

PRESS RELEASE

Succeeding locally in the circular economy

EUROPEAN WEEK OF REGIONS AND CITIES 2016

UDITE, the European Federation of Chief Executives in local government, will host an EWRC workshop - *Succeeding locally in the circular economy* (URB12A74) on 12th October 2016. The workshop will bring together local authority CEOs and representatives from the private sector to present a series of successful local circular economy projects. With waste recycling and separation centres costing up to 200 million euros a circular economy strategy is absolutely essential to any successful investment strategy.

Speaking ahead of the workshop, UDITE President, Ronny Frederickx said *“It is our view that the circular economy should not be reduced just to materials. It should be about the big loop including energy generation, district heating, sustainable buildings and water”*

With municipal waste representing only 10% of the waste stream local government CEOs are keen to see a greater emphasis on innovation in the other waste streams. Up to 30% of waste locally can be industrial non-hazardous waste.

Pierre Emery representing Veolia speaking ahead of the workshop said *“We look forward to showcasing the latest separation waste stream techniques destined for innovative energy related or resource reuse locally. Sometimes wastes that cannot be recycled do contain high recoverable energy potential for district heating and steam for industrial processes”*.

Sebastian Deviers from the Communauté de Communes Pévèle Carembault (FR) will talk about their initiative to create and the Club des Dirigeants Durables (CEOs Sustainable Development Club) as a dynamic platform to promote innovation and synergies between the businesses and the local municipalities in the circular economy. Other speakers will come from Santarem, (PT) and Turnhout (B) to talk about innovative materials reuse and sustainable building programmes as the drivers for reduced consumption of raw materials.

UDITE is a firm supporter of sustainable funding and creative knowledge platforms and in the context of the current European Commission action plan ‘Closing the Loop’, we look forward being updated by the European Commission in the workshop

To register go to the [EWRC 2016 website](#) - See you in October at URB12A74!

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