

Dear circular economy community,

It's time for yet another circular holiday! We would like to take this opportunity to share some tips about how to make this festive end-of-year period circular. But before we do, an important date can officially be added to your calendars: the Annual Circular Economy Stakeholder Conference will take place on **27-28 February 2023**. The conference will gather speakers from across the circular community who will share best practices and engage in interesting debates. More information about the programme will be available in the new year.

## Updates from the growing international dimension of the ECESP

In November the ECESP Coordination Group members held a successful <u>side event at the COP27</u> and in December a <u>side event at the COP15</u>, both about biodiversity loss and climate change. An <u>accelerator session</u> was held in early December at the World Circular Economy Forum 2022 in Rwanda, as well as <u>an EUCT on reducing resource use</u> labelled as an official side event. Watch this space as the ECESP's international reach widens.

## **Circular gift ideas**

If you intend to buy gifts for those near and dear, here are some circular ideas: One-woman's initiative in Belgium transforms broken umbrellas into raincapes and bags

Orybany: the first zero-waste eco-responsible gift shop in Brussels <u>https://circulareconomy.europa.eu/platform/en/good-practices/orybany-first-zero-waste-eco-</u> responsible-gift-shop-brussels

FOREWEAR - inclusive social enterprise reusing and recycling clothing https://circulareconomy.europa.eu/platform/en/good-practices/forewear-inclusive-socialenterprise-reusing-and-recycling-clothing

If you are business and would like to offer your staff circular gits, check out this company: Alisea: corporate gifts can be circular and promote your image in style

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## Circular updates from the European Commission

Apply for the circular economy related EU R&I funding in the 2023-2024 Horizon Europe calls! https://circulareconomy.europa.eu/platform/en/financing/apply-circular-economy-related-eu-rifunding-2023-2024-horizon-europe-calls

## With warm circular wishes for a festive holiday!

Are you making the circular economy happen? Can your project inspire others? <u>Share</u> your good practice and connect with the circular economy community!