

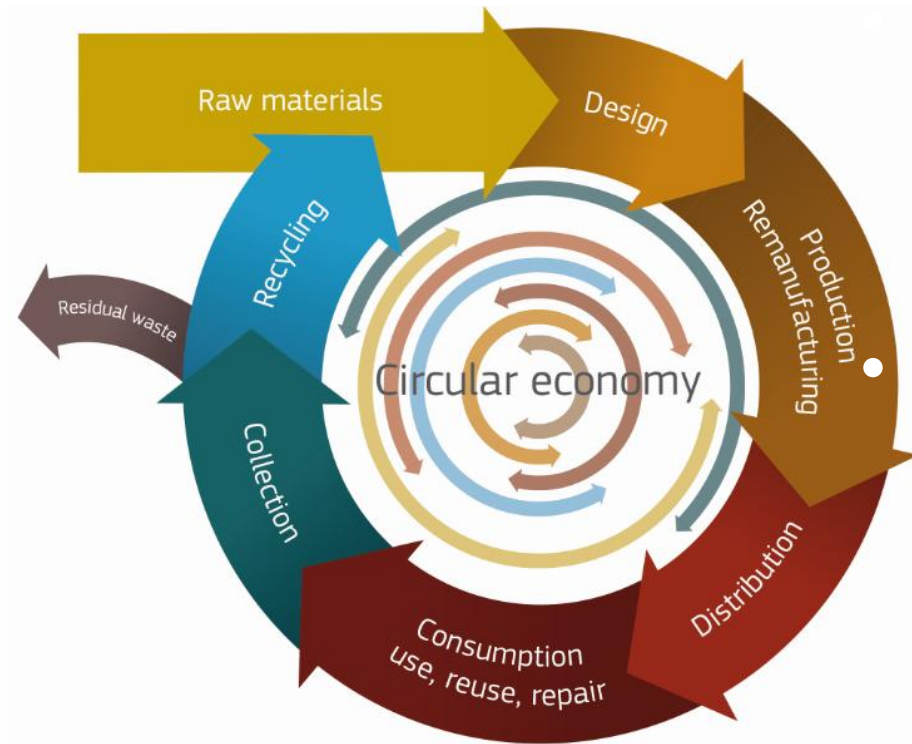


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# What is Circular Economy?



Circular economy systems **keep the added value in products** for as long as possible and **eliminate waste**.

They **keep resources within the economy** when a product has reached the end of its life, so that they can be productively **used again and again** and hence create further value.

Source: COM (2014) 398 "Towards a circular economy"

# Why do we need Circular Economy?

- **Innovation and growth potential**
- **Environment**
- **Access to raw materials**
- **Societal pressures**

## What is the EU up to :



- **Waste policy:** Driving change on the ground
- **Looking at whole 'circle':** Stimulating action, exploiting synergies and overcoming barriers across the whole value chain
- **Focus on EU added value:** concrete priorities for actions at the EU level that bring added value in promoting a transition towards a more circular economy

# New Circular Economy Package

- The Commission presented in July 2014 a proposal withdrawn in Spring 2015 as it did not cover the 'other half of the circle'
- Stakeholder consultation in June-August 2015: 1,500 comments!

# New Circular Economy Package

The new proposal: December 2015

## 1. **Review of waste legislation:**

- New definitions and calculation methods for targets
- More ambitious recycling targets
- **HW: Strengthen the record keeping and traceability mechanisms: establishment of electronic HW registries in the MS**

## 2. **Action Plan covering:**

- Production, Consumption, Waste, Market for secondary raw materials, Sectorial actions

## Update on studies

**Assessment of MS HW management performance:** Final Report BIPRO-November 2015; Follow-up study in 2016

**Guidance document on waste classification:**

Final Report BIPRO – November 2015; Commission Guidance  
~ Early 2016

**HP 14 – Ecotoxicity:** Final Report Bio &Ineris – November 2015; Adoption by the Commission of a measure to amend Annex III of WFD as concerns HP 14 – asap (provided that...)

# Thank you for your attention !



## 2014-2020: from waste management to resource efficiency



DG ENV "waste" website:

<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/waste/index.htm>

Resource Efficiency: [http://ec.europa.eu/resource-efficient-europe/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/resource-efficient-europe/index_en.htm)

Waste target review:

[http://ec.europa.eu/environment/waste/target\\_review.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/waste/target_review.htm)

Eurostat Databases:

<http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/waste/introduction>

EEA: <http://www.eea.europa.eu/themes/waste>

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