

Online Session

28 May 2026, 13.30 - 15.00 (CEST)

Modelling to Policy: Circular Economy Pathways Towards Net-Zero

ADVANCING THE MISSION TO NET-ZERO: CIRCULAR ECONOMY POLICY CONTEXT AND PRIORITIES

A brief introduction to the policy context and the day's discussions.

- [William Neale](#) - Adviser on Circular Economy, DG ENV - European Commission
- [Vicky Pollard](#) - Head of Unit for Foresight, Economic Analysis & Modelling, DG CLIMA - European Commission

OPERATIONALISING AND SCALING CIRCULARITY: A MULTI-SCALE MODELLING APPROACH TO NARROW, SLOW, AND CLOSE PATHWAYS TO NET-ZERO

A session tracing circular economy pathways from global models to EU-specific strategies to local case studies, showing how multi-scale analysis and "narrow, slow, close" practices can translate to actionable policy for achieving net-zero.

- [Volker Krey](#) - Research Group Leader and Principal Research Scholar, International Institute for Applied System Analysis (IIASA) (CircEUlar)
- [Ana Teresa Macas Lima](#) - Senior Researcher, Technical University of Denmark (DTU) (CO2NSTRUCT)
- [Detlef van Vuuren](#) - Professor, University of Utrecht's Copernicus Institute of Sustainable Development (UU) and PBL Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency (CIRCOMOD)

Q&A - Discussion

HIGH-LEVEL POLICY EXCHANGE PANEL

Three thematic interventions structured around a reflection on circular strategies to reach net-zero highlighting main results, key messages and policy insights, followed by an immediate institutional reaction. This session will close with an interactive discussion amongst speakers and participants.

CONSTRUCTION ECOSYSTEM

- [Pierluigi Zerbinò](#) - Senior Assistant Professor, University of Pisa (UNIPI) (CO2NSTRUCT)
 - [Ruben Bibas](#) - Economist, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

SERVICE-FOCUSED MEASURES

- [Patrícia Fortes](#) - Senior Researcher, Center for Environmental and Sustainability Research - NOVA School of Science and Technology and National Energy and Geology Lab (LNEG) (CIRCOMOD)
 - [Josefina Lindblom](#) - Policy Officer, Circular Economy and Secondary Raw Material, DG ENV - European Commission

SYSTEM-WIDE ENABLERS

- [Yee Van Fan](#) - Senior Researcher in Digitalisation, Circular Economy and Net Zero Energy programme, Environmental Change Institute at the University of Oxford (ECI) (CircEUlar)
 - [Mihai Palimariciuc](#) - Team Leader Fair Green and Digital Transitions, Research, DG EMPL - European Commission

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