

Circular Economy Stakeholder Conference

9-10 March 2017



European Economic and Social Committee

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 Pachel**, 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**



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13:00 90'x2 **Breakout sessions**



	<i>Room GASP</i>	<i>Room MANS</i>	<i>Room JENK</i>
13:00 14:30	The Plastics Strategy	Monitoring Framework	Promotion of water reuse
<i>Break: 15'</i>			
14:45 16:15	Options for Interface between chemicals, products and waste legislations	Innovation for Circular Economy	Product policy for resource efficiency, how to make progress?

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

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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)
 - **Máté 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