



Circular
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Initiative



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"> - Hans-Christian Eberl, Circular Economy Team Leader, ‘Healthy Planet’ Directorate, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission
9:45-10:15	<p>2) Getting the finance right: launch of the continuation of the EIB’s Circular City Centre (achievements from the pilot phase, new service offer) (30 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Desislava Kraveva, Advisor, Jonas Byström, Lead engineer, Maria Blanco Herbosa, Environmental specialist, European Investment Bank - Lieve Van Espen, City of Leuven, C3 pilot, CCRI Fellow
10:15-10:45	<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 (The Netherlands), CCRI Fellow. - Anne-Marie Jean, Vice-President, Eurométropole de Strasbourg (France), CCRI Fellow. - Anders Riise, County Mayor, Møre and Romsdal (Norway), CCRI Fellow.
10:45-11:05	<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 beneficiary
11:05-11:30	Networking coffee break (30 min)
11:30:12:30	<p>Roundtable #1 – Circular economy transition in EU: Where do cities and regions stand? (1 hour)</p> <p>Facilitated by Oriana Romano, Head of Unit - Circular Economy and Water Governance, OECD.</p>



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12:30-13:30 **Networking lunch**

13:30-14:30

Roundtable #2 – How to demystify finance for circular economy projects? (1 hour)

Facilitated by the European Investment Bank. With the participation of Karine Measson - Head of Circular Economy and Sustainable Development division (Projects directorate), Roberto Rando - Climate Officer (Operations directorate), Jonas Bystrom - Lead Engineer, and Desislava Kraveva - Advisor.

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).

List of participating partners

CCRI Office (Coordination & Support, Knowledge Hub)

CCRI Projects (SYSCHEMIC, Definite-CCRI & Circular Invest, HOOP, Frontsh1p, Agro2Circular, TREASoURcE, RECONSTRUCT, BioBoost, RESOURCE)

CCRI Associated Partners (EIB Circular City Centre, OECD, Cariplo Foundation, Green Assist)

CCRI Cities & Regions (Helsinki Uusimaa Region, Strasbourg Metropole)