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Bringing the Action Plan to Life: Towards a fact-based Circular Economy

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WHAT is the European Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform (ECESP)?

- A **joint initiative** of the European Commission and the European Economic and Social Committee
- Providing a **European instrument** where stakeholders can exchange across countries and across sectors
- A « **network of networks** »
- Supports the transition and the **EU Circular Economy Action Plan**

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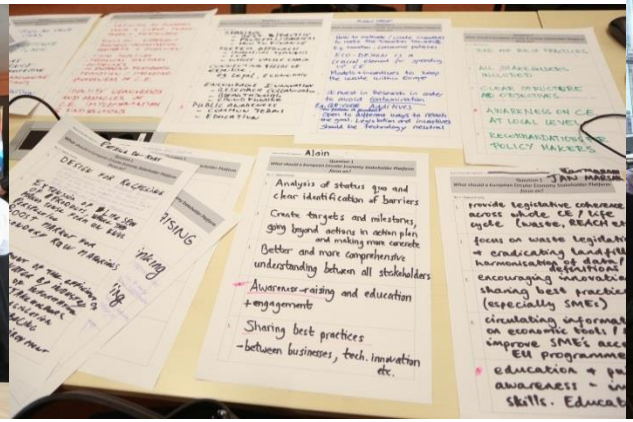
WHEN did it start?

- **Joint Circular Economy Stakeholder Conference** organised by the European Commission and the European Economic and Social Committee in March 2017



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WHAT is it for?

- **Advancing the circular economy concept on the ground** in Member States, regional and local governments, civil society and businesses
- **Strengthening the cooperation among stakeholders' networks** to facilitate the exchange of expertise and good practices on the circular economy
- **Contribute to identify social, economic and cultural barriers** to the transition towards a circular economy intended for policy makers at all level of governance

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WHO is it for?

- **Stakeholders from all sectors** and size already engaged in the transition towards circularity or willing to join the movement

  namely:

- Businesses, civil society organisations, trade unions
- Multi-stakeholder organisations focusing on the circular economy
- Local governments
- The knowledge community

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HOW does it work?

- An online platform: https://circulareconomy.europa.eu/platform/en
  - Information on Good Practices available online
  - Further information under Knowledge, Strategy and Commitments tabs
  - Map search feature to show what is happening and where
- A Coordination Group composed of representatives of civil society and local governments networks
  - Contact Information Directory for the Coordination Group Members details under Dialogue tab of website
- An annual conference gathering the circular economy community

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Coordination Group

- **24 representatives** of civil society and local governments networks selected among 192 applicants (call for expression of interest was launched in summer 2017)
- **Inaugural CG meeting** on 22 November – **outcome**:
  - Concrete ideas for "networking the networks" (e.g. hosting events in the MS and streamlining larger conferences)
  - 3 Working Groups on CG actions to amplify the CE in Europe (Exchange of Practices, Providing Knowledge, Fostering Dialogue)

Coordination Group

Inaugural meeting - 22 November 2017

The next meeting will take place on 18 October 2018

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Website

- **A dedicated website/virtual platform**: circulareconomy.europa.eu/platform
- Launched on **10 November 2017**
- **Phase-in approach** to develop contents, enhance attractiveness and build up interactivity
- **Main focal point: good practices**
- The **interactive forum** will enable stakeholders to discuss specific topics and recent developments in circular economy

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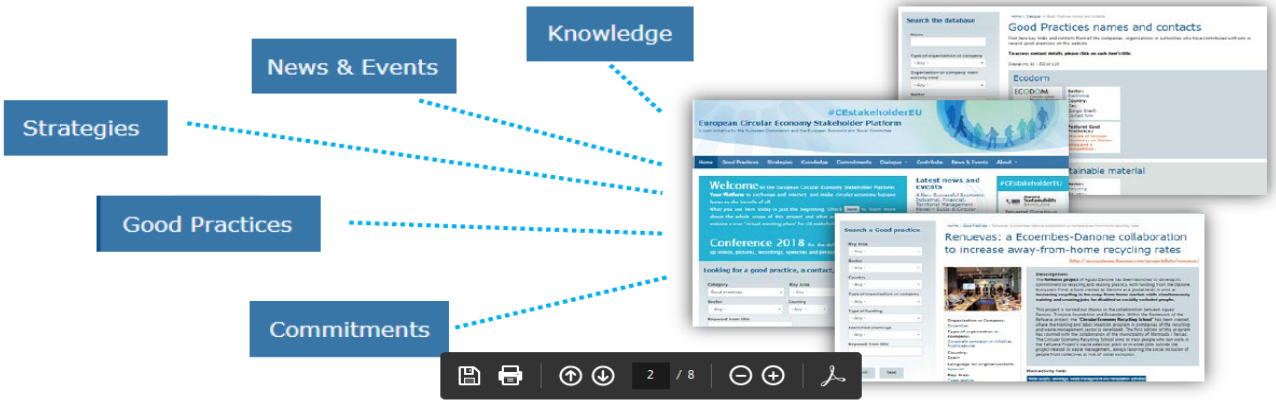
Two vital elements of the ECESP website:

- **Good Practices section**
- **Interactive Forum**

Objective: bringing together a wealth of information, knowledge, expertise and examples of relevant practices by and for CE stakeholders in Europe



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HOW to get involved?

- Connect to circulareconomy.europa.eu/platform and share your experience and good practices
- Contact the Platform at CEStakeholderEU@eesc.europa.eu and ask to be kept informed

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