

re-VISION

Circular Cities Conference 2026

Shaping Urban Transformation for Resource Resilience

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Program

09:00 – 09:30 Check-In

09:30 – 09:40 **Opening and Welcome**

09:40 – 09:50 **Impulse** / Greeting (tbc)

09:50 – 10:20 **Keynote Prof. Dr. Maja Göpel**

10:20 – 10:30 **re-FLEX:** Interaction with the Audience

10:30 – 11:00 Break

11:00 – 11:45 **re-PRACTICES: Proof of Concept & Best Practices**

from the cities of Vienna, Hamburg, Berlin

Speakers:

Claudia Eggert-Köster, Hamburg, Ministry for the Environment, Climate, Energy and Agriculture

Manja Hampel, Concular / Project Berlin TXL

Philipp Preuner, City of Vienna, Department of the Magistrate, Division for Climate Affairs

11:45 – 12:15 **re-PANEL: „Circular Cities in Action: How do we concretely shape circular and resilient cities?“**

Panel Participants:

Meike Al-Habash, Zero-Waste-Agency

Tim Bagner, German Association of Cities

Dr. Shirin Betzler, Collaborating Centre on Sustainable Consumption and Production (CSCP)

Claudia Eggert-Köster, Hamburg, Ministry for the Environment, Climate, Energy and Agriculture

Philipp Preuner, City of Vienna, Department of the Magistrate, Division for Climate Affairs

12:15 – 12:45 **re-FLEX:** Interaction with the Audience

12:45 – 13:45 Lunch Break

13:45 – 13:55 **Intro to the re-LABs**

14:00 – 15:30 **re-LABs:** Deep-dive into specific questions and approaches for implementing solutions for Circular Cities

Topics & Speakers:

→ **The city as a raw material warehouse: material inventories as a lever**

How can buildings and infrastructures in a city be thought of as 'urban raw material warehouses' – and what is needed to turn this into a usable material inventory for cities?

Madaster, Sarah Sauer

→ **Circular use of open spaces for circular cities: How municipalities can support initiatives for the common good**

How can cities allocate their scarce open spaces in a way that reasonably balances social policy needs, circular economy, and private business interests?

treibgut Materialinitiative gUG, Sophia Metzler, Jonaid Khodabakhshi

→ **Smart Structures in Construction: Blueprint for Insulation Material Take-Back**

How do construction site materials make their way back into the cycle – without extra stress for the trades?

Handwerkskammer Berlin, Carmen Albrecht

Hochschule für Wirtschaft und Recht / Projekt „Zukunft findet Stadt“, Leo Fenster

IVPU - Industrieverband Polyurethan-Hartschaum e.V., Thomas Herrschelmann

→ **Re-Use in the Cultural Sector: From Idea to Circular Infrastructure**

How do props become a reliable circular infrastructure for the cultural sector?

Bayerischer Landesverband der Kultur- und Kreativwirtschaft BLVKK e.V., Jacqueline Heimgärtner

→ **Circular Society in Action: From the Idea to Politically Effective Implementation**

How does a Circular Society actually become tangible – measurable, applicable, doable, and politically effective?

TU Clausthal, Prof. Dr. Ani Melkonyan-Gottschalk, Annika Hoppe

→ **Circular cities need knowledge: Circular education structures along the entire education chain**

How do we prevent circular city projects from failing due to a lack of expertise?

Cradle to Cradle NGO, Lena Germscheid

15:30 – 16:00 **Break**

16:00 – 17:15 **re-PORT:** Short presentation of the re-LABs results

17:15 – 18:00 **Closing Plenary**

From 18:00 **Onwards:** Wrap-up at MARS Restaurant

Moderation:

Meike Al-Habash, Head of Zero-Waste-Agency

Sonja Wegge, Consultant Circular Economy

The conference will be held in German and English. Presentations can be given in either German or English. For participants who can't follow one of the languages, a digital simultaneous translation app is available, which can be used on your own smartphone. The translation can be listened to through headphones or displayed as text on the screen.

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