Dear circular economy community,

On 18 October 2022, the Coordination Group members met physically with the EESC and the European Commission. During this meeting they reflected on past activities, future topics of interest and on the 2023 work plan, amongst other things. An important date for your calendars was also announced, the date of the next annual CE Stakeholder conference: **27–28 February 2023**! Stay tuned for more information on the ECESP website.

News and events

Innovative solutions for the circularity of plastic films
EuRIC, on behalf of the CIMPA project, is organising a **live workshop on Innovative solutions for the circularity of plastic films** on 3 November 2022 (starting at 13:30 CET). It will focus on the drivers for the circularity of plastic films and describe the innovative solutions that are being developed through CIMPA. The registration closing date is 26 October 2022.

Circular Economy, unlocking its potential to combat climate change and biodiversity loss
This COP27 side event organised by the ECESP Coordination Group members on **12 November 2022** 15:00-16:00 CET will be an opportunity to show practical examples of how an inclusive circular economy can reduce waste and provide measurable impacts on climate and biodiversity protection. Register now to follow the webinar online.

How can EPR promote sustainable consumption and production?
Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) is an environmental policy instrument giving producers significant responsibility to tackle the environmental impacts of products throughout their lifespan. This event on **16 November 2022** (14:00-16:30 CET) will explore, amongst other things, EPR's potential impact. The event is part of the activities of the Leadership Group on Cities and Regions of the ECESP.

Nordic Circular Summit
The Nordic Circular Summit will take place between **22-24 November 2022** in Stockholm, hosted by the Nordic Circular Hotspot and Nordic Innovation. The summit will teach participants about the region's tremendous circular opportunities - with events offering insight, discussions, news and

forecasts on topics like circular cities, ocean solutions, fashion and home furnishings, manufacturing and much more.

Basque Circular Summit
The [Basque Circular Summit](), organised by IHOBE, will take place in Irun on **23-25 November 2022**. It will focus on opportunities for the Basque economy, showcase the work of local companies and inform them about the new challenges and opportunities arising from the circular economy, in the framework of the European Green Deal.

#EUCircularTalks

22 November 2022: [Closing infrastructure material cycles through European cooperation]() (Rijkswaterstaat, German Sustainable Building Council and Nordic Circula Hotspot).

The leadership group on Buildings and Infrastructure invites you to attend this #EUCircularTalks on 22 November from 14h00-16h00 CEST. Join the organisers for a roundtable discussion on closing infrastructure material cycles for two value chains: cement/concrete and asphalt.

[Register]() now!

You can read the [final reports]() of #EUCircularTalks or watch the [recordings](), and feel free to join the online [discussion]()!

More about [news and events]()

Knowledge and strategies

ICLEI's journey towards circular procurement
There can be no doubt that circular demand creates opportunities for circular supply. But how can closed loop criteria be integrated into public procurement, which represents nearly 14% of Europe's GDP? To figure it out, [Renewable Matter]() interviewed Helena O'Rourke-Potocki (circular economy and procurement officer) and Simon Clement (senior coordinator on the circular economy at ICLEI).

Resourceful Cities Circular Transition Stories
In September 2019, nine Resourceful Cities embarked on their journey to develop next-generation urban resource centres as a way to accelerate the transition to a circular economy. [This publication]() summarises their collective journey and tells each individual story. Their journey shows that cities are big enough to make a difference and small enough to make it happen.

More about [knowledge]() and [strategies]()

Good practices

Adhesive-free flooring tiles which can be readily reused and recycled
[IOBAC]() produces **adhesive-free flooring tiles** which can be readily reused and recycled. Specifically, its Dual-Grip technology affixes flooring using both magnetism and tack. This means that tiles can be taken up and reused, keeping the components in the value chain, or recycled. IOBAC has partnered with many major flooring manufacturers to approve its products for use with theirs.

More about [good practices](#)

Circular updates from the European Commission

Webinar: Assessing whole life carbon with Level(s)
The European Commission will host [a webinar](#) on **3 November 2022** at 10:00 - 11:45 CET on the importance and use of Level(s) in assessing whole life carbon. The webinar will also feature presentations by built environment professionals on the topic. Registration closes on 1 November at 18:00 CET.

Call for applications to become a member of the Platform on Sustainable Finance
The European Commission is launching a [call for applications](#) for members for the new mandate of the **Platform on Sustainable Finance**. Interested individuals and organisations are invited to submit their application specifying their areas of expertise and the sub-group in which they wish to take part. [Apply online](#) by **9 November 2022** at 12:00 CET.

Commission seeks views on the future European Critical Raw Materials Act
The European Commission has launched a [call for evidence and a public consultation](#) with a view to the European Critical Raw Materials Act, which was announced by President von der Leyen during her 2022 State of the Union address. Interested parties can provide their input until **25 November 2022**.

Are you making the circular economy happen? Can your project inspire others?
[Share](#) your good practice and connect with the circular economy community!