



ECN | **Biowaste in the Circular Economy**

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ABOUT THE WORKSHOP

The European Compost Network is organising the workshop 'Biowaste in the Circular Economy'. This workshop comes at a time when European policy makers have important decisions to make about the sustainable management of biowaste in Europe. This event for key stakeholders in European biowaste management will discuss the current legislative process and practical experiences on the implementation of separate collection of biowaste in different types of European countries.

The event will be a key opportunity to get an update on the process and to network with key stakeholders.

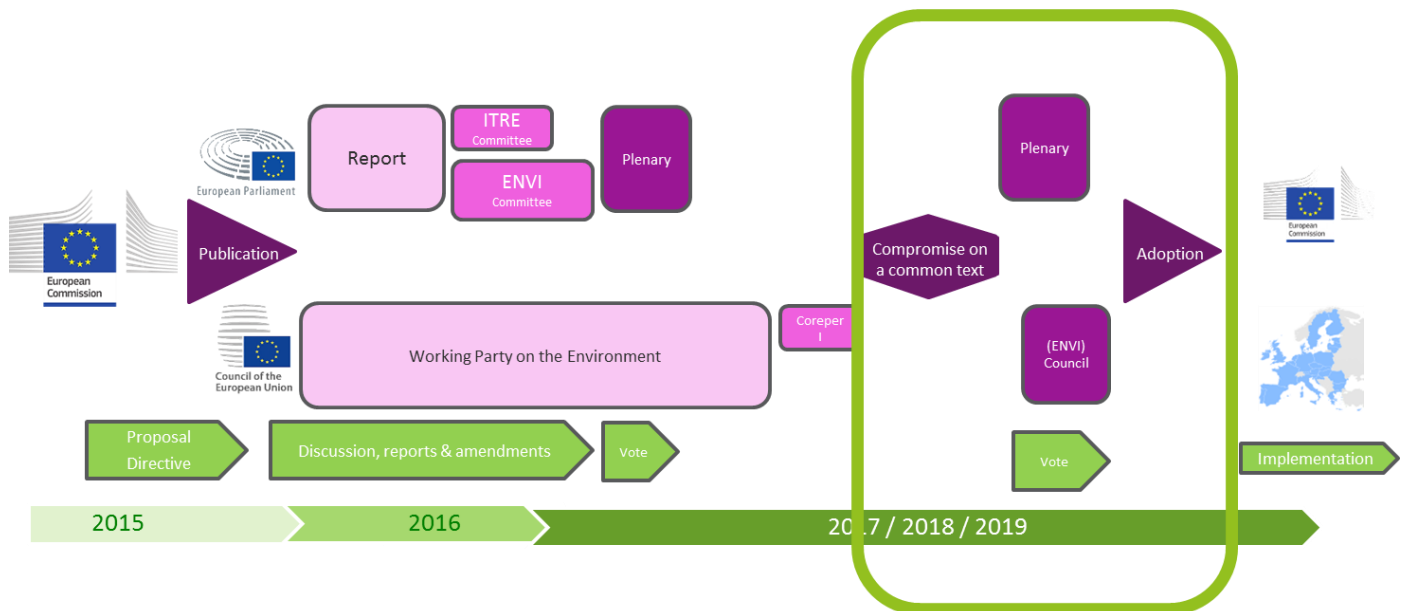


FIGURE 1: STATUS OF THE DISCUSSION OF THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY PACKAGE IN THE COUNCIL AND EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

DATE: WEDNESDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2017

TIME: 9.00 - 15.00 H

VENUE: EUROPEAN COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS, JACQUES DELORS BUILDING
RUE BELLIARD 101, BRUSSELS (BE)

NEAREST METRO STATION: MAELBEEK/MAALBEEK USING METRO 1 OR 5

WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE:

The workshop will be of particular interest for key decision-makers and stakeholders to discuss the importance of separate collection of biowaste and organic recycling with the aim to produce high quality compost and digestate which can be placed as soil improvers and organic fertilisers on the European market.

Members of the European Parliament, Member State representatives, stakeholders and also local governments, municipalities and companies are welcomed to participate.

REGISTRATION:

Participation is free of charge. Please note the number of participants is restricted. For registration, please use the online registration form [here](#).

