The Circular Economy could bring significant economic, environmental and social benefits to the European Union, its Member States and its productive fabric. It contributes to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals. The concept of ‘commitments’ in the framework of ‘shared responsibilities’ is key.

In order to deliver, in accordance with these goals, resource efficiency, job creation, low-carbon prosperity, a healthy environment, clean production and sustainable consumption, it is necessary to take a holistic approach by working across a number of policy areas.

Failure to address every aspect of the issue by developing only partial solutions will prevent the EU from enjoying the overarching benefits the circular economy can provide. ‘Walking the Circle’

The same is true for the other EU policies. There is a need for integrated multi-stakeholder value chain strategy addressing the SDGs and Planetary Boundaries as Resource Efficiency & Circular economy, Climate & Energy transition, Bio-Economy & Sustainable Agriculture, Life Style & Behavior.

This strategy needs to be cross-borders and can be supported by EU initiatives as the European Innovation Partnerships and the Knowledge and Innovation Communities.

The first day of the workshop should provide an overview of leading initiatives and prepare a European joint initiative in view of and under the auspices of the Finnish EU Presidency, in the 2nd semester 2019.

The second day of the workshop should provide an overview of leading Italian initiatives and prepare specific recommendations.
July 18th

(in English with translation in Italian)

First session: 14:30-16:30
Welcome:
Patrizio Bianchi, Alderman, Emilia Romagna Region (confirmed)
Ass. Marco Lombardo, Alderman, Bologna Municipality (confirmed)

**EU Agenda 2019. Integrated strategy towards a new development model and green economy**
Chair: Tom Vereijken, Member of the High Level Group EIP Raw Materials (confirmed)
EU Commission: The Circular Economy Package and The Strategic Implementation Plan (SIP) of the European Innovation Partnerships. (tbc)
Domenico Gambacorta, Commission for the Environment, Climate Change and Energy (ENVE), European Committee of the Regions (tbc)
Mark Gough, The Natural Capital Coalition (tbc)
Roberto Della Seta, Comitato per la Fondazione Europa Ecologia (confirmed)
Romain Pardo, Joint climate change-circular economy strategy, Institute for European Environmental Policy (IEEP) (confirmed)
Alexandre Lemille, Optimizing Circular Value (tbc)
Barbara Gatto, Italian National Confederation of Crafts And SMEs (CNA) (confirmed)
Massimiliano Mazzanti, Università degli Studi di Ferrara (tbc)

**Coffee Break 16:30 – 17:00**

Second Session: 17:00 – 18:45

**Value Chain partnerships and commitments**
Chair: Bernd Dittmann, European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) Member, The ECESP Coordination Group (confirmed)
Maja Johannessen, Ellen Mc Arthur Foundation(tbc)
Pier Saraceno, Eurocities (confirmed)
Simina Lakatos, Institute for Research in Circular Economy and Environment (IRCEM) (confirmed)
Arthur Ten Wolde, Ecopreneur (tbc)
Carlo Polidori, Screen (confirmed)
Raik Kulina, Global Lead for Waste, Recycling, and Environmental Services, SAP, Value Creation In Digital Circular Economy Business (confirmed)

Conclusions: 18:45-19:15

**How to shape an integrated strategy, Europe and SDGs**
Enrico Giovannini, ASVIS (confirmed)
July 19th

Italy: Industrial Policy and Integrated Strategy. (in Italian)

9:30-11:30

**Parallel session 1: Italian Regions Best practices and Champions. Bottlenecks, barriers, finance.**

Chair: Emilia Romagna Region
Region of Lazio
Region of Lombardia
Region of Sicily – Waste and renewable energy
Region of Emilia Romagna: Ass. Gazzolo (confirmed)
Region of Piemonte: Paolo Penna (confirmed)
Region of Sardinia: Mining exploration
Region of Campania

**Parallel session 2: Italians involved in the EIPs and KICs. Innovations and cross-borders partnerships.**

Chair: Pier Virgilio Dastoli – European Movement Italy (confirmed)
Roundtable on Italian participation in EIPs and KICs between Italians involved in
EIP Water: Marco Fantozzi - Innovative Solutions to Leverage Performance in Water Industry (confirmed)
EIP Raw Material: Dario della Sala – ENEA (confirmed)
EIP Agriculture: Valtiero Mazzotti (confirmed)
KIC Climate – Angelica Monaco (confirmed)
KIC Raw Materials – Luigi Franceschini (confirmed)

Conclusions: 12:00 – 13:00

Chair:

**Italy & the Juncker plan**

Gianfrancesco Rizzuti, FEBAF (confirmed)
Eleonora Rizzuto, AISEC – Associazione Italiana per lo Sviluppo dell’Economia Circolare (confirmed)
Ministry for the Environment, Land and Sea (tbc)