

# MEETING THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS REQUIRES STRONG CIRCULAR ECONOMY POLICIES

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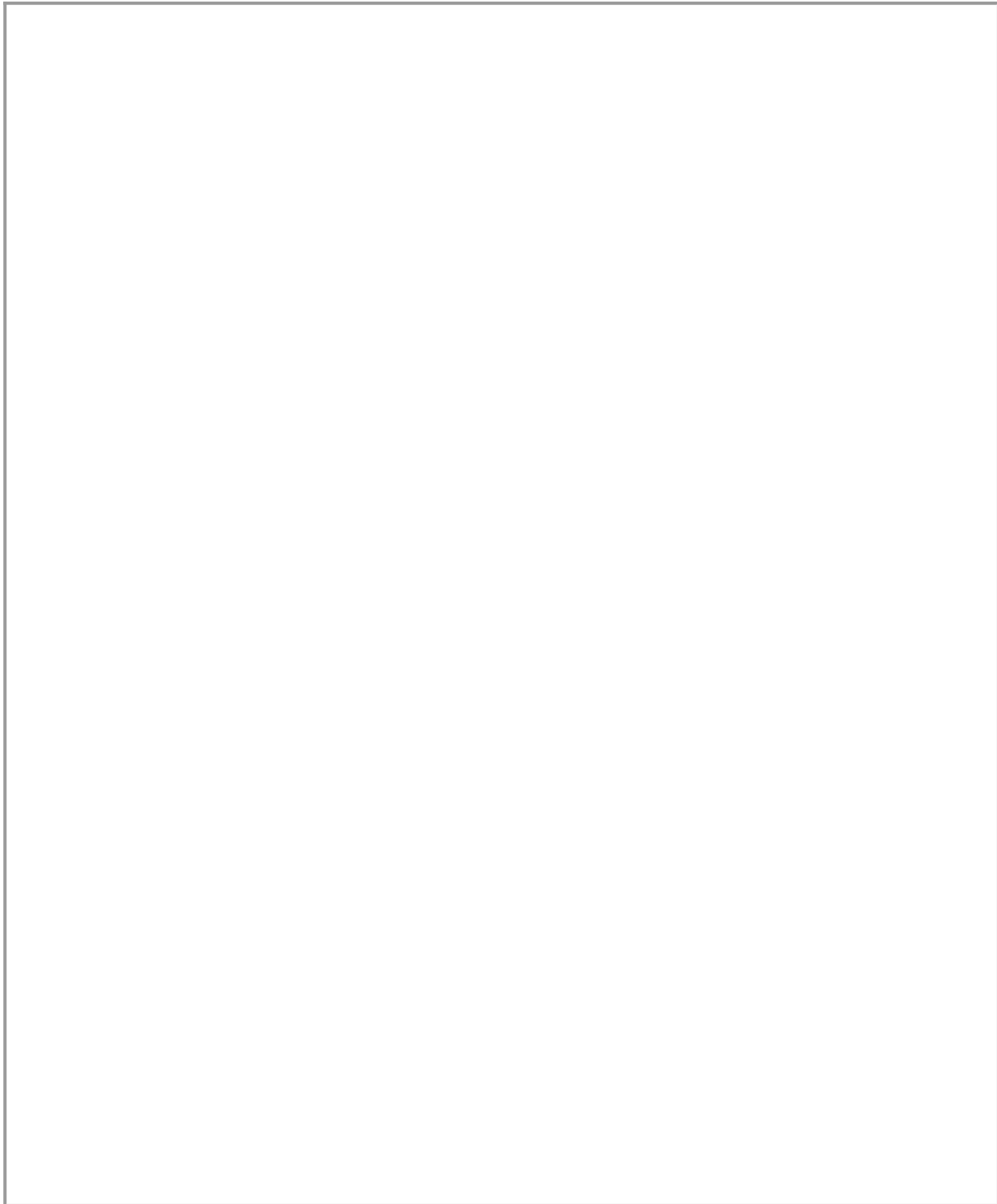
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## Why we did select this research?

In 2019, various stakeholders including the European Parliament urged the European Commission to develop an SDG implementation strategy, including the integration of monitoring and assessment of progress on the SD. What is actually needed to meet them?

## Key points:

- There is a strong link between the SDGs and the circular economy. Circular economy practices can be applied as a 'toolbox' for achieving a sizeable number of SDG targets.
- It is impossible to obtain all SDGs by global accelerated economic growth or by a stronger focus on achieving them, and that tougher interventions are needed that address the problems head-on.
- The measures proposed to introduce circular economy at the EU level are financial incentives (extended producer responsibility, low VAT and a tax shift from labour to resources), procurement, innovation, regulation, trade policies and voluntary actions.
- Implementing these measures during the next policy cycle requires rapid political action by all EU and member states institutions.



**Reference:** Ecopreneur.eu (2019). Meeting the climate goals requires strong circular economy policies. Retrieved from <https://ecopreneur.eu/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/EcopreneurEU-Climate-and-CE-paper-2019.pdf>

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