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on the implementation of the Circular Economy Action Plan

Actions delivered since the adoption of the Circular Economy Action Plan

Production	
Ecodesign working plan 2016-2019	Adopted on 30 November 2016
Request to European standardisation organisations to develop standards on material efficiency for setting future Ecodesign requirements on durability, reparability and recyclability of products	17 December 2015
Proposal for an Ecodesign implementing regulation on televisions and displays	Transmitted to WTO on 21 December 2016
Include guidance on circular economy into Best Available Techniques reference documents (BREFs) for several industrial sectors	<p>Adopted :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common waste water and waste gas treatment/management systems in the chemical sector – 3 December 2015 • Non-ferrous metals industries – 3 December 2015 • Intensive rearing of poultry and pigs – 3 October 2016
Establishing an open, pan-European network of technological infrastructures for SMEs to integrate advanced manufacturing technologies into their production processes	Call opened on 8 November 2016

Consumption	
Better enforcement of existing guarantees on tangible products, accompanied by a reflection on improvements (Commission proposal on online sales of goods, and Fitness Check on consumer legislation)	Proposal adopted on 9 December 2015, Fitness check ongoing
Action on false green claims, including updated guidance on unfair commercial practices	Guidance document adopted on 25 May 2016
Action on Green Public Procurement : enhanced integration of circular economy requirements, support to higher uptake including through training schemes, reinforcing its use in Commission procurement and EU funds	<p>Criteria adopted as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buildings: 20 May 2016 • Roads: 10 June 2016 • Computers and Monitors: 21 October 2016

Waste management	
Revised legislative proposal on waste	Adopted on 2 December 2015

Improved cooperation with Member States for better implementation of EU waste legislation, and combat illicit shipment of end-of-life vehicles	Throughout 2016
Stepping up enforcement of revised Waste Shipment Regulation: implementing act setting out correlation table between customs and waste codes	Adopted 28 July 2016
Initiative on waste to energy	Adopted 25 January 2017
Identification and dissemination of good practices in waste collection systems	Throughout 2016 (Conference on 29 January 2016)

Market for secondary raw materials

Proposal for a revised fertilisers regulation	Adopted on 17 March 2016
Promotion of safe and cost-effective water reuse, including guidance on the integration of water reuse in water planning and management, inclusion of best practices in relevant BREFs , and support to innovation (through the European Innovation Partnership and Horizon 2020) and investments	Guidance published on 10 June 2016

Sectorial action

Food waste

Stakeholders platform to examine how to achieve Sustainable Development Goals on food waste, share best practice and evaluate progress	Platform established on 1 August 2016; first meeting on 29 November 2016
Development of a common methodology and indicators to measure food waste	Elements of the methodology discussed with the platform on 29 November 2016
Clarify relevant EU legislation related to waste, food and feed in order to facilitate food donation and utilisation of former foodstuffs for animal feed	Drafts discussed with the platform on 29 November 2016

Construction and demolition

Voluntary industry-wide recycling protocol for construction and demolition waste	9 November 2016
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Biomass and bio-based materials

Ensuring coherence and synergies with the circular economy when examining the sustainability of bioenergy under the Energy Union	As part of recast of Renewable Energy Directive adopted on 30 November 2016
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Innovation and investments

Investment of €650 million in the Focus Area 'Industry 2020 in the circular economy' under Horizon 2020	Second round of calls: 20 September and 8 November 2016
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Pilot project for ‘innovation deals’ to address perceived regulatory obstacles for innovators	Call open between 26 May and 15 September 2016
Targeted outreach to encourage applications for funding under EFSI, and support the development of projects and investment platforms relevant to the circular economy	Throughout 2016
Targeted outreach and communication activities to assist EU Member States and regions for the uptake of Cohesion Policy funds for the circular economy	Throughout 2016
Support to Member States and regions to strengthen innovation for the circular economy through smart specialisation	Throughout 2016
Assessment of the possibility of launching a platform together with the European Investment Bank and national banks to support the financing of the circular economy	Launched on 25 January 2017
Support to a range of stakeholders through actions on public-private partnerships, cooperation platforms, support to voluntary business approaches, and exchanges of best practices	Throughout 2016