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European institutions activities

European Commission

EuRIC delivers at the Commission's Circular Economy Conference / Brussels, 25.06.2015

The European Commission held the high-level Stakeholder Conference "CLOSING THE LOOP – Circular Economy: boosting business, reducing waste", in Brussels on the 25.06.2015. The Conference was highly attended and included the interventions of Vice-presidents [E. Timmermans](#) and [J. Katainen](#), and Commissioners [K. Vella](#) and [E. Bieńkowska](#). Many issues relevant to recycling companies were addressed by the speakers and the audience, such as markets for secondary raw materials, enforcement & implementation of the waste hierarchy, review of the waste legislation, hazardous substances in products and waste, legacy problems for recycling, eco-design and recyclability, extended producer responsibility schemes, etc. Two speakers intervened on behalf of EuRIC during the split-up sessions: Olivier François ("Materials & Chemicals") and Graeme Carus ("Waste: complement to the legislative proposal – prevention, reuse, recovery"). Parallel to the ongoing [public consultation](#), the suggestions and conclusions drawn during the conference will be assessed by the Commission in order to develop the future Circular Economy Package (see EuRIC Newsletter, Issues n°1 & 2).

Meeting on the "Juncker Investment Plan" & Plastic Recycling / Brussels, 14.07.2015

The Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SME (DG GROWTH) of the European Commission will organize a meeting, in Brussels, on 14.07.2015 10:00 – 13:00, Brussels time, on the Juncker Investment Plan (see EuRIC Newsletter, Issues n°2 & 3) and particular investment opportunities for plastic recycling projects. European officials, investors and project promoters are invited to participate.

➤ **If interested to participate or present projects, please contact ASAP EuRIC Secretariat**

New consultation tools on EU policy & legislation proposals / Brussels, 01.07.2015

The European Commission has opened new tools for stakeholders to submit their opinions on several EU policy documents and legislation proposals. This affects especially policy Roadmaps and Impact assessment prior to legislation proposals, additionally to public consultations.

➤ For more information, please refer to the Commission's [press release](#) & [YOUR Voice webpage](#)

Euronews report on "industrial symbiosis" / Waste as a resource / Brussels, 29.06.2015

Euronews has published the latest episode of the series "BusinessPlanet" on "industrial symbiosis", which is endorsed by the Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (DG GROWTH). The short [media-report](#) introduces the case of the Danish company [Kalundborg Symbiosis](#), which assists industries in using the waste of other companies as a resource.

➤ For more information, please refer to the Commission's [press release](#)



Car battery recycling cartel / Statement of objections / Brussels, 24.06.2015

The European Commission has sent a statement of objections to five companies recycling lead, suspect of having participated in a cartel, fixing purchase prices for scrap lead-acid batteries in four Member States (BE/FR/DE/NL) from 2009-2012. After the exercise by the suspected companies of their right of defence, the Commission can adopt a decision prohibiting the conduct and impose of up to 10% of a company's annual worldwide turnover.

- For more general information about this case, please refer to the Commission's [press release](#)
- For further information, please refer to the Commission's public case register [page](#) (case 40018)

European Parliament and Council of the European Union

European Parliament Report on Circular Economy / Brussels, 25.06.2015

The European Parliament has published the final version of the [own-initiative report](#) entitled "Resource efficiency: moving towards a circular economy", is due to be adopted by a vote in Plenary sitting on 06.07.2015. Although the report is not a legally binding legislative text, it may influence the future Circular Economy Package (see EuRIC Newsletter, Issue n°1).

EU-Funds / Adoption of EFSI-Regulation / Brussels, 24.06.2015

The Regulation on the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI), [2015/1017/EU](#), published in the Official Journal of the EU, has been finally adopted by the European Parliament and the Council of the EU. One further step will be the establishment of an indicator's scoreboard to set priorities for the assessment and selection of candidate projects by the Commission. The creation of two online support platforms (see EuRIC Newsletter, Issues n° 2 & 3) is still on progress, concretely, the European Investment Advisory Hub, expected to be ready by end of this summer, and the European Investment Project Portal by end of this year.

- For more general information, please refer to the Commission's [press release](#)
- Project promoters may consult: "[How should promoters present their projects for EFSI financing](#)"

Studies

German Ministry of Environment

Study on waste management potential in combatting climate change / June 2015

The Institute for Applied Ecology and the Institute for Energy and Environmental Research has recently published a [study](#) (in German) on behalf of the German Environment Ministry, concerning the global potential of waste management for reducing greenhouse-gas-emissions. Although the re-use/preparation for re-use are not assessed within this study, it concludes that recycling is predominantly the most climate-friendly option.

- For more information, please refer to the [article](#) of EurActiv

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