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Project Summary

In 2015, the European Commission adopted an ambitious Circular Economy Action Plan, which includes measures that will help stimulate Europe's transition towards a circular economy, boost global competitiveness, foster sustainable economic growth and generate new jobs. The EU Action Plan for the Circular Economy establishes a concrete and ambitious programme of action, with measures covering the whole cycle: from production and consumption to waste management and the market for secondary raw materials and a revised legislative proposal on waste. Three years after adoption, the Circular Economy Action Plan is fully completed. The European Commission is now preparing a Second Circular Economy Action plan. Ursula von der Leyen, the incoming Commission president, wants Europe to cut carbon emissions to net-zero by 2050. A new circular economy action plan will make up "half" of the carbon cuts expected under the Green Deal. The circular economy, including new waste and recycling laws, will represent "half" of the EU's effort to achieve net-zero carbon emissions by 2050, and will be erected as "the number one priority" of the upcoming European Green Deal. The Jean Monnet Project «The circular economy: "the number one priority" for the European Green Deal» (CIRECON) aims to strengthen understanding of the importance of development and research in the field of circular economy of the EU in the context of European integration. The objectives of the Jean Monnet Project CIRECON are: - supporting information and dissemination activities for the experts in the field of circular economy in the EU and for civil society as a whole; - spreading of knowledge in the field of circular economy in the EU to the wider society, beyond academia and specialized audiences, as well as bringing the EU closer to the public through the media and social networks; - organization of conference and roundtable in the field of circular economy in the EU; - to increase awareness, understanding and knowledge in the field of circular economy in the EU in order to provide sustainable development of EU economy and turn their attention to the EU integration processes and their reflection under different areas; - to stimulate the debate and research on the importance of European integration in the field of circular economy in the EU; - to provide a platform to assess of a level the impacts of European and national circular economy plans and for the engagement of researchers and policy makers. During the implementation of the project, an international conference, a round table was held, as well as research and publications of research work in peer-reviewed journals were carried out. The conference and the round table were open to academic circles, researchers, professionals in the field of closed-loop economics and the interested public, where special attention was paid to attracting graduate students, young specialists and young researchers. These events have enabled dialogue between various stakeholders in the field of circular economy and contributed to the expansion of knowledge about the relevant environmental and climate policy processes at the level of the European Union. The collection of articles will become a tool for lectures and wider dissemination of knowledge gained at the conference.

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