

European Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform



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Welcome

Dear circular economy community,

We would like to start this new year **thanking you** for working with us during this difficult 2020 and wishing you all the best for the year to come. May **2021** be peaceful, happy and circular for you all!

During January our work has been devoted to launch the many projects that will accompany us during the year and allow us to enrich our ambitious agenda:

- The [Leadership Groups](#), thematic working groups which deliver orientations on ECESP's priority topics. They were first established in Autumn 2019 and the newly elected Coordination Group recently reaffirmed their goal.
- The [EU Circular Talks](#), a new exchange concept which allows stakeholders to interact and discuss circular topics through online workshops, webinars or interviews with high-profile supporters and experts throughout the year.

We hope you will join in the conversation!

News and events

Kick-off of the Design phase of the New European Bauhaus!

On 18 January, the co-design phase of the [New European Bauhaus](#) has officially started! The launch was announced by Commissioners Gabriel and Ferreira.

Have your say on the EU strategy for textiles!

The roadmap for the [EU strategy for sustainable textiles](#) has been published and will be open for feedback until **2 February**.

Join a consortium of green SMEs to get ready for the new HORIZON programme!

Together with its research partner TNO Netherlands, the European Sustainable Business Federation - Ecopreneur.eu - invites companies to take part in a [consortium of green SMEs](#) to respond to future calls from the 2021-2027 HORIZON EU research and innovation programme, which has a budget of around EUR 95,5 billion.

More about [news and events](#)

Knowledge and strategies

Rijkswaterstaat: proudly engineering sustainability in the Netherlands

This report contains a selection of sustainability highlights by the Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management. **Inspiring tales** of what can be achieved by making full use of everyone's knowledge and experience, but also a fascinating description of how the [Rijkswaterstaat](#) has evolved into a sustainable executive organisation for the entire national government.

Circular economy in Africa-EU cooperation

The Commission's DG Environment and DG for International Cooperation and Development commissioned a study on the [circular economy in Africa](#), and **eight country reports** were drawn up in preparation for a continent-wide report on the prospects of the circular economy in Africa.

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

Good practices

Sheltersuit: upcycling materials to provide shelter for people living on the streets

The [Sheltersuit Foundation](#) has three goals: helping people in need, closing the gap in the labour market and reducing waste. It produces wind- and waterproof coats that can be transformed into a sleeping bag, and are distributed free of charge to homeless people and people in refugee camps.

Urban Wood - making the most of urban trees

[Legno Urbano](#) is an innovative project developed in Italy to promote wood recovery from trees which are felled in urban areas because of their age, their instability or spatial planning needs.

More about [good practices](#)

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

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