



Subject: invitation to the Flemish Parliament's Interparliamentary Conference on Circular Economy on 17 and 18 March 2024 in Brussels

Dear Speaker,

On Monday 18 March 2024, the Flemish Parliament organises an Interparliamentary Conference on Circular Economy as part of the Belgian Presidency of the European Union. The conference will take place in the premises of the Flemish Parliament in Brussels. On Sunday 17 March, we organise a visit to a circular company and we invite participants to a welcome dinner at De Daktuin, the rooftop restaurant of the Flemish Parliament

Circular economy plays a crucial role in the future of the European economy and for our strategic autonomy in the world. It is therefore important that the European Union and Member States encourage entrepreneurship in the circular economy. Moreover, investments in circular economy create a lot of jobs, also for short-skilled people. As materials become scarcer and more expensive, the reuse of materials has a lot of advantages and benefits the environment at the same time. The Flemish Parliament therefore considers it important that the European Union and all European member states uphold high ambitions for circular economy and wants to use the Interparliamentary Conference to further stimulate the debate and show inspiring examples.

We hope to welcome MPs from all European Member States, the European Parliament and candidate countries to our Interparliamentary Conference, and to debate with them and learn new best practices with regard to the role circular economy can play in the European Union of the future.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several fluid, overlapping strokes that form a cursive representation of the name 'Liesbeth Homans'.

Liesbeth Homans
Speaker of the Flemish Parliament