

# European Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform



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Dear circular economy community,

Enjoy your well-deserved summer! Here's our summer edition of the ECESP newsletter with plenty of news and updates to keep you going on holiday.

Great news on the **European Ombudsman Award for Good Administration!** We made the shortlist against powerful competition from across the institutions. Thanks to everyone who helped, and congratulations to the lucky winners! Campaigning for the public vote award was a great opportunity to promote ECESP and raise awareness of our circular efforts in the EU.

Our success gives recognition to our work across the EU, and it will inspire us to work even harder in the year ahead! As Ombudsman Emily O'Reilly put it, it is a "great acknowledgement of the wealth and value of the work we do", and President von der Leyen said she was "delighted to shine a light on the good work of the EU administration".

On a separate note, we are excited to be collaborating with the World Bank to gather information on the perceptions of the private sector about key challenges faced by the public sector in EU Member States regarding the circular economy transition. More soon!

We also encourage you to visit our updated [financing page](#), where you can find more information on how to finance circular initiatives. We will continue to update this page as we receive more information.

## News and events

### ECESP Coordination Group Work Plan 2021: [Delivering on the transition](#) to a circular economy

Discover the ECESP Coordination Group's work plan to advance the circular economy and bring the community together. For a more in-depth understanding of the CG's work in the circular economy and what this means for you as a stakeholder, you are invited to take a look at the [2021 Work Plan](#).

## #EUCircularTalks

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

**2 July:** [The role of cities to boost the circularity of food systems](#) (University of Turin, ICESP, INNOWO and the ECESP)

**6 July:** [How can EU policy drive circularity in textiles?](#) (EuRIC, RREUSE, RVO, SMEunited and the ECESP)

**19 July:** [Relevance of deconstruction design to enable the renovation wave](#) (DNGB, the ECESP Leadership Group on Construction and Infrastructure and the ECESP)

**3 September:** [How can Green Taxation support the transition towards a climate-neutral & circular economy](#) (EuRIC, Innowo and the ECESP)

**14 September:** [Green digital passport: Products traceability to create circular material loops](#) (GS1, TCO Development and the ECESP)

We invite you to read the [final reports](#) or [watch the recordings](#) of our recent [#EUCircularTalks](#) in case you missed it, and feel free to join the online [discussion](#)!

### Launch of the Italian Circular Consumption Charter

The [Circular Consumption Charter](#) is the result of a partnership between the Italian energy company Eni and 18 Italian consumer associations. It was presented and discussed at a half-day online conference, involving consumer associations, public institutions, universities and the certification sector. The Charter is a useful 10-page guide to help implementing circular ideas for the benefit of producers and consumers alike – not just in Italy!

### Circular Insider – a guide for circular practices in Slovenia and beyond

Circular Change invites you to discover and co-create the circular lifestyle with its [brand new publication](#) issued in conjunction with the Slovenian EU Council Presidency.

More about [news and events](#)

### Knowledge and strategies

#### Safe Jobs in the Circular Economy

The circular economy promises a move away from a linear model of growth to a sustainable model. This report, [Safe Jobs in the Circular Economy](#), commissioned by the European Public Service Union (EPSU), focuses on the role of labour in the transition to a circular economy and, in particular, the health and safety of workers operating waste and wastewater management systems.

#### Rewarding recycling: Learnings from the world's highest-performing deposit return systems

An increasing number of countries consider implementing a deposit return system for single-use beverage containers to address today's waste challenges. TOMRA shares lessons learnt from its 45+ years' experience of innovating and managing deposit return systems globally in a [new white paper](#).

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

### Good practices

#### Catalogue of Best Practices in Circular Economy

The Catalogue of Best Practices in Circular Economy identifies [good practices carried out in Spain](#) that are transferable and scalable by other stakeholders.

#### CuRe: Low energy molecular polyester recycling

CuRe has discovered a smarter and scalable technology for creating [a fully circular polyester chain](#). It rejuvenates any type of used polyester by removing the colour and converting it into clear pellets with the same properties as virgin grade polyester. In July 2020, a pilot plant in Emmen (Netherlands) was opened for rapid scale-up.

More about [good practices](#)

### Updates on the Commission's Circular Economy policies

#### EU Textile Strategy

Keep an eye out for the next stakeholder workshops in the context of the consultation for the EU Textile Strategy as three more will follow in July on (i) research, innovation and digitalisation; ii) business models in production processes iii) traceability, product passport. The public consultation is open until 4 August and available [here](#).

#### New European Bauhaus (NEB) and Level(s)

During EU Green Week, a session on the 'search for sustainable buildings' showed how the New European Bauhaus (NEB) and Level(s) can drive a circular and inclusive built-environment transformation. For those who were unable to attend, we are happy to provide a [summary and recording](#) of this session.

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

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