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The **EU Circular Economy Package** and its implementation will be key issues during the **Austrian Presidency of the Council of the European Union** in the second half of 2018.

The Austrian Water and Waste Management Association (ÖWAV) is pleased to announce that it will co-host an international conference with the **Austrian Federal Ministry for Sustainability and Tourism (BMNT)** and **Altstoff Recycling Austria AG (ARA)**.

BRINGING THE ACTION PLAN TO LIFE: TOWARDS A FACT BASED CIRCULAR ECONOMY

Making the transformation towards a circular economy by 2030 is comparable in scope to the energy transition to a low-carbon economy and the digitisation of industry 4.0: The circular economy transition is nothing less than a sea change in the EU's approach to raw materials.

Convening high-profile speakers from politics, business, academia and civil society, the conference highlights certain **policy fields that stakeholders believe should be prioritized** among the issues addressed in the Action Plan. In doing so, the conference aims to foster a fact-based discussion of concrete measures based on cutting-edge research results. It will cover **environmental impact** as well as **resource and raw material aspects** of the circular economy.

Current research findings will be presented at a pre-conference symposium, which will be co-hosted by the Vienna University of Technology, Christian Doppler Laboratory for Anthropogenic Resources and CEC4Europe on 19th September 2018.

The conference will be held in English, participation is free of charge.

For organisational reasons a written registration is required, since the number of participants is limited. Registrations will be accepted according to the date of receipt and can be submitted until **3rd September 2018**.

For organisational information and registration please visit the conference website:

www.circulareconomy-vienna2018.eu



We organise the conference according to the criteria of the Austrian Eco-label for Green Meetings.

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20th September 2018
ERSTE Campus / Grand Hall
A-1100 Vienna, Am Belvedere 1

More information, contact and registration
www.circulareconomy-vienna2018.eu

08:30 – 09:30
Registration, Coffee

Introduction

09:30 – 09:40
Welcome by Moderator Rosa LYON

09:40 – 10:00
Welcome as host
Christian HOLZER, Austrian Federal Ministry for Sustainability and Tourism
Welcome as co-host
Christoph SCHARFF, Altstoff Recycling Austria AG (ARA)

10:00 – 10:20
The Circular Economy Package and Action Plan: The European Commission's Priorities
Hugo-Maria SCHALLY, European Commission, DG ENV

10:20 – 10:40
The Circular Economy Action Plan: Chances and challenges for Europe's industry
Gwenole COZIGOU, European Commission, DG GROW

10:40 – 11:10
Coffee break

Plenary Session 1 – The role of science and research for a Circular Economy

11:10 – 11:15
Introduction

11:15 – 11:35
Priorities in science and research: A Fact Book for the Circular Economy
Helmut RECHBERGER, Circular Economy Coalition for Europe / Vienna University of Technology

11:35 – 11:55
A focus on plastics?
Melanie HAUPT, ETH Zurich

11:55 – 12:15
Fact based policies: Contributions to EU policy from EU funded research programmes
Jürgen TIEDJE, European Commission, DG RTD

12:15 – 12:30
Discussion

12:30 – 13:30
Lunch break

Plenary Session 2 – Business supporting circularity

13:30 – 13:35
Introduction

13:35 – 13:55
Raw materials and Circular Economy: The EIT Strategic Implementation Plan
Karen HANGHØJ, EIT RawMaterials GmbH

13:55 – 14:15
EU Circular Economy Industry Platform: Dematerialization and new circular business models
Alexandre AFFRE, Business Europe

14:15 – 14:35
New standards and goals for Extended Producer Responsibility
Ursula DENISON, PRO Europe

14:35 – 14:50
Discussion

14:50 – 15:20
Coffee break

Plenary Session 3 – Implementation of a Circular Economy: Drivers and barriers

15:20 – 15:25
Introduction

15:25 – 15:45
Enabling the implementation of a Circular Economy
Paul EKINS, University College London

15:45 – 16:05
Supporting the transition to a Circular Economy
Werner SCHMIDT, European Investment Bank

16:05 – 16:25
Implementation of the CEP Action Plan in Member States: The European Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform
Bernd DITTMANN, European Economic and Social Committee

16:25 – 16:40
Discussion

Summary and closing session

16:40 – 16:45
Introduction

16:45 – 17:05
A sustainable future for civil society and consumers
Laura GLASBERG, ARA Innovation Space

17:05 – 17:20
UNIDO's role and next steps in the transition to a Circular Economy
Hiroshi KUNIYOSHI, UNIDO

17:20 – 17:35
A Commitment to a Circular Economy
Elisabeth KÖSTINGER, Federal Minister for Sustainability and Tourism

17:35 – 17:40
Closure of conference by Moderator Rosa LYON

17:40 – 20:00
Evening Reception