

# 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 your innovations in **Good Practices**, policies in **Strategies**, and research in **Knowledge**, you are promoting the circular economy and spreading its achievements across Europe and beyond. [Keep sharing](#) your circular news and follow the **Dialogue** to our [forum](#), where you can 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 the incoming European Commission is set to "*propose a New Circular Economy Action Plan focusing on sustainable resource use, especially in resource-intensive and high-impact sectors such as textiles and construction.*"

In addition, the Finnish Presidency of the Council of the European Union will be hosting the 'European Days for Sustainable Circular Economy in Helsinki' from 30 September to 2 October. One day will be [fully dedicated to circular economy](#), where one of Europe's circular pioneers aims to create the knowledge base for a sustainable transition to a low-carbon, climate resilient circular economy.

## The Netherlands, another circular pioneer

In 2016, the Netherlands adopted "[A Circular Economy in the Netherlands by 2050](#)", a government-wide program to reduce material use by 50%. Earlier this year, the Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency (PBL) published an [outline of the circular economy in the Netherlands](#). This shows that 5% of all Dutch companies (80,000) are working to advance the circular economy, which represents 420,000 jobs (4% of total employment). Still, too much focus remains on the lower end of the waste hierarchy, with only 1,500 truly innovative projects furthering the circular transition.

There are many remarkable good practice examples in the Netherlands, with a wide spread across different sectors and companies. Schagen Infra BV have developed [Ultra White Thin Topping](#) in road construction, DyeCoo is using [recycled CO2 instead of water for textile dyeing](#), and Veolia and Jacobs Douwe Egberts developed a way to use [coffee grounds as bio-fuel](#).



For more inspiration from Dutch cities, collected by Circle Economy and the Holland Circular Hotspot, view [this presentation](#) of The Netherlands as a 'Circular Living Lab'.

## News and events

### European Recycling Conference 2019

[EuRIC](#) – the European Recycling Industries' Confederation – and [FEDEREC](#) are hosting the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the [European Recycling Conference](#) (ERC) on **19 September 2019** at the **Air and Space Museum in Paris**.

### Fixfest 2019

Imagine a place where repairers meet product designers and manufacturers, where researchers can share their knowledge with policymakers and game-changers, where entrepreneurs connect with new bottom-up social innovators and where you can learn about repair in exactly the same place – this is the unique character of the second international [Fixfest](#), taking place **20-22 September 2019** in **Berlin**.

### Sustainable business models in circular bio-economy

With a Strategic Research and Innovation Partnership on the bio-circular economy, Slovenia is a pioneer of bio-based innovation. On **23 September 2019**, the Slovene Business Research Association, national research institutes and SMEs will [present some best practice business models](#) for coating, textiles and paper in Brussels.

[More news and events](#)

## Knowledge and strategies

### Creating a digital roadmap for a Circular Economy

As the EU and national policymakers are making significant efforts to promote a circular economy on the one hand and a digital economy on the other, Annika Hedberg and Stefan Šipka, together with Johan Bjerkem, argue that it is time to align these agendas to achieve greater sustainability and competitiveness. Find out more in their [Discussion Paper](#), which builds on the findings of the EPC's "Digital Roadmap for a Circular Economy" project of 2017-19.

### Brussels Construction Industry Roadmap Towards a Circular Economy

The construction industry is a priority sector within the Brussels Regional Programme for a Circular Economy. As construction and facilities management accounts for 98% of

water use, 75% energy demand and 33% of waste in Brussels, there is great potential for a substantial contribution to a circular transition. Their [roadmap](#) was developed in partnership with the Environmental Agency and includes three gradual steps towards circular building in Brussels.

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## Good practices

### Using Spain's fruit surplus to fight malnutrition

Nutripeople are buying surplus vegetables from Spain's agri-food industry [to produce superfood pouches](#) for distribution in areas afflicted by famine.



### The Caverne d'Ali Baba: a re-use library for art students

The Brussels art school ESA Saint-Luc has opened a re-use library called [Caverne d'Ali Baba](#) – a shared and co-managed warehouse of materials for re-use, allowing cheap and easy access to materials for new creations.



[More good practices](#)

Are you making the circular economy happen? Can your project inspire others? **Share your good practice** to reach Europe's circular economy community!

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