

## Thematic workshop

### **Circular economy: a necessity and transformative opportunity for cities and regions in Europe**

Brussels, Committee of the Regions (*rue Belliard 99-101, 1040 Brussels, Room JDE 2253, 2nd floor*)

29 June 2017, 09.00-17.00

#### AGENDA

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| 09:00 – 09:30 | Registration and Coffee  |
| 09:30 – 09:40 | Welcome from Interreg Europe Programme   |
| 09:40 – 09:50 | Welcome from the PLP Environment and Resource Efficiency Team, overview of the workshop objectives and agenda and information on the services provided by the Policy Learning Platform   |
| 09:50 – 10:20 | Interactive introductory exercise  |
| 10:20 – 10:40 | Moving from linear to circular economy: what does it mean for European regions and cities (presentation)   |
| 10:40 – 11:10 | Coffee break   |
| 11:10 – 11:20 | Reflection on how circular economy is addressed in Operational Programmes (representative of Environment and Resource Efficiency team), discussion   |
| 11:20 – 11:30 | Introduction to the interactive sessions   |
| 11:30 – 12:30 | Mapping regions' needs for the transition to a circular economy<br>Moderated discussion in break-out groups: participants switching between two sub-topics: 1/Setting framework conditions and 2/ Technological/infrastructural background |
| 12:30 – 13:30 | Networking lunch   |

- 13.30 – 14.50      Session on specific thematic areas:  
1/Working group on industrial symbiosis and the role of businesses in circular economy;  
2/Working group on governance and circular economy; and  
3/ Working group on improving bio-waste management  
Reporting back from the working groups
- 14:50 – 15:10      Coffee break
- 15:10 – 16:40      Interactive panel discussion on effective approaches, practices, and policy measures on circular economy; defining a set of recommendations for next steps and future collaboration
- 16:40 - 17:00      Wrap-up and conclusions