

A circular economy in the Netherlands by 2050



Schematic overview of the commitment and priorities of the Dutch cabinet

Production

- European development of circular business models
- New risk assessment for banks and investors
- 'Product-as-service' project

Utilisation

- Circular 'craft' centres and en 'repair cafés'
- Stimulate consumers to adopt a more circular behaviour
- Minimise the use of disposable products in events and hospitality industry

Recycling

- More and better recycling
- Chemical recycling

Innovation

- Less (non-recyclable) waste
- Development of smarter return systems

- Optimum use of biomass
 - Sustainable purchasing
 - European regulations
- Soil and nutrients
 - Transparent and quantifiable soil and water quality
 - Sustainable soil management
- More vegetable protein
 - Protein sustainability
- Reducing food waste
 - Innovation, research, monitoring and public information
- Sustainably produced biomass
 - Circular timber chain
 - Sustainable seaweed production
 - Sustainability framework
- Feeding and greening the cities
 - elf-sustaining city with a circular food supply

Consumer goods

Food and biomass

Plastics

Construction

Manufacturing

- Role model
 - Major government purchasers use purchasing power to promote circularity
- Clearly defined methodology
 - Circular measures in 'Bouwbesluit' (Dutch Building Decree)
- Information
 - Materials passport
- Construction targets
 - Circular Construction and adjustments of dwellings

- Preventing net outflow of metals
 - Expansion of 'Grondstoffenscanner' (Raw Materials Scanner)
 - Knowledge centre 'Kennisplein Grondstoffen'
- Replacing substances of concern
 - Development of a method to minimise risks
- Stimulate circularity of the manufacturing
 - Education
 - Materials passport
 - Testing grounds
- Learning
 - Launching concrete initiatives

- Prevention
 - Support EU-campaign against microplastics
 - reduce unnecessary use
 - Tackle biggest sources: litter and car tyres
- Quality
 - Innovate recycling systems
 - Banning the incineration of recyclable waste
 - Stimulate chemical recycling
- Biodegradable plastics
 - Agreements on degradable products and materials
- International efforts
 - Alternatives for plastic packaging
 - International projects and initiatives
 - UN initiative against microplastics in the sea