



“Virtuous Circles” 1st Circular Economy Forum in Greece

**8-9 April 2019
Athens, «Aegli» ZAPPEION**

8th April 2019

09.00-09.45 Welcome – Confirmation of Registrations

10.00-12.00 Plenary – “Circular Opportunities for Greece”:

Opening Speech – Sokratis Famellos, Alternate Minister of Environment and Energy

Message from **Franz Timmermans** – First Vice President of the European Commission

Keynote Speech – Daniel Calleja, Director General, European Commission DG Environment “Circular Growth for Greece and Europe”

Georgios Vernikos - Chairman Social and Economic Committee of Greece

Carmen Duran, Spanish Ministry of Environment – “Reactions based on the Spanish Inter-ministerial cooperation experience”

Professor Jan Jonker, Radboud University Nijmegen “What kind of economy do we want?”

Yiannis Dragasakis, Vice President of the Government and Minister of Economy and Development

12.00-12.30 Coffee break

12.30-14.30 Plenary - “How governments can put the Economy in Circular Economy”

- **Joe Papineschi**, EUNOMIA “the Full Loop”

Ministerial Roundtable Discussion

Chaired by Daniel Calleja, Director General, European Commission

- **Asterios Pitsiorlas**, Alternate Minister of Economy and Development (TBC)

- **Kostas Fotakis**, Alternate Minister of Research and Innovation (TBC)
- **Nektarios Santorinos**, Deputy Minister for Insular Policy
- **Vasileios Kokkalis**, Alternate Minister of Agricultural Development & Food
- **Sokratis Famellos**, Alternate Minister of Environment and Energy (TBC)
- **Athanasios Savvakis**, Chairman Federation of Industries of Northern Greece (TBC)
- **Evangelos Kalousis**, Chairman Federation of Greek Food Industries
- **Vasileios Gounaris**, Chairman Federation of Chemical Industries
- **Yiannis Paniaras**, Chairman SEV Business Council for Sustainable Development: “The Business Case for Circular Economy in Greece”

14.30-15.30 Lunch

15h30-17h30 Break out session 1

"Keeping Value in: Business and job Opportunities"

(Moderators: Peter Woodward & Angelos Sotiropoulos)

Presentations

- *Jay Navarro, (Den Haag) JCP, “Collaborative economy the means; circular economy the end. How the collaborative economy can be employed to create circular impact”*
- *Konstantinos Konstantinou, General Director SEV Business Council for Sustainable Development “Strategic Opportunities for Greece”*
- *David Fitzsimons, European Remanufacturing Council “Putting the Economy in Circular Economy”*
- *Dimitrios Politopoulos, Chairman Hellenic Recycling Agency “Law 4496/2017 - Job opportunities for municipalities and cooperatives”*
- *Dimitrios Kontaxis, SEPAN – Chairman Federation of Recycling and Energy Recovery Industries and Enterprises*

Snapshots of examples

- *Afroditi Biza, Vice President Association of Municipalities of the Attica Region (EDSNA)/ Olga Skiadi – “Getting value from Secondary Materials in the Balkan Region” – SWAN Project*
- *Giorgos Protopapas, LIFE REWEEE project - Financing Sustainable Growth, The example of the Green Fund*
- *George Deligiorgis, Alternative Waste Management System for Lubricant Oils (ENDIALE) “Lube oils and Circular Economy: Green Public Procurements »*

15h30-17h30 Break out session 2

(Moderator: Michael Spanos, Managing Director, Global Sustain Group)

“Getting the economics right for effective waste management”

- *Vanya Veras, (Municipal Waste Europe) “Moving up the waste hierarchy to where the Value is”*
 - *Ministry of Environment “The new pricing policy of upgrading the recycling with incentives to the Local Administration”*
 - *Josep Maria Tost i Borràs Agència de Residus de Catalunya “Sticks and Carrots: how Catalonia successfully incentivised waste management”*
 - *Kyriakos Parpounas – EXPRA (European Extended Producer Responsibility Alliance) “Implementing extended producer responsibility”.*
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- *Alexandra Mexa, Hellenic Recycling Agency*
 - *GIZ - Eva Ringhof, Project manager Technical support to the National Waste Management Plan of Greece*
 - *Yiannis Razis General Manager HERRCO (Hellenic Recovery Recycling Corporation)*
 - *Charalampos Charalampidis, Greek Association of Environmental Protection Companies (PASEPPE)*
 - *Philippos Kirkitsos, Ecological Recycling Agency*

