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Dear circular economy community,

We hope you enjoyed the summer! Welcoming you back with this early September edition of the ECESP newsletter with plenty of news and updates.

The World Bank is [asking just how circular Europe is](#) by gathering information on the perceptions of the private sector about key challenges faced by the public sector in EU Member States regarding the circular economy transition. You are invited to complete their [Survey for the Capacity of the Public Sector in Mainstreaming Circular Economy](#), which is also available in [Bulgarian](#), [Romanian](#), [Croatian](#) and [Polish](#).

News and events

Apply for the [2021 Cluster 4 & 6 calls](#) under the Horizon Europe Research & Innovation programme now!

You just have a couple of weeks left to apply for the 2021 Cluster 4 & 6 calls under the Horizon Europe Research & Innovation programme! Submit your application for [Cluster 4 on Digital, Industry and Space](#) and [Cluster 6 on Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment](#) before 5 p.m. (CEST) on 6 October 2021!

The autumn is full of [circular events](#), ranging from the [World Circular Economic Forum](#) (13-15 September), the [GACERE high-level meeting](#) (14 September), and a webinar on [Circular Economy Business Models in the Electronics and Agri-food sectors](#) (23 September) to the [World Bioeconomy Forum](#) (18-20 October) and [Circular Week](#) (11-17 October).

#EUCircularTalks

Save the date for the upcoming [#EUCircularTalks](#):

14 September: [Green digital passport: Products traceability to create circular material loops](#) (GS1, TCO Development and the ECESP)

21 September: [Exploring EPR for textiles: taking responsibility for Europe's textile waste](#) (OVAM, EEB, EuRIC, Ecopreneur.eu)

28-30 September: [Construction and infrastructure value chains and market](#) (ENEA, Alchemia Nova, INNOWO)

Coming up soon: **19 October** - Making Electronics Circular for Consumers and **26 October** - Food Waste & Resource Efficiency: Prevention

We invite you to read the [final reports](#) or [watch the recordings](#) of our recent [#EUCircularTalks](#) in case you missed it, and feel free to join the online [discussion](#)!

More about [news and events](#)

Knowledge and strategies

The aim of the study [Global Circular Material: The BIG 5 - and their story behind](#) is to identify drivers of the big five globally largest material flows by mass - ferrous metals, aluminium, paper, glass, asphalt - from a circular perspective.

The strategy [Circular Wallonia](#) is reinforcing the objective of renewing Walloon industry and will ensure that the region is better able to cope with future crises.

More about [knowledge](#) and [strategies](#)

Good practices

[Fiusis](#): energy and fuel from pruning olive trees

This inspiring project from the Italian Region of Puglia is a biorefinery for energy production. It uses the residual biomass from pruning the olive trees of Puglia's 380 000 hectares of olive groves. It is a great example of real industrial symbiosis with the agricultural sector, making excellent use of crop residues.

[ZenRobotics](#) – AI working towards a circular economy

ZenRobotics has harnessed the power of artificial intelligence to improve the quality of waste sorting. Their AI-powered robots recognise and sort waste fractions of various shapes, weights and sizes, including materials like plastics, metals, wood and fibres, before converting them into high-quality secondary raw materials.

[Ccrave](#): the ultimate circular shopping experience!

This circular lifestyle platform offers an all-in-one circular shopping experience, with a focus on waste-based and zero-waste products in the home, fashion and lifestyle categories. All the circular brands and products are carefully curated via Ccrave's vetting process, which investigates the manufacturing methods, material sourcing and production operations, including social fairness.

More about [good practices](#)

Updates on the Commission's Circular Economy policies

Public consultation for the [EU Taxonomy](#) (including circular economy)



The **European Commission** has launched a public consultation for the [EU Taxonomy](#) (including circular economy). This call for feedback on technical screening criteria on circular economy is part of ongoing work by the Platform on sustainable finance, set up by the Commission to provide advice on the further development of the EU taxonomy. The Platform on Sustainable Finance is welcoming stakeholder feedback **until 24 September 2021**.

Webinar: How to Build Competitive Advantage for Your Green Innovation with EU ETV

Join the EU ETV programme's upcoming [online webinar](#) on 29 September 2021 from 10:00- 12:00 CEST to learn how ETV can help innovators, investors, and buyers improve their confidence in new environmental technologies through verification. ETV works to boost innovative environmental technologies adoption and contribute to the circular economy.

Public consultation on the review of the [Directive on end-of-life vehicles](#) is now open!



The Commission has opened a public consultation on the review of the [Directive on end-of-life vehicles](#) (ELV). It is targeted especially at two stakeholder groups: 1) citizens with

a general interest in the area of end-of-life vehicles; and 2) stakeholders (economic operators, NGOs, public administrations) who have specific knowledge and/or interest about end-of-life vehicles. **Do participate** before the consultation closes on 26 October!

Are you making the circular economy happen? Can your project inspire others?

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