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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!

Country Focus: Austria

For this month's Country Focus, we're looking at all the great work going on in Austria. These next three months are busy in the country, with September seeing Vienna hosting the [International Symposium on Science to support Circular Economy](#), and a conference on [Bringing the Action Plan to Life: towards a fact-based Circular Economy](#). This conference is organised jointly by [Altstoff Recycling Austria \(ARA\)](#) and [Circular Futures](#), the Austrian Circular Economy (check out our Coordination Group's Wo! rkplan). The latter is also busy preparing an October event, bringing circular economy enthusiasts the opportunity to take part in a [Design Thinking Workshop on Plastics](#), in Ansfelden. October will also see the [EREK workshop on helping SME's to go circular](#), in Vienna.

The events continue in November, with a two day conference on [Innovation and Sustainability in Public Procurement](#), and a three day conference continuing the theme of innovation, entitled [Towards a Circular Economy – Going Green – CARE INNOVATION 2018](#).

It's not just events taking place to support the move to a circular economy in Austria, there are also plenty of good practices, such as the growth of repair services for consumers and businesses, e.g. the [Repair Network in Vienna](#) or [RUSZ](#). The construction industry is also making in-roads, such as [Geocycle's](#) initiative on managing waste and energy in cement manufacturing.

News and events

EU Circular Business Conference 2018: Sustainable Products in a Circular Economy – 26 September

After the publication of an “EU Action Plan for the Circular Economy”, in December 2015, and the adoption of a set of measures, among which the EU Strategy for plastics, the European Commission has published a 2018 EU roadmap “Towards an EU Product Policy Framework contributing to the Circular Economy” which will nurture the debates during the Circular Businesses Conference, through a free exchange of ideas among the high level European decision makers and the representatives of the main industrial sectors. [Find out more about the event here.](#)

Environment Ireland® 2018

With recent reports suggesting that Ireland will not meet its 2020 EU emissions targets, and that 85% of Irish people are rightly concerned about their use of plastics, this important conference will look at practical ways forward for both climate action and resource efficiency, including circular economy, for the country. There will be an opportunity to look at policy developments, as well as dedicated Q&A sessions with expert speakers. [Find out more about the event here](#), and register [here](#).

Circular Economy in Smart Cities

The ECOCITY Forum is holding a multilateral, mega-event between the 3rd and 5th of October in Thessaloniki, Greece on the Circular Economy in Smart Cities. This will focus on addressing global challenges and promoting interconnectedness, while providing an opportunity to work on solutions to meet the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. A manual with performance management and measurement indicators for Healthy Smart Cities – the ECOCITY Circular Economy Guidebook – will be the innovative handout of the event. [Find out more about the event here.](#)

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Knowledge

Luxembourg as a knowledge capital and testing ground for the circular economy

The Luxembourg Ministry of the Economy published a study in 2015 that positioned the country as a potential front-runner in the transition to a circular economy. Citing their history of re-using materials, combined with economic stability and a responsive government, the report provided a [National Roadmap to Positive Impacts: Tradition, Transition, Transformation](#). But the Government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg didn't stop there. Just recently, they have produced a [National Waste and Resource Management Plan](#). Have a [read through](#) (in FR) and find inspiration on how to take a

key step towards a circular economy through measures to reuse, recycle and recover waste.

Circular Economy in Cities

Interested in finding out about the conceptual underpinnings of the development of circular economy in cities? Have a read of the World Economic Forum's new White Paper on the [Circular Economy in Cities: Evolving the model for a sustainable urban future](#). Concepts and case studies come together in a practical paper on circular economy.

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