Böll Foundation has just released its [Plastics Atlas](#), which presents an **overview of key plastic-free regulations**. It highlights the **global impacts** of plastic production, consumption and disposal as well as the **role of plastic for key industrial sectors** such as agriculture and tourism.

[More strategies](#) and [knowledge](#)

Good practices

Should you have a good practice or any other contribution that you would like to share with the circular economy community, please [share your contributions](#) by providing the information necessary to publish them on the ECESP website.

You can also start up a conversation with the circular economy community in the [online forum](#).

Zero Brine: recovering saline waste water from mining industry

Saline wastewater is a concern for many industries, especially the **coal mining industry**, causing significant environmental damage. [ZERO BRINE](#) is taking up this issue by **recovering valuable resources** from this wastewater so that they can be reused in other industries. This 4-year Innovation Action (IA) is financed by Horizon2020 and aims at developing **circular economy solutions for industrial wastewater treatment**.

Eat and back lunchbox – solution for take-away food

One of the biggest environmental challenges associated with take-away food is **drastically reducing single-use packaging and plastic containers**. [Eat and back](#) provides an easy solution: a washable and re-usable lunchbox that is eco-designed and made in the north of France using **bio-based materials**.

[More good practices](#)

Are you making the circular economy happen? Can your project inspire others? Share **your good practice** to reach Europe's circular economy community!

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