



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, climate-neutral, resource efficient, resilient and competitive economy with a strong industrial basis.

For the European economy to become truly circular, **all stakeholders need to get involved**: public authorities, businesses including SMEs, trade unions, consumers, and civil society as a whole.

The **European Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform** is a joint initiative by the European Commission and the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC), launched 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 helping to create new partnerships and scale 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 across 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 , successful examples, as well as to address specific challenges.** The Platform bridges existing initiatives at local, regional and national level, public or private, and supports the implementation of the circular economy.



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

- **Spreading the circular economy concept** in the Member States, in regional and local governments, and among civil society organisations and businesses;
- **Strengthening cooperation** between stakeholder networks to facilitate exchange, 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 levels of governance.

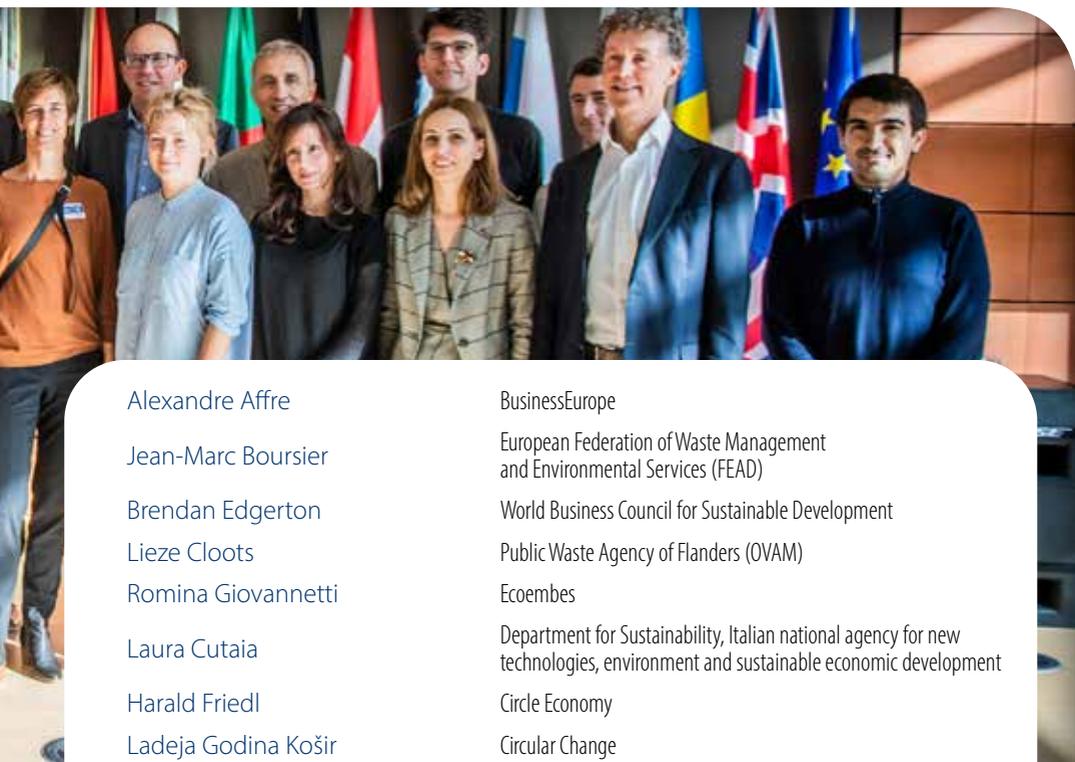


Coordination Group

The Coordination Group guides the Platform's activities. Composed of a broad spectrum of organisations with a pan-European reach, it 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. At its 2019 annual meeting, the Coordination Group re-elected Ladeja Godina Košir of Circular Change as its Chair for 2020.

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

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.

The Platform is growing and on its way to become THE reference on circular economy in Europe. Get inspired by the 300+ good practices, read the latest policy research and find your nearest circular event in our calendar.

Are you making the circular economy happen in Europe? Help us to spread the word and share your good practices, events and reports on the Platform.



The screenshot shows the website interface for the European Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform. At the top, there is a blue header with the hashtag #CEstakeholderEU and the text "European Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform". Below the header is a navigation menu with items: Home, Good Practices, Strategies, Knowledge, Conferences, Dialogue, Contributor, News, Events, and About. The main content area is titled "Good Practices" and features a search filter on the left. The search filter includes dropdown menus for "Key Area", "Sector", "Country", "Type of organisation or company", "Type of Funding", "Identified challenge", and "Status". Below the filter is a "Search" button. The main content area displays a list of good practices, with the first one titled "Port of Dunkirk reuses contaminated sediment in road construction". This entry includes a small image of a construction site, the name of the organization (IFREMER France), and a brief description of the practice. A "Search on the map" button is also visible in the top right of the main content area.



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, with more than 500 participants from over 45 countries joining to share their success stories and discuss new horizons in 2019.

Subscribe to our newsletter to receive the latest information on the circular economy and make sure you're in the loop about our next conference.



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

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