



## Challenges for the Islands in the era of the Circular Economy

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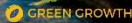
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Chania, Crete

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## INVITATION

### **CirCIE 2018 “Challenges for the islands in the era of Circular Economy”**

Dear Guest,

We have the pleasure to cordially invite you to the forthcoming international Conference CirCIE2018 "Challenges for the Islands in the era of Circular Economy", organized under the auspices of the European Commission. CirCIE2018 will be held in Chania, Crete, Greece from 20-22 September 2018; it is aiming at promoting circular economy in the islands, identifying good practice, highlighting cross-border cooperation, enhancing bilateral & multilateral relations, strengthening economic & business opportunities and promoting green and blue growth, sustainable development and implementing circular economy practices in the islands of the Mediterranean by building capacity to that effect.

The Conference cornerstone is explaining the new circular economy framework, sharing good practice, networking & dialogue promotion, focusing on economic and territorial cohesion, capacity building, transferability and regional cooperation in topics, such as:

- EU islands' circular economy challenges and opportunities
- Clean energy islands initiative
- Renewable Energy Sources
- Water resources
- Waste management and plastics' strategy
- Blue growth
- Insularity issues
- EU co-financing and relevant instruments
- IT and smart islands initiatives

During the dedicated business forum session, institutions, businesses and policy-makers will meet to exchange their views for transforming ideas into business opportunities, supported by innovative funding - financing tools fostering Circular Economy business models and eco-innovation.

The parallel Interprogramme synergies roundtable will boost the interaction between major strategic programme frameworks and the capitalization of common priorities and policy positions.

The overall target is to bridge knowledge gaps by exchanging ideas between EU officials and policy-makers, EU funds and programs' national managers, financial institutions, large enterprises and SMEs, academic and research institutions and EU co-financing instruments.

Thanking you in advance for your availability and looking forward to our fruitful cooperation.

Your Sincerely,



**Georges Kremlis**  
Honorary Director  
European Commission  
In charge of circular economy in the islands on behalf of DGENV  
Chair of the Organising Committee



**Stavros Arnaoutakis**  
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