

European Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform



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Dear circular economy community,

EU Green Deal – Make it Real

This year, the EU Green Week will take place from **30 May to 5 June** under the theme **EU Green Deal – Make it Real**, to debate EU environmental policy in times of crisis. As Circular Economy is an important aspect of the transformation, the following EU Green Week events are on the agenda – more events can be found on our [webpage](#).

[Circular Economy – Designed to last: sustainable and connected products](#) on **31 May** organised by the European Commission's Directorate-General for Environment.

[Closed loop recycling – from vision to reality](#), an EU Green Week partner event on **31 May** organised by Novelis and USAD.

[From innovation to consumption: how new practices accelerate the circular economy](#), a conference on **31 May** organised by CITEO.

[Circular in motion – Sustainability in practice from chemical distributors](#), an EU Green Week partner event on **1 June** organised by Fecc.

News and events

Towards a Circular Economy: Competences for Youth

In the research [Youth competencies in the circular economy labour market – A taxonomy of competencies](#), 50 circular entrepreneurs across Europe were interviewed to answer the central question: How should young people be equipped to shift the labour market towards circularity and sustainability? The result of the **Circular Economy – Sustainable Competences for Youth** project provides an overview of the types of skills, knowledge and attitudes that characterise circular entrepreneurship and leadership. Join the debate of this project on **1 June** during the [Towards a Circular Economy: Competences for Youth](#) conference at the EESC.

Empowering Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises towards circular economy and sustainable trade for post-covid recovery

The [UNECE webinar series](#) focuses on the green resurgence of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) through entrepreneurship skills facilitation, circular economy, innovation and sustainable trade. They aim to raise awareness and build the capacity of policymakers and MSMEs in the UNECE region. They will take place from the **24 May to 8 June**.

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#EUCircularTalks

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

28 June: [Switching to the circular economy to tackle carbon emissions](#) (Normative).

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

Tackling root causes - Halting biodiversity loss through the circular economy

This [study](#), written by experts from **Sitra** and **Vivid Economics**, is the first to quantify the role a circular economy can play in tackling global biodiversity loss, targeting the four sectors with the largest impacts: food and agriculture, construction, textiles and forest and forestry. [Register here](#) and join the study presentation to discuss the key role a Circular Economy can play in halting global biodiversity loss.

An international agreement on natural resource management. An overview of opportunities and challenges.

Urgent global action is required to address unsustainable material resource use. [This report](#) explores the possibility of, and analyses the implications associated with, developing an international agreement on the management of natural resources.

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

Good practices

OLEAF4VALUE: Olive leaf multi-product cascade based biorefinery

The [OLEAF4VALUE](#) project has set up a consortium of partners to develop a valorisation system for the biomass generated in the olive oil industry. The consortium will address all levels of the value chain: raw material, biorefining, post-extraction technologies, market validation and sustainability assessment.

Slow flower: all the beauty of fresh cut flowers, without harmful effects on the environment

The international flower industry has a significant impact in terms of CO₂ emissions. The Belgian florist, [Il Était Une Fleur](#) decided to swim against the flow of her industry, working with nature rather than exploiting it. The florist gives time for flowers to grow according to the seasons, which promotes short circuits and respects biodiversity.

More about [good practices](#)

Circular updates from the European Commission

European Commission call for comments on its framework to monitor the EU's progress towards a circular economy

The European Commission would like to hear your views on the initiative "Circular economy – revision of the monitoring framework". This [call for evidence](#) will be open for feedback until **3 June 2022**. Your input will be taken into account when developing and finetuning the initiative.

Opening of the 2022 LIFE call on 17 May

The LIFE programme turns 30 this year! On **17 May**, all [LIFE 2022 calls](#) for proposals have been published on the Funding & tender opportunities portal. Check out to portal to find our more information on the application process, evaluation and grant signature, and about working as an expert.

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

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