Welcome

Dear circular economy community,

On 16 March, the ECESP Coordination Group 2020-2023 held its second meeting to discuss how to take the ECESP to the next level. The Leadership Groups' activities and the EU Circular Talks are leading us towards the next annual circular economy stakeholder conference, which will be held in the first quarter of 2022.

There are already 24 EU Circular Talks foreseen for the eight thematic Leadership Groups, join the debate and share your experience!

News and events

Public consultation on Sustainable products initiative
Have your say on the Sustainable Products Initiative, one of the deliverables of the Circular Economy Action Plan! The feedback period runs until **9 June** (midnight CET). Through public consultations you can express your views on aspects of EU laws and policies before the Commission finalises its proposals.

The transition towards circular economy: the role of Social Economy Enterprises
The European Commission, in partnership with the city of Mannheim (DE), will hold a European Social Economy Summit on **26-27 May**. On **25 March**, in preparation for this summit, the EESC organised a workshop to discuss how to bring a civil society perspective to the debate on the contribution of Social Economy Enterprises to the transition towards circular economy in Europe.

#EUCircularTalks
Did you miss our last Circular Talk organised with OVAM, EEB and UNEP on Trade, resource extraction and the circular economy? You can watch it here and join the event LinkedIn group to share your thoughts. Don't miss any of our online conversations and save the date for the next #EUCircularTalks:
11 May: Towards a circular European infrastructure (LG Construction and Infrastructure)
18 May: Governance and system change (LG Food Waste, Food systems & Bioeconomy)

More about news and events

Knowledge and strategies

Clusters dealing with circular transition in times of COVID-19
Across the world, cluster organisations have taken a leading role in the green transition. Cluster Excellence Denmark recently released a new e-book titled Towards a New Greener Normal – How Clusters are Dealing with Circular Transition in Times of COVID-19, exploring how this work has continued despite the current pandemic.

Wider environmental impacts of industry decarbonisation
Industry faces major challenges with regard to the transition to a net-zero greenhouse gas emissions economy by 2050. The study aims to provide an initial overview of the potential wider environmental impacts of the industry's transition within the scope of the Industry Emissions Directive (IED) to a low carbon economy, and to gain a better understanding of how IED facilities could contribute to a circular economy.

More about knowledge and strategies

Good practices

Alchemia-nova: treating waste water using green walls
Alchemia-nova, Institute for innovative phytochemistry and closed loop processes, has collaborated with vertECO, GRETA & LooPi to develop three types of green walls, which treat wastewater to service water standards and create plant biomass and fertiliser.

Machiels Group: closing materials loops through enhanced landfill mining
Enhanced Landfill Mining (ELFM) of historic (and future) landfills is a key part of the solution for closing material loops. It addresses major societal challenges by recovering materials, energy and land. Machiels' "Closing the Circle" project will be the first to put ELFM into practice.

More about good practices

Are you making the circular economy happen? Can your project inspire others?
Share your **good practice** and connect with the circular economy community on our online forum!

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