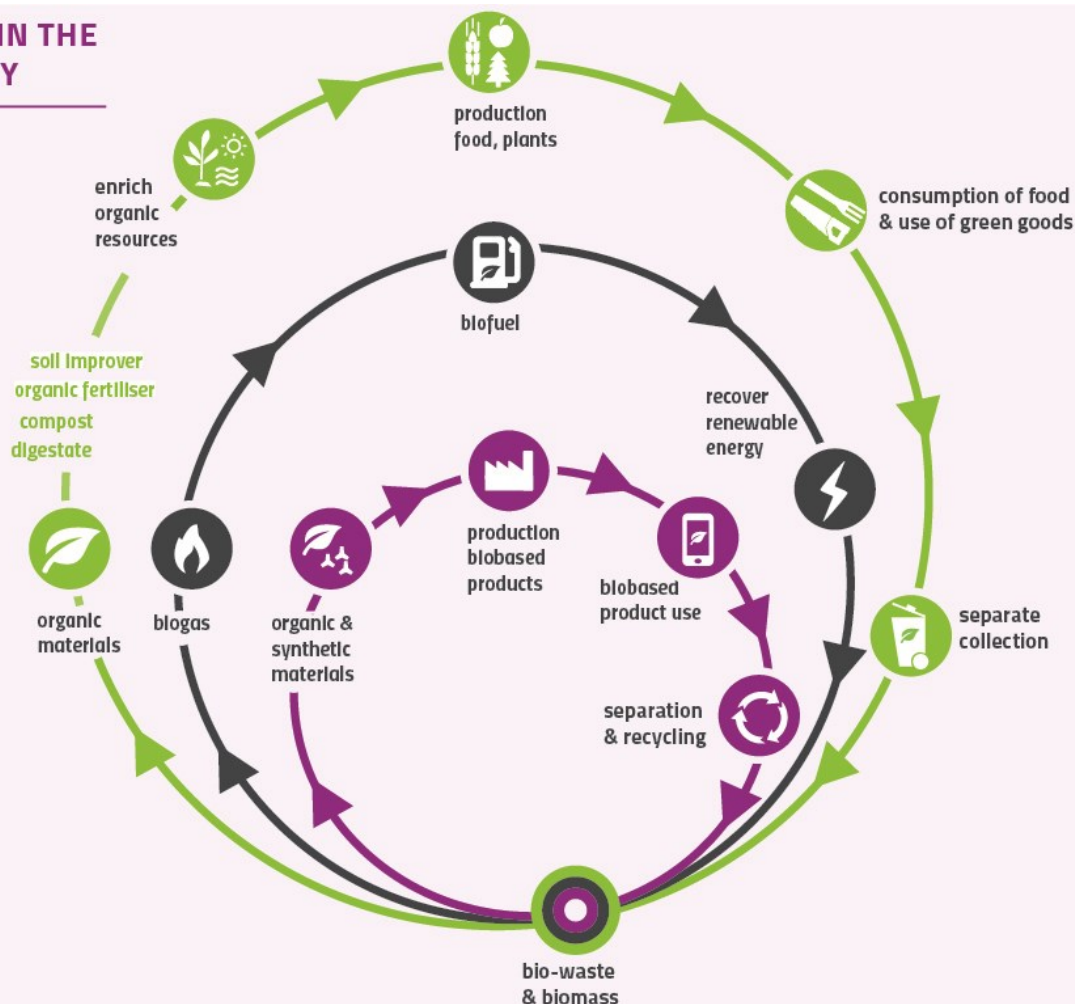
CLOSING DATE OF REGISTRATION:

The registration will be closed on 22 August 2017.

AGENDA

09.00-10.00	Registration
10.00-10.15	Welcome by Dr Babette Winter CoR Member and Rapporteur on the Circular Economy, State Secretary for Culture and Europe in the Thuringian State Chancellery
10.15-12.00	Policy Approach Session chaired by Arjen Brinkmann, ECN Board Member The Role of Biowaste in the Circular Economy Henrik Lystad, Chair of the European Compost Network Status on the Debate of the Commission's Waste Proposal Silvija Aile, European Commission DG ENV B.3 The European Parliament's Voice Mark Demesmaeker, ECR ,Shadow rapporteur of CE Package Biowaste in a Circular Bioeconomy: Vision and Experience of Flanders Sofie Bouteligier, International Policy Unit, OVAM Public Waste Agency of Flanders Panel debate with DG ENV, Member States Representatives, EP Representative, Stakeholders
12.00-13.00	Networking Lunch Break
13.00-15.00	Practical Approach Session chaired by Arjen Brinkmann, ECN Board Member Separate Collection of Biowaste – Is it technically, economically and environmentally practicable? Michele Giavini, Italian Compost & Biogas Council, Italy Long-Term Experience with Separate Collection of Biowaste in Munich Günther Langer, Abfallwirtschaftsbetrieb München (Waste Management Munich) Germany Challenges for Implementing Separate Collection of Biowaste in Estonia Pille Aarma, Ministry of Environment of Estonia Plenary discussion

BIOLOGICAL CYCLE IN THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY



BIOWASTE

Biowaste plays a key role in sustainable waste management. Biowaste accounts for the largest fraction (40%) in municipal solid waste. Today, only 30% of biowaste across Europe is collected separately and recycled in a sustainable way by composting and anaerobic digestion.

With the new waste legislation more than 60 million tonnes of biowaste could be recycled, which will result in the creation of 52,000 new jobs.

About ECN

The European Compost Network (ECN) is the leading European membership organisation promoting sustainable recycling practices by composting and anaerobic digestion of organic resources and guarding over the quality and safe use of the recovered organic fertilisers/soil improvers.

The European Compost Network is a membership organisation with 67 members from 27 European Countries. Members include all European bio-waste organisations and their operating plants research, policy making, consultants and authorities. ECN represents

21 bio-waste organisations (compost and digestate quality assurance organisations) from 16 European Countries and three from abroad, 26 companies producing bio-based products (organic fertilisers, soil improvers, growing media, and biodegradable plastics), 6 non-governmental organisation of environmental protection organisations, 11 academic (research) institutes in environmental, agricultural and natural sciences and 3 environmental agencies. Via the member organisations, ECN represents more than 3500 experts and plant operators with more than 33 million tonnes of biological waste treatment capacity.