17.30 – 18.00 Coffee break

18h00- 19h30 Plenary - Cities and the Circular Economy

- *Georgios Dimaras, Deputy Minister of Environment & Energy*
- *Prof. Nicolas Moussiopoulos, Aristotle University Thessaloniki and member of ECOCITY Scientific Committee - "Circular Economy in Smart Cities: A Guidebook for Appropriate Action Steps"*
- *Jay Navarro, (Den Haag) JCP, “The Urban Agenda – Lessons from around Europe”*
- *Giorgos Patoulis, Union of Municipalities (KEDE)*
- *Konstantinos Agorastos, Union of Regions (ENPE) (TBC)*
- *Vassilis Liogkas, Coordinator of the Circular Economy Working Group – The National Circular Economy Strategy of the Hellenic Republic and the Cities*
- *Georgios Iliopoulos, Vice President Hellenic Solid Waste Management Association (HSWMA)*

19.30 CLOSE 1st DAY

9th April 2019

09h00 – 11h00 Plenary: From Financing Waste Management to Financing the Circular Transition

(Moderators: Peter Woodward & Andreas Andreopoulos)

- Willebrord Sluijters (Head of Unit) & Dimitra Kanellopoulou (Administrator) DG REGIO (Greece/Cyprus), European Commission “ERDF and Cohesion Fund funding for the circular economy – today and tomorrow”.
- Apostolos Makrykostas, General Secretariat of Industry/Ministry of Economy and Development, “Presentation of financial tools to boost Environmental Industry”
- Jonas Byström European Investment Bank (lead engineer and solid waste specialist)
- Andreas Karmis, General Secretariat or Managing Authority of the ERDF/CF Infrastructures Programme
- Guillaume Le Bris, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
- Alexandros Katsiaboulas, Chairman Hellenic Solid Waste Management Association (HSWMA)

11h00 – 11h30: Coffee break

11h30 – 13h30 Break out Session 3

Circular Potential for SMEs:

(Moderator: Peter Woodward)

- Maria Symeonidou-Sideris Heraklion Chambers of Commerce and Industry “How to boost the transition among SMEs”
- Dimitrios Tsekeris, Ministry of Environment & Energy, “The Energy Communities Law”
- Peter Bartel, Circular Economy Solutions GmbH “How to encourage investment in small circular enterprises”
- Aimilios Orfanos, Revolta SPRL - Reusing Electric Vehicle batteries : how circular economy can help empower large-scale societal change,

Panel Discussion

- *Dr Costas Troulos, IPR Helpdesk Ambassador, H2020 National Contact Point for SMEs*
- *Manolis Psaroudakis, Greek Confederation of Commerce and Entrepreneurship*
- *Georgios Vernikos, Greek Tourism Confederation (SETE) “Circular approaches to tourism”*
- *Dimitrios Syrmos, Chairman of Association of the Greek Plastics Industry*
- *Hara Xirou, Head of South East Europe, EUNOMIA*

11h30 – 13h30

Break out session 4

"Separation Collection and the Biowaste Challenge"

(Moderators: Michael Spanos, Managing Director, Global Sustain Group & Katia Lasaridi)

- Vanya Veras, Secretary General of Municipal Waste Europe “Making separate collection work”
- Haris Mamoulakis, Chairman ESDAK: “Innovative Actions of Circular Economy from the Unified Waste Management Association of Crete”
- Enzo Favoino, Zero Waste Europe – “Operational and economic optimisation of separate collection of organics”;
- Anna Foulidi, Ministry of Agricultural Development and Food, Greek inter-ministerial group on prevention of food waste and the creation of feed from food residues
- Susana Lopes - LIPOR Porto – “Biowaste collection and composting”

Snapshots of examples

- Vassiliki Papadimitriou, SEVT, “The Food industry and the modern challenges”
- Dimitrios Champidis, INTERREG project “Social Plate” Central Market of Thessaloniki
- Gerasimos Lymperatos, Attica HORIZON 2020 project: “Waste4Think”(Municipality of Halandri)
- Electra Papadopoulou, The Greek Bioeconomy forum

13h30 – 14h30

Plenary - Conference Wrap up

Key Messages from the Conference

- Dr Dominic Hogg, EUNOMIA
- William Neale, EC / DG ENVIRONMENT
- Vassilis Liogkas, Coordinator of the Circular Economy WG
- 'Margarita Karavasili' Ecocity Board Member

Closing remarks “the future agenda for the Government Council for Economic Policy”

- Sokratis Fanellos, Alternate Minister of Environment and Energy

14.30 CLOSE