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Welcome

Dear circular economy community,

It has been a busy few weeks with the ECESP, and 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 <u>Contributions</u> coming!

Country Focus: Slovenia

For this issue of the newsletter, we're delighted to bring you a quick country focus, looking at a few events and achievements in the circular economy in **Slovenia**. During May, the Roadmap towards the <u>Circular Economy</u> in Slovenia was launched at the <u>3rd</u> <u>International Circular Change Conference</u>, held in Kostanjevica na Krki and Maribor. Read more about the Roadmap <u>here (pdf)</u>. The good work continues, with the <u>1st</u> <u>International Conference on Technologies and Business Models for Circular Economy</u> (TBMCE) taking place in September this year; and the ECESP brings news from Ljubljana of a multi-nation team <u>winning a grant to improve sustainability of fibres and</u> <u>plastics</u>. Some great news from Slovenia this month!.

News and events

Level(s), Europe's common framework for assessing the sustainability performance of buildings, can now be tested

<u>Level(s)</u> has been developed together with building professionals, with the mainstream market in mind. It provides a simple entry point to what can be a complex area – the assessment and reporting of sustainability performance throughout the full life cycle of buildings. All organisations involved in the construction of buildings are encouraged to take part in the test phase of Level(s) by <u>registering</u>. You can also find a <u>series of documents</u> aimed at supporting testers of Level(s) throughout the testing period.

Circular Economy – Energy and More – session at the EU Sustainable Energy Week

The EU Sustainable Energy Week will take place in June this year and there will be a session on the Circular Economy – Energy and More, on June 7th at 11am until 12.30pm. You will hear from companies and organisations on how existing EU tools designed for sustainable consumption and production can help them to use energy and resources in a smarter way. <u>More information is available</u> and <u>registration</u> is still open.

SCREEN Policy Lab Meeting: How do we assess projects' circularity?

A specific task of the SCREEN project is dealing with a common agreement on a specific set of "evaluation criteria for circular economy projects". For this, an online questionnaire was launched to collect comments from stakeholders. The results of the questionnaire will be discussed during the <u>Policy Lab meeting</u> on May 30th, and you can <u>register</u> to attend.

More news and events

Strategies

Making Things Last: a circular economy strategy for Scotland

The <u>new strategy for Scotland</u> sets out their priorities for moving towards a more circular economy – where products and materials are kept in high value use for as long as possible. This builds on the progress Scotland has already made with the resource efficiency and zero waste agendas. The focus of the strategy is on waste prevention, design, reuse, repair, recycling and recover. There are also chapters covering producer responsibility and remanufacturing, as well as skills development in a circular economy.

Strategy of the Government of Catalonia: Promoting Green and Circular Economy in Catalonia

The <u>Strategy for Promoting Green and Circular Economy of the Government of</u> <u>Catalonia</u> aims to foster sustainability as a strategic area to attain economic recovery, increase competitiveness, create jobs, and reduce environmental risks. This strategy is structured into key policies' areas for promoting green and circular economy: the generation of demand and creation of markets, the improvement of the access to funding, the stimulation of research, development and innovation, the boosting of internationalisation and the promotion of employment and entrepreneurship.

More strategies



