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## *EREK Newsletter, issue #15*

*Wednesday, August 7th 2019*

### WELCOME

Dear EREK community,

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

This month, EREK interviewed [Harald Friedl](#), the CEO of Circle Economy. Circle Economy is a Dutch Social Enterprise that aims to accelerate the transition towards the circular economy. We asked him about the importance of social enterprises within the transition and discussed state of the market for circular economy.

EREK is happy to announce our most recent Key Partnership with ACR+: The Associations for Cities and Regions for Sustainable Resource Management. ACR+ is an international network of cities and regions that share the aim of promoting the sustainable management of resources and accelerating the transition towards a circular economy on their territories and beyond. You can read more about our partnership [here](#) and find out more about ACR+ [here](#).

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

**Supermarket collaborates with charity to reduce food waste**

What did they achieve?

One of the UK's largest food retailers, Tesco, was looking for ways to reduce food waste. It entered a partnership with FareShare, a charity which redistributes safe-to-eat food that is discarded by retailers to charities which feed poor and vulnerable groups across the UK.

This has led to over **300 tonnes** of food to be diverted to those in need since the programme began.

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

In July, we welcomed 2 new organisations:

- INEC: Institut National de l'Économie Circulaire
- Cleantech Cluster Lithuania

EREK now counts 68 members from 23 EU countries!

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

- The EREK International Conference, 25-26 September, Brussels (Belgium). You can find the program and all the practical information [here](#) where you can also register.

And other resource efficiency events in the coming months:

- [European High-Level Conference on Carbon Capture and Storage \(CCS\), September 5th, Oslo \(Norway\)](#)
- [36th European PV Solar Energy Conference and Exhibition, September 9th-13th, Marseille \(France\)](#)
- [Workshop on integrated sustainable nitrogen management, September 30th - October 2nd, Brussels \(Belgium\)](#)

Sincerely yours,  
The EREK team

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## EVENTS

### [EREK International Conference](#)

Date: 25-26/09/19



### [European High Level Conference on Carbon Capture and Storage \(CCS\)](#)

Date: 05/09/19

### [36th European PV Solar Energy Conference and Exhibition](#)

Date: 9-13/09/2019

### [Workshop on Integrated Sustainable Nitrogen Management](#)

Date: 30/09/2019

## NEWS



### [Interview #15: Harald Friedl of Circle Economy](#)

Circle Economy is a Dutch social enterprise that aims to accelerate the transition towards a circular economy. EREK spoke to Harald Friedl, the CEO of Circle Economy, about the role of social enterprises in the transition and the current state of the market for circular products and services. [Read more...](#)

### [EREK has a new key partner: ACR+](#)



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### [EREK International Conference: Make it happen with Resource Efficiency!](#)

The EREK international conference will demonstrate how successful businesses and industries seek resource efficient solutions, collaborate in a circular and social economy, and pursue digitalisation to gain a competitive edge. [Read more and register here.](#)



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