# PLANET ARK REPORTING FROM SWEDEN: HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE WORLD CIRCULAR ECONOMY FORUM 2023

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## INTRODUCTIONS









## OBJECTIVES OF STUDY TOUR

Procurement
Built environment

Textiles

Innovation

Resourcing

Education

Small business

Economic instruments



Build knowledge of CE design and thinking

Understand implementation of CE policy and practice from frontrunners

Hear/see firsthand CE in action

Increase connections with CE focused organisations globally



## MEETING SCHEDULE SO FAR

#### 22-26 MAY - NETHERLANDS

#### **Government:**

National: Infrastructure & Water; Procurement; Enterprise Agency; Accelerator Agency;

**Economic Affairs and Climate** 

Regional: Amsterdam Economic Board

Municipal: City of Amsterdam; City of Haarlem

NGOs: Holland Circular Hotspot; PACE from WRI

Industry: Circle Economy; Shifting Platforms; ING; MetaSus; Innovation businesses in

Blue City (Rotterdam) and C-District (Haarlem)

Site visits: ABN AMRO Circl Building (Amsterdam); Blue City (Rotterdam); Cepezed

Greenhouse (Utrecht)

#### 29 MAY - 2 JUN - HELSINKI

National government: Ministry of the Environment; Ministry of Foreign Affairs

WCEF Main Forum: Various global organisations

WCEF Accelerators: Various including City of Helsinki; global hotspots; mining and minerals



## MEETING SCHEDULE SO FAR

#### 5-9 JUN - SWEDEN

**Embassy** Australian Embassy and Austrade, Stockholm

and Trade

**Industry:** 

Cradlenet/Nordic Circular Hotspot; Mundus International

**Site visits:** Gamla Stan; Skansen for Swedish National Day!









## MEETING SCHEDULE SO FAR







### 2 DAYS FORUM = 4 PLENARIES + 16 SESSIONS

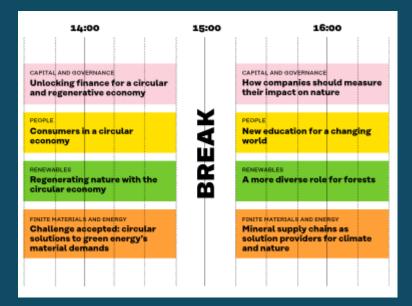
2 DAYS ACCELERATOR = 40+ SESSIONS

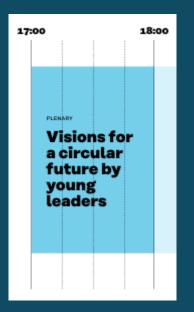
8000+ PARTICIPANTS



#### WCEF PROGRAMME















https://wcef2023.com/programme/



### SAMPLE OF COMPANIES PRESENTING







































"Traditional linear models often priortise short term profits over long term sustainability."

~Nicola Pochettino, European Investment Bank







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# EIB at the WCEF2023: Scaling up financing for the circular economy and building strong partnerships

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- → EIB financing for the circular economy reached record level of €1.1 billion in 2022
- → Stronger partnerships on circular economy with multilateral development banks and civil society organisations
- → The EIB is stepping up its advisory activities, in particular to support cities and regions in their circular economy transition and decarbonisation

The European Investment Bank (EIB) is participating in the World Circular Economy Forum 2023 (WCEF 2023), from 30 May to 2 June in Helsinki, Finland. The annual WCEF, a global initiative of Finland and the Finnish Innovation Fund (Sitra), presents the world's leading

"EIB lending to circular economy projects has consistently increased over the years, amounting to €3.4 billion over the past 5 years.."





"We have realised that when integrating climate considerations and environmental and social externalities into our assessments, the circular solution is often cheaper and less risky for society as a whole."

~Ambrose Fayolle, European Investment Bank





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#### MDBs join forces to accelerate circular economy transition

By Vanora Bennett



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· Leading MDB environment focussed directors meet for first time on circular economy



"We cannot recycle our way out of the linear economy, but there will always be waste and we need better financial mechanisms to manage it."

~Valerie Hickey, The World Bank







# KEY LEARNINGS

Circular economy practice is the way to achieve full carbon neutrality

Pricing of externalities is coming; limited resources + responsibility

Financing is increasing to de-risk investments in innovative technology

High-level engagement enables progress

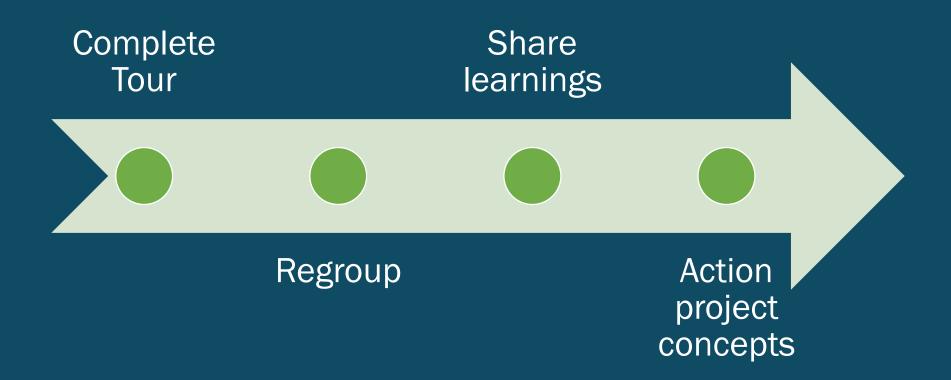
Traceable CE material flows/products will be essential for European trade

Strong focus on value chains (including SMEs) rather than standalone products

Demography will inform circular design for mobility

Frontrunners are leading, but there is still a long way to go; Australia is around average amongst all developed countries

## **NEXT STEPS**



Vi behöver inte vara rådda förnagot i livet, bara förstå det. Det är dags nu att förstå mer så att vi blir minde rådda Nothing in life is to be feared, it is only to be under stood Non is the time to understand more, so that we may fear less. Marie Skhoduska Cine

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"The complexity of the circular economy is immense and therefore a hard challenge to solve.

I believe the only way forward is to join forces and help each other make this transition."

- Prof Jacqueline Cramer, 2020



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