

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 Neal** - Adviser on Circular Economy, DG ENV - 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 (CircEUlar)
- **Ana Teresa Macas Lima** - Senior Researcher, Technical University of Denmark (CO2NSTRUCT)
- **Detlef van Vuuren** - Senior Scientific Researcher, University of Utrecht's Copernicus Institute of Sustainable Development (CIRCOMOD)

Q&A - Discussion

## HIGH-LEVEL POLICY EXCHANGE PANEL

*Three thematic interventions structured around a provocation on circular strategies to reach net-zero, highlighting main results, key messages and policy insights, followed by an immediate institutional reaction.*

### CONSTRUCTION ECOSYSTEM

- **Pierluigi Zerbinò** - Senior Assistant Professor, University of Pisa (CO2NSTRUCT)
  - **Ruben Bibas** - Economist, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

### SERVICE-FOCUSED MEASURES

- **Patrícia Fortes** - Senior Researcher, Center for Environmental and Sustainability Research - NOVA School of Science and Technology and LNEG National Energy and Geology Lab (CIRCOMOD)
  - *Discussant TBC*

### SYSTEM-WIDE ENABLERS

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

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