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World Circular Economy Forum | Accelerator Session (6th OECD Roundtable on the Circular Economy in Cities and Regions)

Cities & regions getting ahead with the circular transition

18 April (9:30-15:15) – European Commission premises, Rue du Champ de Mars 21, 1050 Brussels

8:45-9:30	Registration & welcome
9:30-11:00	<p>Opening session – The Circular Cities and Regions Initiative (CCRI): Moving forward together</p> <p>Overview of CCRI activities to foster the transition towards a circular economy in cities and regions</p>
9:30-9:45	<p>1) Working together for accelerating the circular transition: the CCRI (15 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - John Bell, ‘Healthy Planet’ Director, European Commission, DG Research and Innovation (TBC)
9:45-10:15	<p>2) Getting the finance right: launch of the continuation of the EIB’s Circular City Centre (30 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hristo Stoykov, Director – Advisory Services, European Investment Bank - Desislava Krалеva, Advisor, Jonas Byström, Lead engineer - The Circular City Centre - achievements from the pilot phase and new service offer
10:15-10:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lieve Van Espen, City of Leuven, C3 pilot, CCRI Fellow
10:45-11:05	<p>3) Getting the governance right: insights from OECD case studies (30min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Aziza Akhmouch, Head of Division, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development - Meindert Stolk, Regional Minister, Zuid Holland, CCRI Fellow - Pia Imbs, President, Strasbourg Metropole, CCRI Fellow - Anders Riise, County Mayor, Møre and Romsdal, CCRI Fellow (TBC)
11:05-11:30	<p>4) Moving ahead to best support cities and regions (20 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lucie Blondel, European Commission, DG Research and Innovation - Jesús Ángel Díez Vázquez, Region of Castilla y Leon, CCRI Pilot and Green Assist
11:30-12:30	<p>Networking coffee break (30 min)</p> <p>Roundtable #1 – Circular economy transition in EU: Where do cities and regions stand? (1 hour)</p> <p>Facilitated by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development Incl. a quick presentation of the preliminary findings of the OECD survey.</p>
12:30-13:30	Networking lunch



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13:30-14:30 **Roundtable #2 – How to demystify finance for circular economy projects?** (1 hour)
Facilitated by the European Investment Bank

14:30-15:15 **F2F matchmaking – Connecting cities/regions' projects with potential partners and/or investors** (45 min)

Facilitated by the CCRI office.

Elevator pitches | Get to know who is in – Partners will present (in max. 3 minutes) who they are, and what they can offer (15 min)

Matchmaking sessions | Meet your Match – Participants are invited to move to the designated networking areas to connect and discuss with potential partners (30 min).