



www.rebus.eu.com

Circular Horizons 2016/17 Brokerage Event Report

On 10 September 2015 the Circular Horizons 2016/17 European Brokerage Event saw 94 delegates from the UK and the EU gather in London to explore the 2016/17 funding opportunities for circular economy projects in Horizon2020 and to build new collaborations. Organised by KTN and with support by Life+ project REBus, the event was the first in a [series of five brokerage events](#) to launch Societal Challenges Two (Food security, sustainable agriculture and forestry, marine and maritime and inland water research and the bioeconomy) and Five (Climate action, environment, resource efficiency and raw materials). The event coincided with the European Commission publishing the much anticipated [draft Work Programmes for Horizon2020 for 2016 & 2017](#).

The morning session of the event was dedicated to Life+ project REBus, featuring an introduction to the project by Mike Robey (WRAP, UK - REBus Project Coordinator), followed by presentations from two REBus pilot participants. May Al-Karooni from UK SME Globechain shared the company's experience of the REBus journey focused on electrical item reuse. The presentation was followed by a double act by Cuno van Geet (RWS, NL - REBus Project Partner) and Geerke Versteeg



(Humanagment), who introduced the concept of circular procurement in the Netherlands and highlighted the learnings gathered by the Dutch rail infrastructure management company ProRail in adopting and rolling out the REBus procurement pilot for furnishing the ProRail traffic control centre in Utrecht earlier this year.

Attendees then heard from the National Contact Points for the LIFE Programme (Steve Bradley) and Societal Challenge 5 (Ewa Bloch) on the funding opportunities available in the coming months as well as the perspective

on writing proposals from an experienced evaluator (Margaret Bates). Take a look at the presentations from the event [online](#).

The event also provided ample opportunity for networking via networking walls and 24 people pitched what they were looking for and had to offer a consortium. View their pitches [online](#).

With the contribution of the LIFE financial instrument of the European Community

