

Present and future of circular plastics in Europe

April 16th 2026. Oyonnax, France. Hybrid event.



Cross-regional networking

INCIRCULAR cross-regional networking event

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The INCIRCULAR cross-regional networking event will take place on 16th of April (09:00–16:30 CET) at the [SISE facilities in Oyonnax](#), France. Entitled “**The Present and Future of Circular Plastics in Europe: From Industrial Demonstration to Interregional Scale-Up**”, the session will bring together clusters, industrial stakeholders, SMEs, policymakers and managing authorities to explore how circular plastics solutions can progress from pilot demonstrations to market-ready models that can be replicated and scaled across European regions.

The objective of this event is to foster dialogue and cooperation among identified organisations and ecosystem actors, with a clear emphasis on identifying concrete synergies and collaboration opportunities.

Scaling up the use of circular plastics requires more than just a successful industrial demonstrator. It also depends on trusted interregional cooperation, technology transfer, and investment pathways that enable replication across sectors and value chains. This session will present real-life industrial case studies and explore how cluster networks can facilitate the scaling up of circular plastic materials, acting as bridges between European regions.

Building on INCIRCULAR’s cross-regional work, this event will offer clusters, SMEs, policymakers and industry stakeholders a practical and forward-looking space for exchanging expertise and real-world experience on scaling circular plastics solutions. Leading regional plastics clusters from France, Spain and Slovenia will demonstrate how cooperation between clusters at an EU level can accelerate technology transfer, support the replication of successful pilot projects and improve access to funding and investment opportunities.

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Introduction

9:00

Welcome speech

SISE & TECOS

9:10

From waste to second-life plastics

Industrial symbiosis in practice. Key insights from the INCIRCULAR pilot

TECOS & GORENJE

European industry vision and policy context

9:30

Foreword

Caterina Verde, European Innovation Council and SMEs Executive Agency

9:40

The status of circular plastics in Europe: where do we stand for 2026?

EU Plastics Strategy, Circular Economy Action Plan, Twin Green & Digital Transition, I3 follow-up investments; regional/national funding

Olivia Chassais, Directorate-General for Environment. Bioeconomy & Sustainable Materials Unit.

10:10

Replication across EU regions

Industrial uptake of INCIRCULAR results in Andalusia

Dr Raúl Carrillo Beltrán, EcoCastulum

10:30

Replication across industrial sectors: from concept to production

ADRIA Mobil use case

Dr Matjaž Čop, Adria Mobil (Slovenia)

10:50 – 11:00

Coffee break

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Industrial reality and the role of clusters in scaling the circular plastics

11:00

Key results from INCIRCULAR-funded projects

- **MOIK**: Metalization of industrial knives (SI) – Ekstera & Additio
- **CLARA**: Classification & Advanced Recognition Automation – ROVIMATICA S.L.
- **PITS**: Sorting of plastic – Plas'tri
- **PLASTNIR**: Automatic detection system for industrial thermoplastic processes based on NIR and multispectral technology – Integración Sensorial y Robótica SL
- **WR-KNIVES**: Development of knives with significantly improved wear resistance for extended service life – TRO – cutting tools
- **SMART-MOLD**: System for Machine Anomaly Recognition and Telemetry in Moulding Operations for Lean Development – Logix

12:30

Interactive round table

The role of cluster networks, OEMs and industry in scaling circular plastics

Polymeris (FR), ANDALUSIAN PLASTIC CLUSTER (ES), TECOS (SI), ADRIA (SI), OMAPLAST (SI), GORENJE (SI)

- **Clusters as:**
 - Innovation orchestrators across the circular plastics value chain
 - Matchmakers between SMEs, technology providers, and large industrial players
 - Bridges between regions, enabling interregional collaboration and knowledge exchange
 - Key enablers of inter-clustering cooperation at EU level
- **OEMs and industrial players as:**
 - Drivers of market uptake and industrial demand for circular plastic solutions
 - Anchors for pilot validation, industrial demonstration, and scale-up
 - Integrators of circular materials and technologies into real production environments
 - Leaders in setting technical, quality, and sustainability requirements across value chains
- **How clusters, OEMs and industry together support:**
 - Technology transfer from research and pilots to industrial application
 - Replication and scaling of successful pilots across regions and sectors
 - Alignment of innovation with industrial needs and market readiness
 - Access to funding, investment opportunities, and public–private financing mechanisms

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13:15 – 14:30

Networking

14:30

Visit to the Industrial Technical Center for Plastics and Composites (IPC)

This two-hour visit includes two sites linked to plastic injection moulding, digitalisation, recycling, additive manufacturing and design.

Learn more and register here

<https://incircular-project.eu/incircular-cross-regional-networking-event>

Event details

- **Date:** 16 April 2026
- **Venue:** SISE site - Voie Romaine, 01100 Groissiat (Oyonnax, France)
- **Format:** Hybrid (in-person and online participation)

For any questions you may have, please contact Jorge Contreras Ubric (j.contreras@onprojects.es).

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