



[View in browser](#)

## EREK Newsletter, issue #10

Tuesday, 12 March 2019

### WELCOME

Dear EREK community,

Welcome to this new issue of the EREK newsletters, informing you of the latest developments in best resource efficient and circular practices.

Last month, the Madrid workshop was a great success, and gathered more than 150 participants to discuss how to foster the Circular economy through ecodesign and product policy. In the next weeks, we will continue our workshop series, with our first [EREK Webinar on March 19th](#). Supported by our member ADEME, it will focus on “Lessons learned from delivering resource efficiency support programmes to SME’s in Europe – insights from France, Scotland and Estonia”. On March 26th, our member IETU will host the [EREK Katowice workshop](#), addressing how to make recycling of packaging waste a profitable business for SMEs.

Our workshops allow business support organisations and policy makers to engage in capacity building for resource efficiency and the Circular economy. One transversal issue that is increasingly prominent as standards move up is [lifelong learning](#) for SME’s staff. We looked at some recent initiatives to give you a quick introduction.

If you are not yet familiar with EREK, if you are an SME willing to improve your resource efficiency, or a business intermediary looking to join a vibrant community, you will find all the materials you need on our [website](#): [test](#) your

### THIS MONTH'S DATABASE FEATURE

**Systematic training is part of Hettich's environmental management system**  
What did they achieve?

Thinking green from day one

Environmental awareness-training decreases energy consumption by 80 kWh per tonne of output

Training covers a range of subjects including energy management, waste management, water and chemicals

Hettich ČR, k.s. in the Czech Republic is a company producing metal mounting and ironwork for furniture.

The forward-thinking company has implemented an environmental management system as part of its bid to improve green performance and save costs.

[read more ...](#)

resource efficiency, look for [inspiration](#) or find [support](#), it's all there!

You can also join our community, either by becoming a member of the [EREK network](#), or by setting up a [partnership](#) with EREK. In February, we welcomed 15 more organisations in our ranks:

- Chambre des Métiers du Grand-Duché de Luxembourg
- European Cluster Lighting Alliance
- Remade in Italy
- CGBC - Croatia Green Building Council
- Cyprus Energy Agency
- Cleantech ForEst
- Cyprus Employers and Industrialist federation
- The Environmental Protection and Energy Efficiency Fund of Croatia
- Piceno Promozione (Italy)
- Confindustria Veneto SIAV
- Consorzio Ecodomus
- SODERCAN - Sociedad para el Desarrollo Regional de Cantabria S.A
- Athens Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Heraklion Chamber of Commerce and Industry

EREK now counts 60 members from 22 EU countries!

As always, there are ample opportunities for you to come to meet the Resource Efficiency community:

- Plastics from design to recycling - Practical seminar on single-use plastics and plastic packaging, 12 March, Bratislava (Slovakia)
- After Work Event: Innovative Membranes for Water and Recyclables Recycling, 14 March, Stuttgart (Germany)
- Symposium “Energy Efficiency Building Design and Legislation”, 18-22 March, Rovinj (Croatia)
- nZEB and BIM - New Reality! 19 March, Zagreb (Croatia)

Sincerely yours,

The EREK team



## EVENTS

[Webinar - Lessons learned from delivering resource efficiency support programmes to SME's in Europe - Insights from France, Scotland & Estonia](#)

Date: 19/03/2019



[EREK Poland Workshop - Making recycling of packaging waste a profitable business for SMEs](#)

Date: 26/03/2019



## NEWS



### [Lifelong Learning and the Circular Economy](#)

The recent ACR+ event hosted at the European Parliament focused entirely on Lifelong Learning as a part of the circular transition. We look at some recent initiatives on how to handle

[Plastics from design to recycling - Practical seminar on single-use plastics and plastic packaging](#)

Date: 12/03/2019

[After Work Event: Innovative Membranes for Water and Recyclables Recycling](#)

Date: 14/03/2019

[Symposium “Energy Efficiency](#)

the re-education of our current economy. [Read more ...](#)

[Building Design and Legislation”](#)  
Date: 18-22/03/2019



### EREK WORKSHOP MADRID: Summary of the discussions!

Thursday, 14th February 2019 saw EREK - the European Resource Efficiency Knowledge Centre - co-host a workshop in Madrid, Spain. The event, entitled '*Compete in a more resource efficient and circular economy by product policy and ecodesign*' was organised by Ihobe and supported by the Club de Excelencia en Sostenibilidad and the Spanish Ministry of Ecological Transition. [Read more...](#)

[nZEB and BIM - New Reality!](#)  
Date: 19/03/2019



### REPORT: Accelerating the Transition to the Circular Economy

The European Commission released a report aiming at helping the transition from a linear to a circular economy by improving the conditions for financing circular economy projects. The report includes recommendation for key stakeholders: financial institutions, project promoters and policy makers.

[Read more ...](#)



We invite you to unsubscribe if this email is not of your interest  
[Edit your subscription](#) | [Unsubscribe instantly](#)