

European Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform



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Welcome

Dear circular economy community,

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!

We are delighted to announce a new way to keep in touch with the circular economy community – follow the **Dialogue** to our [online forum](#), meet the community online and share experiences and opinions.

Country Focus: Romania

As Romania are now in their second month of their Presidency of the Council of the European Union, we take a look at the grassroots work that is happening along the circular road to Sibiu.

Transforming what would otherwise be thought of as waste in to resources is the key theme in the transition to a circular economic model in Romania. A multi-product group approach is taking place through the [Green Group Holding](#), a public-private partnership established to facilitate the collection and recycling of consumer waste, to divert this from landfill. Another good practice under development is the shift by [Genesis Biopartner](#) to using more organic waste from food processing for the generation of biogas. This is helping local enterprises reduce their heating cost while managing their waste products.

And what of food that is edible but left unsold? An [initiative in Cluj-Napoca](#) has been established to help ensure that this food can reach those who need it most. The Platform hopes the good practices spread in Romania, and throughout Europe as our economy becomes more circular.

News and events

European Circular Economy Stakeholder Conference

Due to unprecedented demand, the European Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform had to close registrations early for the next annual Stakeholder Conference. It's great to see the Circular Economy community growing every year. The first day of the conference, March 6th, will be hosted by the Commission and will explore the action plan as a successful framework for the transition to a circular economic model. The second day, March 7th, will be hosted by the EESC and will have eight participatory workshops and a dedicated session for networking. Make sure to bookmark the [conference webpage](#) for updates and information.

World Resources Forum 2019

From February 25th to 27th, Antwerp will play host to the World Resources Forum 2019, organised by OVAM, the Public Waste Agency of Flanders (and one of the European Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform [Coordination Group members](#)). Under the Title 'Closing Loops - Transitions at work', WRF 2019 wants to show systemic drivers, as well as concrete solutions to make the transition to circular economy work in practice. Find out more [here](#).

European Food & Beverage Packaging Summit

Also taking place next month, a little north of Antwerp, is the Food and Beverage Plastic Packaging Summit. The Summit will be held in Rotterdam on February 27th and 28th, organised by ACI. This 4th edition of the Summit will focus on the industry's increasing challenge for innovation towards a sustainable future, and the best strategies for sustainable packaging. To register and find out more, click [here](#).

And finally...

In other news that the Platform are excited to share with you – the European Commission, one of the Platform's partners, was recently awarded a Circular Economy Award by the World Economic Forum and the Forum of Young Global Leaders, as recognition of the work done to accelerate the transition to a circular economy. You can read more about [this here](#).

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Knowledge

Circularity Gap Report 2019

The [2019 Circularity Gap Report](#) was published last month, and finds that the global economy is only 9% circular - just 9% of the 92.8 billion tonnes of minerals, fossil fuels, metals and biomass that enter the economy are re-used annually. The report highlights three key circular strategies which could be adapted throughout the economy to help increase this, and limit global warming, such as optimising the utility of products, enhancing recycling, and through circular design.

Behavioural Study on Consumers' Engagement in the Circular Economy

In support of the implementation of the EU Circular Economy Action Plan, the European Commission DG for Justice and Consumers (DG JUST) published a behavioural study that seeks to identify barriers and trade-offs faced by consumers when deciding whether to buy circular. The study also looks at the relative importance of economic, social and psychological factors that come in to play in decision making. Finally, policy tools are proposed to enable and encourage consumers to engage more active in circular practices related to durability and reparability. The full study can be found [online here](#).

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