

THE IMPLICATIONS OF CIRCULAR ECONOMY DEVELOPMENT AT EUROPEAN LEVEL

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Abstract

In the context of the production of more than 2,5 billion tons of waste every year in the European Union, the circular economy is a matter of significant importance, debated in the European area and beyond.

The transition to the circular economy involves reducing waste to the lowest level and replacing the traditional linear purchase-use-disposal economy.

Thus, given the World Bank's 2050 estimates (2018), which support an increase in annual waste production by 70% and the premise that the United Nations' Sustainable Development goals made, that the population will require the resources of three planets, moving toward a circular economy is a necessity for both the environment and society.

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