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 Opening session – The Circular Cities and Regions Initiative (CCRI): Moving forward together
Overview of CCRI activities to foster the transition towards a circular economy in cities and regions

9:30-9:45 1) Working together for accelerating the circular transition: the CCRI (15 min)
- Hans-Christian Eberl, Circular Economy Team Leader, ‘Healthy Planet’ Directorate, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission

9:45-10:15 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)
- Desislava Kraleva, 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 3) Getting the governance right: insights from OECD case studies (30min)
- 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 4) Moving ahead to best support cities and regions (20 min)
- Lucie Blondel, European Commission, DG Research and Innovation
- Jesús Ángel Díez Vázquez, Region of Castillà y Leon, CCRI Pilot and Green Assist beneficiary

11:05-11:30 Networking coffee break (30 min)

11:30-12:30 Roundtable #1 – Circular economy transition in EU: Where do cities and regions stand? (1 hour)
Facilitated by Oriana Romano, Head of Unit - Circular Economy and Water Governance, OECD.
**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 Kraleva - 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** (SYSCHMIC, 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)