



# European Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform

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and the European Economic and  
Social Committee

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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).



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 barriers** (such as social, economic and cultural) 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 with a pan-European reach, it enables and implements 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. During its 2018 annual meeting, the Coordination Group nominated Ladeja Godina Košir as its Chair for 2019.

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





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# Website and interactive forum [circular-economy.europa.eu/platform](http://circular-economy.europa.eu/platform)

The virtual platform provides a space to exchange knowledge, good practices and policy initiatives across sectors and countries. The website also keeps stakeholders in the loop with news and upcoming events on the circular economy throughout Europe while simultaneously providing a database of contacts and a discussion forum for direct interaction with other stakeholders.

Have you contributed to developing a good practice, adopting a circular economy strategy, organising a circular event, writing reports on relevant topics, or has your organisation made a clear and ambitious commitment to be at the forefront of this transition? Help us grow the platform and submit your initiative directly through our user-friendly web forms: <http://europa.eu/lyg98uF>.



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**A guide towards a Circular Fashion Industry**



**CLOSE THE LOOP**  
A guide towards a circular fashion industry

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 Regional authority

**Country:**

In a circular fashion industry, designers, producers, retailers & consumers are challenged to take the whole life cycle of a garment into account. Circular Flinders and Flinders DC guide you through the principles of this sustainable way of working.

## Annual conference

The Circular Economy Stakeholder Conference, jointly organised by the EESC and the European Commission in Brussels, is an opportunity for stakeholders to meet, nurture their networks, share ideas and deepen their expertise. This high-level flagship conference has grown year on year since the first one in 2017.



To stay informed and get involved:

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Join the conversation on our virtual platform:  
<http://circulareconomy.europa/>

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