

European Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform



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Welcome

Dear circular economy community,

First, and foremost, we would like to extend our thanks to you for making our 2019 European Circular Economy Stakeholder Conference such a big success. Hundreds of you came together from across Europe and shared your success stories and challenges over the two days in early March. You can read more about how the day went in our [news item](#), or on the [conference webpage](#).

Second to that, we would like to thank all of you for your contributions to the website. With all of your **good practices**, circular economy **strategies**, **voluntary commitments**, **reports**, **studies** and **news and events**, you are helping to promote the circular economy and spread its achievements across Europe and beyond. So keep those [Contributions](#) coming and follow the **Dialogue** to our [online forum](#), meet the community online and share experiences and opinions!

Before we get to the Country Focus, and all our new content and events, we would like to let you know that one of the ECESP Coordination Group members will hold a **series of CE related events in Romania** over the coming months. Therefore, IRCEM, the Institute for Research in Circular Economy and Environment "Ernest Lupan", seeks to invite experts willing to share their knowledge and expertise on circular economy, particularly those involved in relevant sector-related strategies. You can find out more about [the events here](#), and [contact IRCEM here](#).

Country Focus: Finland

As Finland prepare to take up the mantle from Romania to become the centre of Europe from July to December, the [World Circular Economy Forum](#) sets up the stage from June 3-5 in Helsinki. The programme will be packed with 17 plenary and parallel sessions, speeches, discussions and opportunities to continue the networking. The Forum will be followed closely by an [EREK workshop](#) in the city, on improving resource efficiency through industrial symbiosis.

It doesn't end there, good practices are thriving in Finland, with the [Circular and Bioeconomy Centre](#) established to help develop a more competitive business environment for companies involved in the circular economy; and the [Metsä Group](#) creating the first next-generation bioproduct mill concept. Shopping for reused and sustainable furniture is easier now with [Kierrätyskeskus](#), and even the [Christmas ham](#) went circular (it's never too early in the year!).

News and events

4th Circular Change Conference

Taking place in Maribor, Slovenia from 16-17 of May is the 4th international Circular Change conference. This has grown in to one of the key European events dedicated to circular economy, with this year focusing on business cases on food systems, manufacturing industries, mobility and forest-based value chains. Find out more [here](#).

SmaCE 2019 – 1st International Workshop on Smart Circular Economy

Santorini Island in Greece will play host to the first international workshop on Smart Circular Economy – bringing together scientists, researchers, industry and local communities to share and exchange their experiences, discuss challenges and talk research about ICT and the Circular Economy. Read more, and find the link to the programme and more [here](#).

[More news and events](#)

Knowledge

Deposit-refund systems for one-way beverage packaging

In March of this year, ACR+ published a report that explored deposit-refund systems (DRS) across ten European countries. DRS are often cited as a promising and useful tool for improving waste collection targets, and you can read more in the report by following [online here](#).

Building Value: A pathway to circular construction finance

Earlier this year, Circle Economy in the Netherlands published a report that brought together information and experiences through a Community of Practice approach to help provide tools to unlock the potential of circular construction business models. Read about the five main *lessons learned* [here](#).

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