



European Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform

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The transition from a linear to a circular economic model is an essential contribution to the EU's efforts to develop a sustainable, low carbon, resource efficient, resilient and competitive economy.

To accelerate the transition, the European Commission included in its 2015 EU Action Plan for the Circular Economy actions to engage with stakeholders through existing fora and to support the exchange of good practices. For the European economy to become truly circular, **all stakeholders need to get involved**: public authorities, businesses, trade unions, consumers, and civil society as a whole.

This is why the **European Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform** was born as a joint initiative by the European Commission and the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) in March 2017. The two institutions are working closely together to promote the Platform as a space for the exchange of ideas and a growing body of information, and to make the circular economy happen faster to the benefit of all. At the EESC, the Platform is spearheaded by three Members: Bernd Dittmann (Group I: Employers), Peter Schmidt (Group II: Workers) and Cillian Lohan (Group III: Diversity Europe).

Practices Stakeholders Dialogue Knowledge & barriers

By creating new partnerships and scaling up circular economy solutions across Europe, the Platform also highlights the contribution that the circular economy can make to the **implementation of the UN Sustainable Development Goals**.

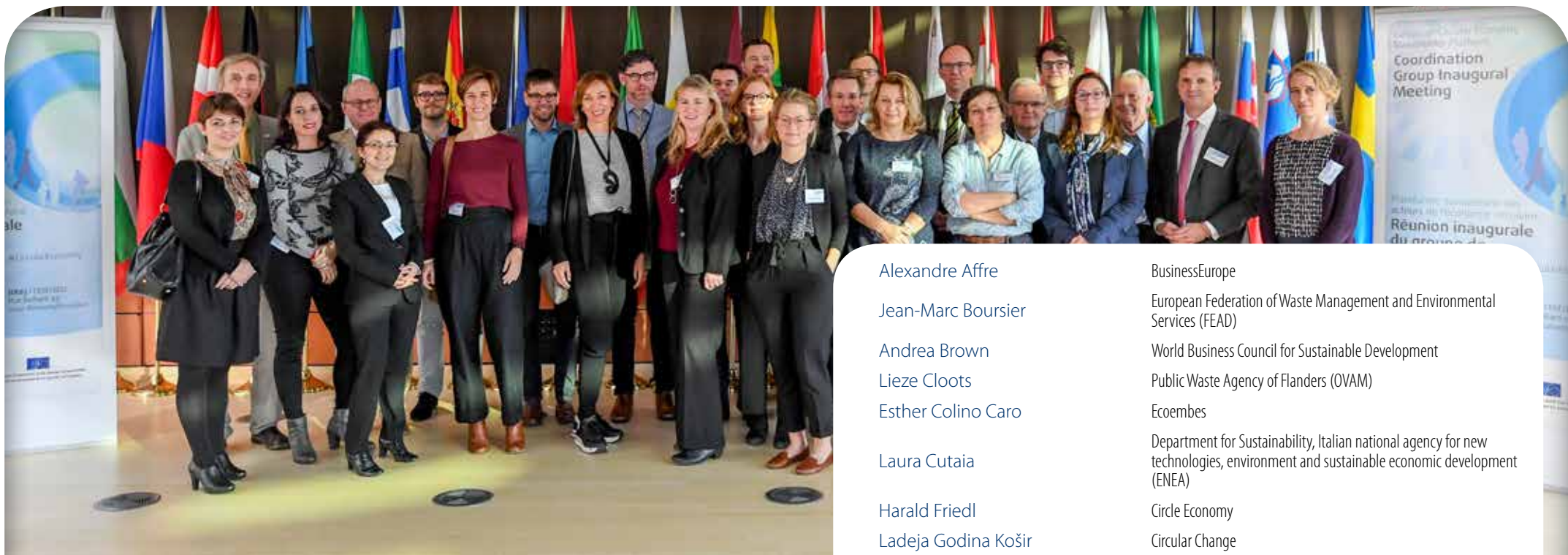
A "network of networks"...

The Platform brings together stakeholders active in the broad field of the circular economy in Europe. As a "network of networks", it goes beyond sectorial activities and highlights cross-sector opportunities. It also provides a **meeting place for stakeholders to share and scale up effective solutions and address specific challenges**. The Platform bridges existing initiatives at local, regional and national level, and supports the implementation of the circular economy.



... to make the circular economy a reality by:

- **Driving the circular economy** in the Member States, in regional and local governments, and among civil society organisations and businesses;
- **Strengthening cooperation** among stakeholder networks to facilitate the exchange of expertise, good practices, knowledge and lessons learnt in the circular economy;
- **Identifying social, economic and cultural barriers** to the transition towards a circular economy with the intention of informing policy at all level of governance.



Coordination Group

The Coordination Group guides the Platform's activities. Composed of a broad spectrum of organisations, most of them with a pan-European reach, it will enable and implement change through its work plan of activities. The team brings together 24 members selected from civil society organisations, business and trade union representatives, think tanks, research centres and public bodies that have a stake in the circular economy.

