

European Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform



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Dear circular economy community,

European Commission Publishes Sustainable Products Initiative

The European Commission has taken the next step in creating a circular and sustainable EU. On **30 March** the Commission published its [Sustainable Products Initiative](#) to make sustainable products the norm in the EU, boost circular business models and empower consumers for the green transition.

The package is aimed at making almost all physical products on the EU market more durable, reusable, repairable, recyclable and energy efficient. As part of the European Green Deal, the initiative proposes to expand the scope of the Ecodesign Directive beyond energy-related products and introduce measures such as carbon and environment footprinting of products, impact consideration beyond EU borders, and the implementation of a Digital Product Passport.

With this initiative, the European Commission presents the tools to move to a truly circular economy in the EU: decoupled from energy- and resource dependencies, more resilient to external shocks and respectful of nature and people's health.

In this context, the European Economic and Social Committee is organising a [public hearing](#) on **Sustainable Products Initiative, including Ecodesign Directive** on **Friday 29 April** bringing together speakers and participants from the EU institutions, as well as the organised civil society to discuss the proposed legislative framework.

News and events

Sixth Symposium on Circular Economy and Urban Mining on 18-20 May 2022 in Capri

From **18 to 20 May 2022**, the [6th Symposium on Circular Economy and Urban Mining](#) (SUM) will take place in the Municipal Congress Centre in Capri. The SUM Symposium is organised biennially by the International Waste Working Group. This event brings together scientists and stakeholders to debate cutting edge results and focus on future needs.

Circular Cities and Regions Initiative Pilot Group and Fellows

The Circular Cities and Regions Initiative (CCRI) is an EU initiative focusing on implementing the circular economy at local and regional level. The CCRI is accepting applications [to join the CCRI Pilot Group and Fellows](#), **until 29 April**. Selected participants will have various opportunities to build their capacity, expand their networks, collaborate with other territories and stakeholders, and increase the visibility of their territory and activities, among many other benefits.

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#EUCircularTalks

Save the date for the **second #EUCircularTalk** of the year 2022 – with many more to come!

17 May: [Measuring Circularity](#) (Circular Flanders)

Did you participate in any of our #EUCircularTalks in 2021? We want to hear from you! Fill in the survey [here](#). 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

Food and feed safety vulnerabilities in the circular economy

This [literature](#) review from the European Food Safety Authority identified and categorised circular economy practices within all stages of the food and feed production chain in Europe to provide an overview of current and envisaged practices.

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

Good practices

ReCreate: Innovate and develop novel technological solutions for deconstruction and reuse

The international [ReCreate](#) project aims to discover how used precast concrete elements can be deconstructed without damaging them to be reused in new buildings and how to turn the process into a profitable business.

CISUFLO: minimising the environmental impact of the EU flooring sector

The CISUFLO (Circular SUSTainable FLOOR coverings) [project](#), funded under Horizon 2020, aims to develop a systemic circular approach to floor coverings. Through six pilot projects, it will create new circular floor coverings, improve recyclability, and encourage the sector to adopt a circular model.

More about [good practices](#)

Circular updates from the European Commission

Environmental Footprint Methods Digital Events

On **28 April**, the European Commission is organising an [online event](#) on the methods for measuring the life cycle performance of products and organisations: the Product Environmental Footprint (PEF) and the Organisation Environmental Footprint (OEF). Do not forget to register!

Launch of a call for proposals by UNEP in connection with the InTEX project

UNEP is seeking an Implementing Partner to support its impact assessment work on sustainable economic pathways for sustainable and circular textiles in the context of the [three-year project](#) "Innovative Business Practices and Economic Models in the Textile Value Chain". Applications are open until **16 May**.

Level(s) webinar: Get going with the eLearning and Calculation and Assessment Tool

Do not forget to register for [this webinar](#) on **3 June** hosted by the European Commission (DG ENV) to learn more about the online guidance materials that help you apply the EU framework for sustainable buildings! The eLearning course gives a detailed overview of Level(s) and prepares you for their use in your working environment and you will learn how the Calculation and Assessment Tool makes it easier to complete your sustainability performance assessments.

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

[Share](#) your good practice and connect with the circular economy community!