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Dear circular economy community,

On 15 and 16 April 2021, ECESP participated in the virtual World Circular Economy Forum + Climate event hosted by the Netherlands and The Finnish Innovation Fund Sitra. All participants, including representatives of national governments, international organisations, the private sector, knowledge institutions, and civil society, welcomed the launch of the Global Alliance on Circular Economy and Resource Efficiency (GACERE) and the 50 key commitments resulting from the discussions. Find out more about the event and its outcomes [here](#).

### **News and events**

#### **New EU Project “Fashion For Change” started**

Five consortium partners, including Ecopreneur.eu, have kicked-off a EU-COSME funded project "[Fashion For Change](#)". Over the next three years, they will help SMEs, designers and start-ups from the European fashion sector scale-up and accelerate their sustainable businesses while increasing awareness about circular fashion among stakeholders, including consumers.

#### **Call for environmental organisations and experts to apply to join the Consumer Policy Advisory Group**

The New Consumer Agenda provides for the establishment of a [Consumer Policy Advisory Group](#). There are still several seats to fill, we encourage environmental organisations and individual experts to apply. The deadline for applications is **20 May**.

#### **General training on Product Environmental Footprint (PEF) method**

Within the Environmental Footprint (EF) work, the European Commission is organising a general webinar that will provide an introduction to the [PEF method](#). The event will take place on **27 May**.

#### **#EUCircularTalks**

Save the date for the upcoming [#EUCircularTalks](#):

**11 May:** [Towards a circular European infrastructure](#) (LG Construction & Infrastructure)

**18 May:** [Governance and system change](#) (LG Food Waste, Food systems & Bioeconomy)

Read the [final reports](#) of past events and join the online [discussions](#)!

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### Knowledge and strategies

#### The winning recipe for a circular economy

Sitra's study on [The winning recipe for a circular economy](#) presents diverse circular economy solutions that are viable and scalable, drive systemic circularity, and have exceptionally positive environmental and social impacts. Over 200 organisations around the world submitted their solutions for consideration.

#### RREUSE: achieving a fair and inclusive circular transition through the EU Social Economy Action Plan

RREUSE's [position paper](#) offers a number of recommendations to establish a sustainable EU socio-economic environment and maximise the potential of a Social Economy Action Plan (SEAP) in the light of a green recovery post-COVID-19.

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

### Good practices

#### Launch of SUSTAINair – towards "circular aviation"

The Horizon 2020 project [SUSTAINair](#) was launched recently to bring the aerospace and aviation sectors in line with circular principles. The project seeks to research and develop solutions to increase resource efficiency and aircraft performance while cutting down on waste and material costs throughout the aircraft life cycle – aiming at "circular aviation".

#### Bio2Materials creates 'leather' from apples

The company Bio2Materials produces a [100% biodegradable 'leather' from apple pomace](#) – the main organic waste from fruit and vegetable processing in Poland. The final product is free of harmful substances, as it is an organic textile material composed of organic substances.

More about [good practices](#)

Are you making the circular economy happen? Can your project inspire others?

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