

NEW ERASMUS+ PROJECT: KATCH_e | JANUARY

- The newly launched ERASMUS+ project KATCH_e addresses the challenge of reinforcing the skills and competences in the field of product-service development for the circular economy and sustainability in the construction and furniture sectors.
- KATCH_e is a knowledge alliance bringing together partners from four EU countries that cooperate in the development and testing of an innovative, problem-based multidisciplinary course, a MOOC as well as product-service development tools for circular economy and sustainability.
- KATCH_e is a 3-year EU funded project that was launched in January 2017 and is part of the ERASMUS+ programme of Knowledge Alliances. This key action is aimed at strengthening Europe's innovation capacity and at fostering innovation in higher education and business.
- Relevant target groups are the universities, including students, professors and researchers; the business community, including companies and business organizations; and knowledge centres, including consultants and technological centres.

KICK-OFF MEETING OF THE KATCH_E PROJECT IN LISBON | JANUARY

- On January 23rd and 24th, 2017, the coordinator of the consortium, LNEG- Laboratório Nacional de Energia e Geologia, hosted the KATCH_e kick-off meeting on its premises. Beneficiaries from Higher Education, companies and research centres discussed how the project objectives could be achieved and laid the foundations of the project. During the next few months, the project will carry out an analysis of training needs and will establish a stakeholders' network to support the transfer of knowledge and help secure the activities after the funded period.
- The consortium seeks to make KATCH_e an important reference on closing the loop providing innovative and multidisciplinary training materials, curricula and tools. The project will indeed reinforce the competences of students and professionals of the target sectors in the field and will strengthen their relationship, increasing the possibilities of employability and contributing to the innovation and competitiveness of the sectors in the framework of circular economy and facilitating its transition to the business world.



KATCH_e PROJECT PARTICIPATION ANNOUNCED IN THE UNIVERSITY OF AVEIRO | JANUARY

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GREEN BUSINESS WEEK 15/17 MARCH 2017 IN LISBON | FEBRUARY

- The AIP Foundation organizes the Green Business Week – A Major National Event on Knowledge
- Transference from 15 to 17 March 2017 in the Lisbon Congress Centre.
- The event will have a focus on:
Sustainability | Energy efficiency | Urban Rehabilitation | Smart Cities | Information Technology | Climate Change | Renewable Energy | Water Efficiency | Water and Air Quality | Waste Treatment and Recycling | Biodiversity | Export of Green Economy | Creation of New Business and highly qualified jobs | Technology Incorporation | Research and Innovation.



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CIRCULAR ECONOMY: ONE YEAR AFTER ADOPTION, WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE FUTURE | FEBRUARY

- In late 2015, the European Commission published its Circular Economy Action Plan, along with a proposed review of the current waste legislation. The European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) supports an ambitious implementation of this Action Plan, which includes in particular an in-depth consultation of stakeholders and civil society. In previous opinions concerning the circular economy adopted in December 2014 and April 2016, the EESC made the case for a European Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform, whose aim would be to facilitate civil society consultation, cooperation between national, regional and sectoral networks and the exchange of expertise, information and best practices.
- With a view to taking stock of the Action Plan's implementation, looking at next steps and discussing the goals and practicalities of a European Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform, the EESC and the European Commission co-organise a conference which will take place on 9-10 March in Brussels.



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THE SUSTAINABILITY SUMMIT 2017 - MARCH 23RD - 24TH, LONDON | FEBRUARY

- What does COP21 and the push for greater environmental sustainability mean for business? The Sustainability Summit will bring together key thinkers, policymakers and business leaders, who will deliver strategies, ideas and solutions to decision makers, helping them to turn challenges into new opportunities and prepare for the future.



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THE NEW ECONOMY AND SOCIAL INNOVATION GLOBAL FORUM, 19-22 APRIL, MALAGA | FEBRUARY

- NESI Forum 2017 is a Global Forum on New Economy and Social Innovation that brings together for the first time in history the main international representatives of the so-called New Economic Movements (NEMs).
 - NESI will be held in Malaga, Spain, 19-22 April 2017.
 - Early bird tickets on sale! Save 30% till 28th Feb. 2017.



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OSCE DAYS CALL FOR CITIES: GLOBAL EVENT JUNE 8-12, 2017 | FEBRUARY

- Invitation to join the global hands-on event exploring Open Source for a sustainable Circular Economy in June 2017: Set up a local event and connect your event with other events across the globe! The Open Source Circular Economy Days (OSCEdays) will happen between June 8-12 2017 for the third year in a row.
- The event aims to bring together and globally connect creators, experts, activists and innovators from the fields of open source, circular economy, sustainability, design, waste and resource management to develop and exchange ideas and to prototype systems, products and designs for an Open Source Circular Economy.



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