

ECOCITY FORUM 2018

Circular Economy in Smart Cities

3-5 October 2018, Thessaloniki Concert Hall

INVITATION TO SUBMIT ABSTRACT

We are pleased to inform you that the non-governmental organization ECOCITY, oriented towards the urban environment, based in Athens, Greece, member of the European Environmental Bureau (EEB), Transport & Environment (T&E), PANEUROPE, ECOS, ECO Energy and MIO/ECSD, is organizing an International Conference focused on Circular Economy. The Conference, entitled “ECOCITY FORUM 2018 – Circular Economy in Smart Cities”, will be held in Thessaloniki 3- 5 October 2018.

ECOCITY FORUM 2018 is under the auspices of the Greek Ministry of Environment and Energy, and it is honored by its partnership with major international organizations and bodies (UNEP, Ellen MacArthur Foundation, the EC Directorate-General for the Environment are invited). Additionally, the Conference program includes works for the ECOCITY FOCUS LAB 2018, a special task awarded by Ecocity Builders, the US organizer of the Ecocity World Summit.

The main scope is to elucidate all facets of circular economy and its impacts, with emphasis on those related to urban sustainability. Specific topics include:
Smart cities and quality of life; Technological innovation and economic transition from products to services; Transition in energy and industry; urban planning to promote circular economy; Decarbonization of economy by developing renewable energy strategies; Waste avoidance and management; Energy from Waste; Plastic waste avoidance and recycling options; Industrial symbiosis, closed loop systems & eco-industrial parks; Circular Economy Clusters & emerging industries; City planning to promote circular economy; Closing the loop in conurbations with innovative logistic solutions and hubs; Role of ports in the circular economy; Social well-being & health benefits with emphasis on the urban population; Customer behavior & social interaction; Policy context, legal aspects & corporate governance; Barriers & opportunities for SMEs; Innovation in production; The role of Information Communication Technologies; Rethinking product design towards a circular economy; Blue Economy - An opportunity for business innovation & regional development; Circular Farming - Precision agriculture, nutrient efficiency, animal welfare and smart processing; Electro-mobility.

We invite submissions of abstracts (maximum 250 words) for poster presentations at the Conference on related topics. The abstracts will be peer-reviewed by our Scientific Committee.

Important dates to note:

31 January 2018 - conference site on-line www.ecocityforum.eu

10 March 2018 - deadline for on-line abstracts submission

16 April 2018 - notification of decision on abstracts acceptance

30 April 2018 - early registration deadline