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*Facilitating Policy Exchange, Knowledge and
Business Partnerships for a Circular Economy*

Circular Economy Mission to India

The Circular Economy Mission (CEM) 2018 will be hosted by the European Union (EU), under the EU – Resource Efficiency Initiative (EU-REI), from September 4–7, 2018 at New Delhi. The Mission will be led by the Commissioner for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, Mr. Karmenu Vella, with over 80 delegates from the EU expected to participate.

The Circular Economy Mission includes a series of high-level political and business meetings to facilitate policy and knowledge exchange as well as business partnerships between European and Indian businesses, government and other stakeholders for accelerating the transition towards the circular economy.

The main objectives of the Circular Economy Mission to India are:

- To increase cooperation between EU and India in the field of environmental policy
- To achieve a better understanding of environmental challenges and solutions needed for transformation, and
- To promote resource efficiency and circular economy solutions through business partnerships in India

The CE Mission will focus its efforts on facilitating partnerships by organizing targeted matchmaking events between European and Indian businesses and entrepreneurs.

The circular economy can unlock \$0.5 trillion for India by 2030, and presents an opportunity to decouple economic growth from resource depletion, while also spurring innovation.

CEM 2018 will include high-level political and business meetings to discuss and exchange ideas on policies and practices on resource efficiency and circular economy.

CEM 2018 Agenda

The Agenda for Circular Economy Mission (CEM) 2018 is available at:

http://ec.europa.eu/environment/international_issues/missions_en.htm

CEM 2018 at a Glance: Key Themes and Sessions



Statement from the EU Commissioner

Confronted with resource scarcity, EU and India both face the challenge of reconciling economic growth with environmental sustainability. Circular Economy and Resource Efficiency approaches can provide solutions to many of the challenges confronting us. In a world that is undergoing profound change, the transition to a circular economy is an opportunity to transform our economies making them more sustainable and protecting the environment while at the same time creating jobs and generating competitive advantages.



The EU and India also have a lot to share as they both are implementing innovative ideas and solutions. Indian culture is predisposed to a Circular Economy (CE), and the EU is taking strong steps towards CE transition through its Circular Economy Package. This package foresees actions benefitting both the environment and the economy. EU-India partnerships can try to find solutions for the most intractable challenges facing the planet and can strengthen the global dimension of the circular economy.

Mr Karmenu Vella
Commissioner for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries
 European Union

Circular Economy Mission (CEM) to India 2018

~80 EU Delegates
 Representing:

- 38** Companies
- 3** Universities / Research Institutes
- 5** National Associations
- 2** National Governmental Organizations
- 7** European Associations
- 2** International Organizations

16 EU Member States:



NOTE: Country flags shown above are representational only and not accurate

Participating Business Sectors

Consumer Discretionary

- Automotive
- Consumer Durables
- Electronics and Information Technology
- FMCG
- Textiles

Industry

- Construction and Building
- Logistics
- Engineering
- Consulting

Finance

- Finance and Investment



Materials

- Chemicals
- Metals
- Packaging
- Scrap Metal
- Plastics

Energy and Utilities

- Oil and Gas
- Power
- Renewable Energy
- Clean Tech
- Water

Others

- Waste Management and Recycling
- Healthcare
- Urban Design and Development

CEM 2018: An Overview Day 1 and Day 2

Day 1: September 4, 2018 (Inauguration of the CEM)

The Circular Economy Mission in India will be inaugurated on Day 1 by Mr Karmenu Vella, the European Union's Commissioner for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, and dignitaries from the Government of India. During the session, high-level speakers from the EU and Indian government and industry will provide an overview of the Circular Economy landscape in India, followed by select EU and Indian companies sharing their experiences of the business environment in India.

Participation on Day 1 is by invitation only.

Day 2: September 5, 2018

Day 2 will begin with a Roundtable Discussion chaired by NITI Aayog on Resource Efficiency Strategy and Prioritized Sectors in India – a moderated discussion to identify potential areas for intensified cooperation between EU and India to strengthen frameworks, exchange knowledge and build partnerships for the development of Resource Efficiency solutions and models in India.

The 4-day long mission from September 4-7, 2018 will include various plenaries, parallel sessions and B2B meetings. Day 3 and Day 4 will be hosted in conjunction with the 13th edition of the Sustainability Summit, organized by the CII-ITC Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Development, under the theme 'Everyone's Future'.

CEM 2018 will feature targeted matchmaking events between European and Indian businesses, business organizations, research institutes and entrepreneurs to facilitate knowledge exchange and partnerships.

This session will be followed by two panel discussions hosted by FICCI (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry) to discuss CE business models in India and the potential for technological, policy and innovation partnerships with Indian businesses.

The panel discussions will also focus on how a Circular Economy Grand Challenge could be set up in India, and moving towards closed loops for reinventing plastics for circular economy transition.

Participation on Day 2 is by invitation only.

CEM 2018: An Overview Day 3 and Day 4

Day 3: September 6, 2018

Day 3 will begin with the inaugural of the 13th Sustainability Summit, hosted by the CII-ITC Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Development. Following the inaugural, delegates have the option of attending the Sustainability Summit sessions (Agenda available here: www.sustainabledevelopment.in/summit/) or the sessions under the CE Mission.

Post inaugural, in CEM Session-I, experts from the EU and India will discuss the financial landscape required for market transformation towards circular business models in India, including policy and economic instruments.

The afternoon session will highlight entrepreneurial ventures that have addressed RE and CE challenges through socio-technical innovation. This will be followed by a session on the Institutionalisation of Resource Efficiency in India, which will be chaired by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change. The session will focus on the setting up of mechanisms for the implementation, compliance and monitoring of RE and CE, along with a sharing of learnings from the EU.



Day 4: September 7, 2018

The first session on Day 4 will see a discussion led by Indian and EU industry and government representatives on the need and potential for strengthening partnerships between the EU and India for the transition to a circular economy. This will be followed by an EU-India knowledge exchange session on national and sub-national implementation of RE and CE frameworks, highlighting the EU experience and initiatives undertaken by select Indian States.

Four parallel sessions will focus on sharing the findings and recommendations from the sectoral studies carried out under the EU-REI project on: Circular Economy and Solar Supply Chains, Resource Efficiency in the Construction sector, Circularity in Mobility and Extended Producer Responsibility for Plastics and Electronic-Waste.

The concluding sessions of the Circular Economy Mission will highlight expressions of interest for partnerships between EU and Indian stakeholders on RE and CE.

Day 3 (Sept 6) and Day 4 (Sept 7) of CEM 2018 will be hosted in conjunction with the 13th edition of the Sustainability Summit, organized by the CII-ITC Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Development (CESD).

Participation in CEM 2018

Day 1 and Day 2

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Day 3 and Day 4

Registration for attending sessions at both Sustainability Summit and CE Mission can be done at:

www.sustainabledevelopment.in/summit

For details, e-mail:

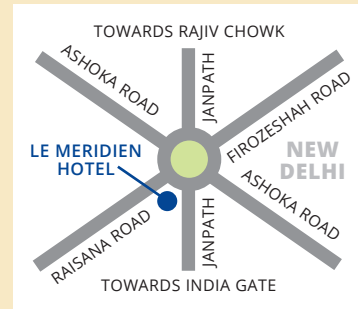
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