

Scaling Circular Investment: From Barriers to Opportunity | Event programme

15 October 2026 | Maison Grand-Place, Grand Place 19, Brussels

9:00	Arrival and registration
9:30	Opening: Enabling circular start-ups <i>Welcome from moderator, keynote presentation, and panel discussion.</i> • Katrina Sichel, moderator • Lucie Blondel, Policy Officer, European Commission • Luke Bailey, Senior Economist, Circle Economy Foundation • TBA • TBA
10:30	From the field: Circular investment in practice <i>Presentations and discussion from the CircularInvest beneficiaries.</i> • Alasdair Hood, CEO, Recirculate Systems • Denisa Gibovic, CEO, Blue Room Innovation • Joshua Linn, Co-founder and managing director, The Ocean Package
11:30	Coffee break
12:00	The role of cities and regions in scaling circular start-ups <i>A panel discussion featuring city, incubator, EU and circular business representatives.</i> • Simon Clement, Head of Circular Economy, ICLEI Europe • Marco Segovia Bifarini, Circular Economy Expert, Climate KIC • Bart Volkers, Director, Circulair Groningen Drenthe • TBA
13:00	Lunch
14:00	Workshop: From barriers to solutions <i>Participants will solve business case challenges in groups using stakeholder specific CircularInvest outputs.</i> ➤ Group A – What investors need: understanding and valuing circular business models

	➤ Group B – What founders need: building investment-ready circular businesses) ➤ Group C – What policymakers need to do: creating the conditions for circular investment
15:30	Break
16:00	Workshop share back <i>One representative from each group shares key takeaways and insights.</i>
16:15	Stakeholder reflections & closing with commitment <i>Attendees reflect on the day, and next step perspectives are introduced.</i>
16:30	Networking cocktail

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