

## A circular economy at the heart of climate action: how materials connect the dots in the EU Green Deal



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With the European Green Deal and the European Climate Law, Europe is setting itself the ambitious goal of becoming climate neutral by 2050. However, relying on current climate policies alone – even if they are revised to increase ambition – will not be enough to meet this goal.

Materials are still a major unaddressed climate challenge. Materials used to produce our cars, clothes, packaging and other consumer products, currently accounts nearly one-quarter of global CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from energy and industry. It has been estimated that emissions from materials used for packaging only are already larger than those for global aviation or shipping.

A more circular economy – addressing not just how we produce but also how we use materials – can thus be a major part of the climate policy toolbox. This event is therefore an opportunity to discuss how the circular economy can become an enabler for climate action.

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## DRAFT AGENDA

**10:00 – 10:20** – Welcome by MEP Maria Spyraiki and MEP Mohammed Chahim

**10:20 – 10:30** – William Neale, Adviser for Circular Economy, DG ENV, European Commission

**10:30 – 10:40** – ‘The road to a carbon neutral circular economy’, Erika Mink, Vice-President Public Affairs, Tetra Pak

**10:40 – 10:50** – Veronika Safrankova, Head of Brussels Office, UN Environment Programme

**10:50 – 11:00** – Ian Gulland, President, ACR+

**11:00 – 11:10** – Stéphane Arditi, Policy Manager for Circular Economy, Products & Waste, EEB

**11:10 – 11:40** – Discussion with the audience

**11:40 – 12:00** – Closing remarks by MEP Maria Spyraiki and MEP Mohammed Chahim