

INVITATION

In view of the preparation of the Hubs for Circularity (H4C) initiative in the framework of Horizon Europe Work Programme

DG Research & Innovation is organising :

WORKSHOP



EC-Workshop

‘A new flagship initiative – Hubs for Circularity (H4C)’

Concept, opportunities & challenges for a successful implementation.

21 April 2021 from 10:15 – 16:00

ONLINE EVENT

Stakeholders and experts from industry, SMEs, RTOs, academia, MS and regions will discuss on how to progress on consolidating aspects regarding the

implementation of H4Cs that require a consensus agreement from the community. The main objective of the workshop will be to prepare for the future calls on H4Cs in order to ensure that key aspects for an effective implementation are identified and tackled in advance to reach high participation, outstanding proposals and high success rate. The H4Cs will be key instruments to advance the R&I agenda of European industries towards the Green Deal's objectives. Practical examples and lessons learned will show that making the transition to Industrial symbiosis, Urban Industrial symbiosis and circular economy provide gains that out weight the effort and risks.

The first part of the workshop will be opened by **Peter Dröll**, Director Prosperity, DG R&I, followed by **Peter Berkovitz, DG REGIO - Head of Smart and Sustainable Growth Unit (TBC)**, and with information on the concept, why it could make the difference for achieving the Green Deal objectives and how it would be an opportunity for EU regions. A panel discussion will follow with examples of successful first implementations. The afternoon part will introduce the challenges for a successful implementation: communication, IPR, regulation and standardization, access to energy and resources, investments beyond HE. Four panel discussions will be organised with speakers from industry, EU projects and the Commission. The closing remarks will be given by **Jürgen Tiedje**, Head of Advanced Manufacturing Systems and Biotechnologies Unit, DG R&I.

REGISTRATION

To follow the event, please register at: **RTD-H4C-WORKSHOP-0421@ec.europa.eu** before 14 April 2021.

Confirmation with details for participation will be sent by email to registered participants. _____

We look forward to seeing you on 21 April.

Best regards,

H4C Workshop Team