

SUMMARY

of the Opinion on the Communication "Closing the loop - An EU action plan for the Circular Economy"

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The Chamber of Deputies:

1. Welcomes encouraging design requirements on reparability, durability, modernization and recyclability of products and reminds that such an approach should be coordinated with the increase of life duration of the product;
2. Reasserts its concern regarding the maintenance of the relevance of "ecolabel", of combatting its excessive use in situations which would rather misguide. It supports the intention of the Commission to cooperate with the interested parties so that the "ecologic" labels should be trustful;
3. Welcomes the Commission's concern on testing the product environmental footprint and expresses its hopes that the methods for evaluating the environment performance will be capable to offer useful information both for companies and for the European citizens;
4. Welcomes the revised fertilizers regulations in order to facilitate the recognition, in the single market, of organic fertilizers and of those based on wastes, in order to also support the role of bio-nutrients in the circular economy;
5. Acknowledges that only the high quality recycling can assure the exploitation of the critical raw materials. It also acknowledges the fact that it is essential to improve the recycling potential of the electronic devices through products design;
6. Welcomes the approach according to which the transition towards a circular economy represents a systemic change, but reminds that such a change needs a specific improvement of human capital. It urges the Commission to support the exchange of experience in the field of education, at the level of the Member States, in order to meet this requirement.