

**Day 1**  
**20 February 2018**  
**European Commission Charlemagne building**  
*(170, Rue de la Loi 1000 Brussels)*

08.00 **Registration**

09.00 **Welcome address**

Two years after the publication of the EU Circular Economy Action Plan and over halfway through its implementation, high level representatives from the Commission will explore decisive actions that have been taken to accelerate the transition of the circular economy in Europe.

09.30 **Morning session - What's next after the EU Strategy for Plastics?**

The EU Strategy for Plastics will lay down the foundations of a new plastics economy, where plastics are reused and recycled and their leakage in the environment, in particular oceans, is tackled. High level representatives from businesses and NGOs (at EU and international level) will share concrete actions and good practices that will make these ambitious objectives a reality.

10.30 **Coffee break**

11.00 **Thematic breakout sessions**

Participants will have the opportunity to discuss in detail and share their views on major deliverables and work streams of the EU Circular Economy Action Plan.

- How to ensure that the bio-economy contributes to the circular economy
- Chemicals-Products-Waste interface: Achieving non-toxic materials flows
- Circular solutions for the low-carbon transition

12.30 **Lunch break**

13.30 **Thematic breakout sessions**

- Towards an EU Product Policy Framework contributing to the circular economy
- SMEs in the circular economy [including the official launch of the European Resource Efficiency Knowledge Centre]
- Sustainable Construction – Progressing towards a more circular economy

15.00 **Coffee break**

15.30 **Afternoon session - Achieving the transition: Transformative action**

Frontrunners in the circular economy will share their knowledge and experiences on the challenges and opportunities that committing to a circular economy can bring. A high level speaker from the Commission will encourage businesses, as well as SMEs, and public authorities, to become more circular by putting forward a true transformative action, making the transition towards a circular economy a Joint Endeavour.

16.45 **Closing session Beyond the Circular Economy Action Plan- Perspectives Ahead, Global Engagement**

The EU Circular Economy Action Plan has put Europe on the right track for a swift transition towards circularity. A high-level panel will react to the remarks of a Commission's high level speaker and expand the debate to the global dimension of the circular economy.

18.00 **Key messages for Day 2**

A representative of the European Economic and Social Committee will wrap up the day and make the link with the programme of Day 2.