

Cefic's statement on the publication of the Commission's strategy for a Circular Economy.

Cefic welcomed the publication of the Commission's strategy for a circular economy.

"Maximising efficiency and minimising waste are good business practice," said Director General Hubert Mandery, **"and it only makes sense to consider how those same principles can be applied to the economy as a whole."**

He expressed disappointment that the Commission appeared not to have taken the opportunity to clarify the definition of waste, and encouraged them to do so in order to ensure that valuable resources are not lost to the economy due to regulatory barriers.

Further, noting that the Communication identifies a need to facilitate the traceability and risk management of chemicals in the recycling process, Mandery added, **"The European Chemicals industry is committed to ensuring the safe use of chemicals. We look forward to working with the Commission and other stakeholders to make sure that the same high standards apply at every stage of the circular economy."**

Read our position paper:

Cefic views on the circular economy

<http://www.cefic.org/Documents/PositionPapers/Circular-Economy-Cefic-Position-Paper-November2015.pdf>

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