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ECN JOB VACANCY

ECN Policy Officer: Promoting separate collection of biowaste to boost European Circular Economy

We are looking for a consultant or self-employed contractor, based in Brussels, to support ECN's European policy work to foster separate collection of biowaste in the European Circular Economy for Europe.

The European Compost Network (www.compostnetwork.info) is the leading European membership organisation promoting sustainable recycling practices in composting, anaerobic digestion and other biological treatment processes of organic resources.

ECN wishes to establish a permanent presence in Brussels, such as to strengthen its advocacy activities at European institutions. To lead this, ECN is looking for an EU policy officer on a part time basis.

The full job advertisement is available [here](#).

If you are interested, please send an application including your CV to:
info@compostnetwork.info

The deadline for applications is Friday, 12 February 2016.

RESPONSE BY FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

Implementation of Separate Collection of Biowaste will contribute to Europe's Circular Economy

On 18 January 2016, the European Compost Network ECN received the response by Europe's First Vice-President Frans Timmermans on its letter to strengthen separate collection of biowaste in the new proposed Circular Economy Package.

The First Vice-President Timmermans outlined in his letter that with the proposal to amend Article 22 of the Waste Framework Directive 2008/98/EC Member States have to ensure separate collection of biowaste, where technically, environmentally and economically practicable, biowaste will contribute to achieve a more circular economy in Europe. Besides this, the Commission has announced to provide common EU standards for organic fertilisers from compost and digestate to facilitate the use of biowaste in the EU by revising the EU regulation on fertilisers. The European Compost Network will follow up the discussion with the Commission, the Council and the European Parliament in the next month.



The response of the First Vice-President is available [here](#).

EU-COMMISSION - DG ENV

Report on separate collection schemes in the 28 capitals of the EU published

The European Commission has assigned BIPRO GmbH to elaborate in cooperation with the Copenhagen Research Institute (CRI) the implementation of separate collection schemes in EU Member States with focus on EU capital cities, as of 2015 Member States are obliged to separately collect paper, glass, metal and plastic with a view to foster high quality recycling of these materials.

Now, the study 'Assessment of separate collection schemes in the 28 capitals of the EU' has been published, and is available for download here: [Final report](#)



Besides the final report, 28 country and 28 capital factsheets including more detailed information on country / capital level can be accessed here:

- [Annex 1 - National factsheets](#)
- [Annex 2 - Capital factsheets](#)

The study on separate collection in capital cities will be presented at the conference 'Separate collection in the Context of a Circular Economy in Europe' organised by Municipal Waste Europe, EURO CITIES and the European Commission on Friday, **29 January 2016** in Brussels. The programme is available [here](#).

WEBSITE LAUNCHED

GORC 2016, 3-4 May 2016 Dublin (IE)



We would like to announce that the website www.gorc.ie of the Global Organic Resource Conference (GORC) 2016 organised by Cré (Composting & Anaerobic Digestion Association of Ireland), in cooperation with ECN (European Compost Network) has been launched.

This event will examine the opportunities in the organic waste sector, composting and anaerobic digestion sector, with a strong focus directed on the emerging bioeconomy sector.

The bioeconomy has the potential to provide many new opportunities to manage organic resources and get high value products from waste products. The event will have a session on healthy soils, which will highlight the benefits of using quality compost/digestate in the production of sustainable food production.

Please visit the website [here](#) and use the Early Bird registration until 31 March 2016.

DO NOT MISS THE DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION: 31 JANUARY 2016

ORBIT 2016, 25-28 May 2016 Crete (GR)

ECN's next ORBIT conference will be held in Heraklion, Crete on 25 to 28 May 2016. Focussing on the 'Circular Economy and Organic Waste Management', it is the tenth biennial conference on Organic Resources and Biological Waste Treatment, signalling 20 years of excellence in scientific research and professional networking.



ORBIT 2016 will be organised by Harokopio University of Athens (Prof. Dr. Katia Lasaridi), the Technological Educational Institute of Crete (Associate Prof. Dr. Thrassyvoulos Manios) and ECN.

The Conference will run parallel oral and poster sessions, with sessions including:

- Composting and anaerobic digestion technologies and processes;
- Food waste prevention;
- Bio-based economy and the biorefinery concept;
- MBT: technologies and products;
- Energy recovery from biomass / biofuels;
- EU policies and strategies for sustainable organic resources and waste management – the challenge of circular economy; and
- Climate change, LCA and decision support tools.

The submission of abstracts will close soon. Please submit your abstracts until 31 January 2016.

Further information and registration [here](#).

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