Agenda

DAY 1

9 March 2017, Charlemagne Building

08:15  60’ Registration and coffee
09:15  45’ Introduction – An inter-institutional endeavour
A sustainable model for the EU and the world
Frans Timmermans – First Vice President of the European Commission

Connecting with stakeholders
Georges Dassis – President of the European Economic and Social Committee

One year of Circular Economy – Presentation of the report – The ambition goes on
Elżbieta Bieńkowska – Commissioner for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs and
Karmenu Vella – Commissioner for the Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries

10:00  120’ Plenary Session I
Keynotes – The Circular Economy in motion

What a city can do
Guido Braam – Circular Valley

What a business can do
Reinhard Schneider – CEO Werner & Mertz

Moderated panel discussion and debate with the audience
The keynote speakers will be joined by:

– Ladeja Godina Košir, City of Ljubljana, Circular Change
– Ursula Pachl, Dep. Dir.-Gen. of Bureau Européen des Unions des Consommateurs
– Peter Schmidt, Food, Beverages and Catering Union, Member of the European Economic and Social Committee
– Alexandre Affre, Industrial Affairs Director, BusinessEurope

12:00  60’ Lunch
13:00 90’x2  Breakout sessions

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16:15 15’  Coffee break

16:30 85’  Plenary Session II

A financial endeavour

Jyrki Katainen – Vice President of the European Commission
Markku Markkula – President of the Committee of the Regions

Moderated panel discussion with:
- Simona Bonafé, Member of the European Parliament
- Constance Kann, Director Institutional Relations and Public Affairs at EIB
- Sławomir Mazurek, Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Environment, Poland
- Rik Plomp, Senior Investment Manager, PGGM
- Michael Steurer, Senior Policy Advisor, Eurochambres

17:55 05’  Summary - key messages for the next day

Brendan Burns – President of the European Economic and Social Committee's Section for Agriculture, Rural Development and the Environment
DAY 2

10 March 2017, Jacques Delors Building

08:00  60'  Registration and coffee

09:00  30'  Welcome and outline of activities

Luca Jahier – President of Various Interests’ Group, European Economic and Social Committee
Cillian Lohan – Rapporteur of the European Economic and Social Committee on the Circular Economy Package

09:45  75'  Interactive Workshops

Round 1:  Which top priorities should a European Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform focus on?

Round 2:  Making the Platform operational:
What to do and what to avoid?

11:00  30'  Coffee break

11:30  75'  Putting it all together: synthesising the workshop results

  – Ladeja Godina Košir, Executive Director, Circular Change (SI)
  – François-Michel Lambert, Chairman, Institute for the Circular Economy (FR)
  – Máte Kriza, Chairman, Foundation for the Circular Economy (HU)
  – Arthur ten Wolde, Expert, De Groene Zaak/Ecopreneur.eu (NL)

12:45  15'  Next steps and formal launch of the European Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform

Brenda King – President of Sustainable Development Observatory, European Economic and Social Committee (tbc)

Daniel Calleja Crespo – Director-General, Directorate-General for the Environment, European Commission