

Financing of Startups and Innovation in the Circular Economy

SECA Webinar

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This webinar brings together investors, circular economy experts and innovative startups to explore how financing can enable circular solutions to scale. The session will provide an overview of the Swiss circular economy landscape, offer insights from leading investors into key areas of the circular economy and showcase promising solutions from Swiss companies DePoly and Kuori.

The webinar will conclude with a panel discussion on the opportunities and challenges of financing innovation in the circular economy.

Program:

- 12:00 **Welcome & Introduction SECA, Impact Investing Circle**
Ulrich Geilinger, Former Chairman SECA
- Circular Economy Overview – The Swiss Perspective**
Francois Gerber, CEO, Circular Economy Switzerland (CES)
- 12:15 **Investor's Perspective**
- Plastics Circularity Investments**
Felix Philipp, Head of Research for Circular Economy and Materials, Lombard Odier
- Sustainable Materials and Packaging**
Fredric Petit, Partner, Head of Materials & Packaging, Emerald Technology Ventures
- Catalytic Investments in Circularity**
Christin ter Braak-Forstinger, General Partner, CHI Impact Capital, Zurich and Catalytic Impact Partners, Munich
- 12:40 **Company Presentations**
- DePoly – Tackling the Plastic Waste Problem
Samantha Anderson, Co-Founder and CEO, DePoly
- KUORI – Waste Turns Material
Sarah Harbarth, Founder & CEO KUORI
- 12:55 **Panel Discussion**
Moderation: Ina Paschen (CES) und Ulrich Geilinger (SECA)
- 13:10 **Closing**

Webinar: Free of charge

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