

# Recycling Industry and Circular Economy – Up to the Challenge

**Tuesday 17 October 2017 | 17:00 to 20:00**  
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In December 2015, the European Commission presented a new circular economy package that will impact a wide range of sectors, especially the recycling sector. This package has set various targets in terms of recycling but also has introduced Life cycle thinking and measurement tools such as PEF (currently under pilot phase). By turning waste into new resources, recycling enables the circular economy.

FEDEREC carried out a study with the ADEME about CO2 and energy savings thanks to recycling. This study is accompanied, for the operational aspect, by a software allowing the calculation of CO2 and energy saving per materials. It was published in May 2017 in Paris and received a very wide welcome by French press and stakeholders.

Beyond the precise measurement of the environmental benefits of recycling, this study makes possible the link between circular economy and climate change policies adopted in the Paris Agreement.

This initiative is very much appreciated by the industry and meet the work done by DG environment in the PEF/OEF (product environmental footprint initiative) pilot phase.

This EURACTIV high-level forum will address the following issues:

- What policy framework is needed to benefit from CO2 and energy savings generated by recycling?
- What is the relation between PEF and the FEDEREC study?
- How does recycling contribute to bridge the EU's circular economy and climate change policies?
- How the methodology can be used by operators in their day-to-day business?
- Can this study be used as best practice across the EU?

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## PROGRAMME

17:00 – 17:30 Registration  
 17:30 – 18:30 Keynote speech and panel  
 discussion  
 18:30 – 19:00 Open discussion  
 19:00 – 20:00 Reception



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