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EREK Newsletter, issue #12

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WELCOME

Dear EREK community,

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

Resource efficiency and the transition to a circular economy is both a challenge and an opportunity. Therefore, it makes sense that, to make this change, we would do so together. This is why this month's newsletter looks at the potential of cooperation as a means to improve our resource efficiency.

First and foremost, we have [interviewed Mihkel Krusberg](#), the advisor of the Estonian environmental management department, in order to find out how Estonia handles industrial waste and how the government supports SMEs in this change.

On the 19th of March 2019, EREK hosted a [webinar](#) dealing with support programmes in France, Scotland and Estonia, which will go a long way to supporting the circular transition. Furthermore, our member Motiva is organising a [workshop on industrial symbiosis](#) in Helsinki on the 6th of June!

And finally, if you are looking to capitalise on both industrial symbiosis and other means of support, the [European Cluster Conference](#) in Bucharest from the 14th until the 16th of May might be the ideal opportunity to do so.

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

THIS MONTH'S DATABASE FEATURE

Industrial symbiosis for exchanging heat
What did they achieve?

Creating a win-win arrangement for neighbouring factories:

- Waste heat from a metal plant is piped into a nearby malt factory

- The industrial symbiosis between neighbouring enterprises cuts both energy expenses and emissions

The heat-exchange circle means the malting plant no longer needs natural gas for its drying process, while the aluminium foundry can make money out of the previously unwanted heat they produce.

[Read more ...](#)



You can also join our [community](#), either by becoming a member of the EREK network, or by setting up a [partnership](#) with EREK.

In April, we welcomed 2 new organisations:

- Polish Green Building Council (PGBC)
- The Polish Cleaner Production Movement Society

EREK now counts 64 members from 22 EU countries!

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

- The [next EREK workshop](#), 6th June, Helsinki (Finland)
- The [EREK International Conference](#), 25-26 September, Brussels (Belgium): we will soon provide more information, stay tuned!

And other resource efficiency events in the coming months:

- [Fashion Green Days, 23-24 May, Roubaix \(France\)](#)
- [CINDERELA Conference: Establishing a Blueprint for a Resource-efficient Construction Sector, 23-24 May, Amsterdam \(Netherlands\)](#)
- [Re-source 2019, 28-29 May, Basel \(Switzerland\)](#)
- [SmaCE 2019 - 1st international Workshop on Smart Circular Economy, 30 May, Santorini \(Greece\)](#)

Sincerely yours,
The EREK team



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EVENTS

[EREK Finland Workshop - Improving resource efficiency through industrial symbiosis - Opportunities for SMEs](#)

Date: 06/06/2019



[Fashion Green Days](#)

Date: 23-24/05/19

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Date: 30/05/19

NEWS



INTERVIEW #12: SMEs in Estonia: How the Estonian government handles industrial waste

While resource efficiency is a huge challenge for SMEs, many countries are dealing with the major issue of industrial waste on a national scale. EREK news asked Mihkel Krusberg, the advisor of the Estonian environmental management department, how Estonia deals with industrial waste, and specifically in the case of SMEs. [Read more...](#)

EREK WEBINAR: Summary of the discussions!

On 19 March 2019, EREK in conjunction with its network member ADEME hosted a webinar



on the “Lessons learned from delivering resource efficiency support programmes to SME’s in Europe - Insights from France, Scotland & Estonia”. Over 60 participants joined the webinar where they heard from speakers showcasing different resource efficiency programmes across Europe followed by a discussion/Q&A session. [Read more...](#)



EREK Workshop #9: Improving resource efficiency through industrial symbiosis - Opportunities for SMEs / Helsinki, 6 June

On 6 June 2019, EREK in conjunction with its network member Motiva will host a workshop on "Improving resource efficiency through industrial symbiosis - Opportunities for SMEs". [Read more and register!](#)



European Cluster Conference - Connecting Ecosystems: Bridge. Inspire. Change. / Bucharest, 14-16 May

From the 14th until the 16th of May, the European Cluster Collaboration Platform will be organising a high-level conference on industrial cooperation and cluster policies. [Read more!](#)



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