Check here for regular updates about the Coordination Group's activities : <http://europa.eu/!Rj87tp>

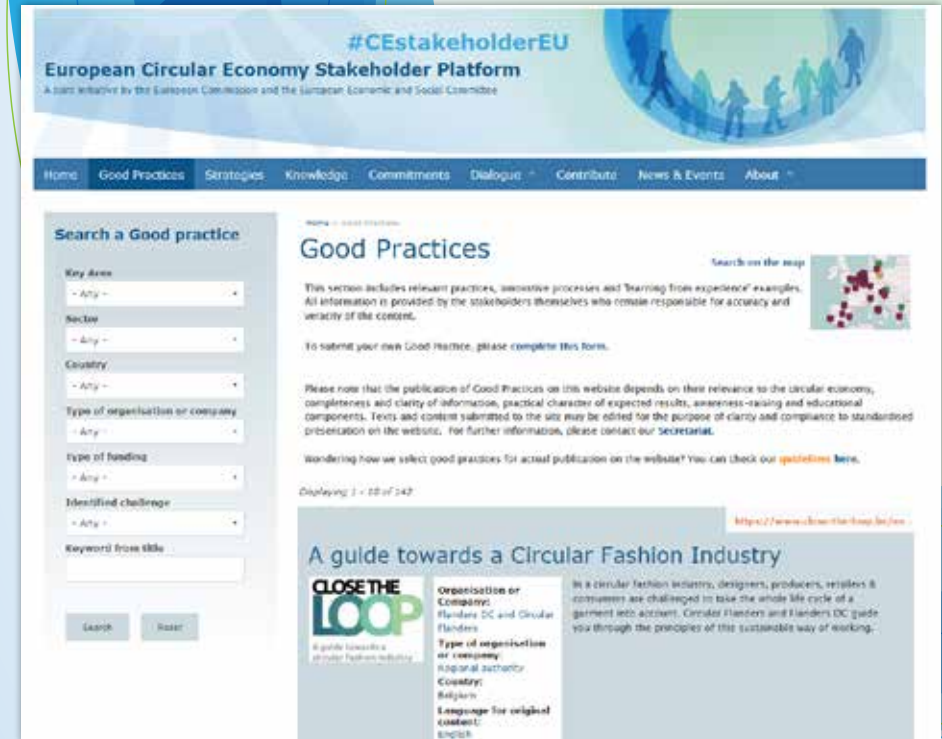


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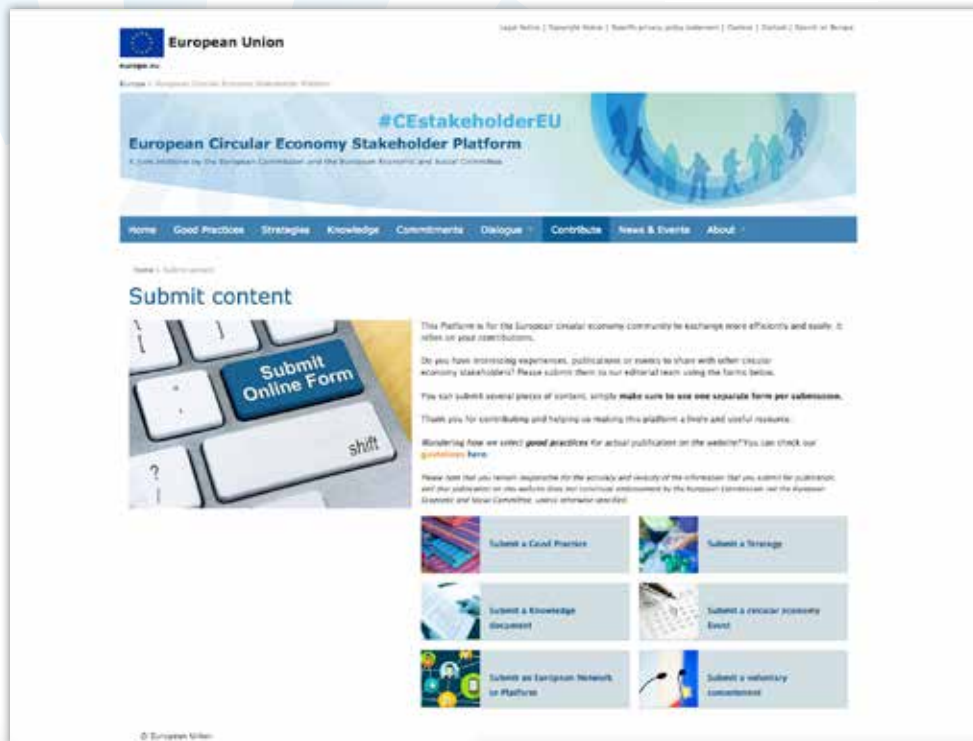
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The virtual platform provides a space to exchange knowledge, examples of good practices and policy initiatives across sectors, as well as contacts and events on the circular economy throughout Europe. The website will keep growing with contributions from stakeholders. You can take part in the Platform by submitting online your good practices, strategies at local, regional and national level, studies and events here: <http://europa.eu/!yg98uF>. If you are adopting ambitious actions to be at the forefront of this transition, you can also submit your commitment online.



Annual conference

The annual conference is an opportunity for stakeholders to meet, share ideas and expertise. It is jointly organised by the EESC and the European Commission in Brussels.



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