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The European Recycling Conference returns to Brussels on 18 March 2027

Brussels, 18 November 2026 – **The European Recycling Conference (ERC), Recycling Europe's flagship annual event, returns to Brussels on 18 March 2027**, bringing Europe's recycling industry back to the heart of EU policymaking at a defining moment for the sector. Recyclers, policymakers, manufacturers, circular economy experts and industry leaders will come together as some of Europe's biggest circular economy files move from political negotiation to implementation, and attention turns to whether Europe can build the markets needed to deliver on its ambitions.

The **Circular Economy Act** is set to put markets for recycled materials firmly on the EU agenda, as Europe moves from circular economy targets to delivery. **ERC 2027 will focus on what it takes to make that transition work**, from stronger demand and competitiveness to trade, investment and functioning markets.

"Europe has spent years setting the direction for the circular economy. Now comes the harder part: making it work in the market," said **Julia Ettinger**, Secretary General of Recycling Europe. ***"Recyclers are ready to supply Europe with the materials it needs. But targets alone won't get us there. We need real demand for recycled materials, investment in recycling and markets that work. That's exactly the conversation we want to have at ERC 2027."***

One conference. Three stages.

For the first time in its history, **ERC will run across three stages**, bringing more sectors, more voices and more focused discussions into one day. The day opens with a **plenary on the Main Stage**, with high-level panel discussions and exclusive **fireside chats** on the Circular Economy Act, the Industrial Accelerator Act and Made in Europe. **After lunch, ERC splits into three sessions running in parallel**: the Main Stage continues with **metals**, critical raw materials and **trade**, while two dedicated Side Stages put the spotlight on **tyres** and on **packaging**, plastics and paper. At the end of the programme, all three audiences will come back together for a **networking cocktail reception**, offering participants the opportunity to continue the conversation and connect with colleagues from across Europe's recycling value chain.

Registrations for ERC 2027 are now OPEN. Visit www.europeanrecyclingconference.eu to get your ticket and explore the agenda, speakers, sponsorship and speaking opportunities, and all the practical information you need to plan your participation.

Note to editor: Recycling Europe (formerly EuRIC) is the voice of Europe's recycling industry, including 83 national federations and companies across 25 countries in Europe. From metals and paper to plastics, textiles, tyres, ships, construction & demolition waste, WEEE and ELVs, our members transform waste into resources—powering Europe's circular economy, ensuring resource autonomy, and boosting competitiveness and sustainable industrialisation across the continent. *For press-related enquiries, please contact Zoi Didili, Recycling Europe's Senior Public Affairs & Communications Advisor, by email at zdidili@recyclingeurope.org or by phone at +32 (0) 489 09 46.*