

# Circular Economy – a just transition?

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# Agenda

Reducing raw material consumption by 50% from 2015-2030

A fully circular economy in the Netherlands by 2050

Commitment of: local, regional, national government, EU/OECD

- Research institutes, Business (large and sme), Trade unions

Involvement to be developed:

- Citizens / Consumers.

- (Permanent) Education.

- Low and Middle Income Countries.

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- **2016 – 2023 National Circular Economy Plan in the Netherlands**
  - ✓ Commitment from government, research institutes, large & sme business, trade unions
  - ✓ Initial focus of **transition agenda**: innovations, reducing carbon footprint of production  
Shift to: securing supplies in a changing geopolitical environment
  - ✓ Initial focus of **social agenda**: additional domestic jobs, net expected job growth ~ 55,000  
Shift to: necessary qualifications, labour shortage as bottleneck, international relations
- Current developments:
  - ✓ National Growth Fund: **Permanent education** and PPP **sustainability in vocational training**
  - ✓ Study: **welfare effects of transition** in Low and Middle Income Countries
- Role of the Dutch national government:
  - ✓ Putting Circular Economy on the **agenda**
  - ✓ Bringing together **partners** on local, regional, national and international level
  - ✓ **Fact finding** - implications of transition for labour and trade relations
  - ✓ **Next step** - WCEF 2024 in Brussels

Link: [Circular Dutch economy by 2050 | Circular economy | Government.nl](#)

# Thank you

# Danke

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