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CIRCULAR ECONOMY **Innovation** in Production, Consumption,

## **PROGRAMME**

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**Extraordinary meeting of the PES Group** in the Committee of the Regions



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## **Background**

The European Union has embarked on the path to becoming a more circular economy, in which waste is minimised and the value of materials, products and resources is maintained in the economic cycle for as long as possible. This is necessary both in the interest of economic and ecological sustainability, as it will help to reduce the resource and carbon footprint of the EU's economy, it will reduce its dependency on harmful, expensive or unreliable sources of raw materials and it will foster innovation, job-creation and competitiveness. To be able to reap these benefits, a fundamental and profound transformation of many aspects of current economic life and consumer habits is necessary, which will have far-reaching social consequences that will be felt very differently across different regions of the EU. The conference will therefore address the opportunities and challenges of the transition to a circular economy, which is one of the key projects for the coming years, as outlined in the European Commission's "Action Plan for the Circular Economy", published in February 2016.

## Interpretation

From DE, EN, FR, IT, EL, SV to DE, EN, FR, IT, EL, SV

**②** 8.45 – 9.00 **Registration** 

**O** 9.00 Minute silence in memory of the victims of the central Italy

earthquake

**②** 9.00 – 10.00 Extraordinary session on the Central-Italy earthquake in the

presence of mayors of affected municipalities in Umbria

Catiuscia Marini, President of the PES Group in the Committee of the Regions and President of Umbria Region, Italy

Leopoldo Di Girolamo, Mayor of Terni

Debate

② 10.00 – 10.45 Roundtable

A Circular Economy – Transforming Production and Consumption

Moderated by Dennis Abbott, Managing Director of Communications at Burson-Marsteller

Karl Falkenberg, Senior Adviser, Policy Strategy Centre, European Commission

Andrea Di Stefano, Responsible for Special Project and Business Communication at Novamont

**Edouard Martin**, MEP (S&D/F), member of the European Parliament committee on Industry, Research and Energy

① 10.45 - 11.15 Debate

① 11.15 - 11.45 Press Conference & Coffee Break

① 11.45 – 12.45 Roundtable

A Circular Economy – Local and regional opportunities

Moderated by Dennis Abbott, Managing Director of Communications at Burson-Marsteller

**Babette Winter**, State Secretary for European Affairs and Culture of Thüringen, Germany and CoR PES rapporteur on the Circular Economy Action Plan

Professor Federico Rossi, Head of the department of Engineering, University of Perugia

Simona Bonafé, MEP (S&D/IT), EP rapporteur on the revision of EU Waste Directives

Stefano Vaccari, Senator Partito Democratico

① 12.45 - 13.15 Debate

**13.15 - 13.30 Conclusions** 

Catiuscia Marini, President of the PES Group in the Committee of the Regions and President of Umbria Region, Italy

① 13.30 Lunch