FORUM

“Circular economy as an opportunity to address climate change” Circular economy coalition

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Circular economy: an opportunity to address climate change!

Pitch:

Circular economy will provide essential support to climate friendly strategies by minimizing materials, water and energy consumption, GHG emissions and ensuring that these resources are continually cycling through the economy. In practice, circular economy will contribute to reduce the need of extracting virgin resources, to develop short cycles and cascading inside value chains, as well as to create a positive dynamic involving all participants of the value chain or/and of a territory, generating new business and job opportunities.

A successful implementation of circular economy implies contribution from all stakeholders active in the chain (e.g. product designers, resource extractors, producers, distributors, consumers, collectors of end-of-life products and used water, recyclers, etc) and of all actors that can have a direct influence or be directly impacted by the circular economy strategy (e.g. residents in the concerned area, local authorities in charge of proper implementation, academic establishments, financial institutions, etc.). Therefore, non-state actors must be largely involved in the process and share the governance of circular economy strategies development and implementation, in order to contribute to the co-creation of eco-innovative actions based on synergy and complementarity.
Forum:

- Opening of the forum and welcome
- Technical keynote speeches on circular economy from 3 points of view: Political, Academic, Enterprises
- Presentation of the circular economy coalition’s roadmap with the contributors’ actions and discussions with the public:
  - Awareness raising
  - Exchange
  - Policy recommendations
  - Methodology and evaluation
- Closing