

**Question for written answer E-016004/2015  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: Circular economy

During COP 21 held recently in Paris, we were once again reminded of the need for fundamental commitments for protecting the environment to be made on both a European and worldwide scale. Europe, which has long led by example through its approach for combating climate change, needs to go even further in how it uses the limited resources of our planet, by switching from a 'linear' economy to a 'circular' model, thereby creating value by reusing, to the greatest extent possible, the components of products that have reached the end of their life. This new model, which the European Union must now seek to embrace, would result in a great many benefits in terms of competitiveness, employment and growth, and thus goes well beyond environmental protection and reducing the excessive use of resources. The European Union needs to act decisively by positioning itself at the forefront of this way of the future, which offers a whole host of advantages.

1. Through what means does the Commission intend to develop a Europe-wide strategy in order to make a circular economy possible and steer us towards this specific common goal?
2. How does the Commission intend to enable ambitious measures on the circular economy to be drawn up with the aim of strengthening competitiveness, creating jobs and generating sustainable growth?