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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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 **3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018**.

For organisational information and registration please visit the conference website:  
**[www.circulareconomy-vienna2018.eu](http://www.circulareconomy-vienna2018.eu)**



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

# **Bringing the Action Plan to Life Towards a Fact Based Circular Economy**

 **Federal Ministry  
Republic of Austria**  
Sustainability and Tourism



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**25 years Altstoff Recycling Austria**

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

**More information, contact and registration**  
**[www.circulareconomy-vienna2018.eu](http://www.circulareconomy-vienna2018.eu)**

08:30 – 09:30  
Registration, Coffee

## Introduction

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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