



Dear readers & friends of GREATER GREEN,

The GREATER GREEN team wishes you a successful year and is looking forward to a good cooperation in 2020!

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Project News

GREATER GREEN with reinforcement into the new year

After Mr. Thomas Pornschlegel had taken over the management of the office from Ms. Tamara Breitbach on October 1, 2019, Dr. Michael Schäffer joined the **GREATER GREEN** team, especially to support the communication department. Mrs. Breitbach will continue to work at the Environmental Campus and support the activities of Ecoliance e.V..

GREATER GREEN draws a positive balance for the year

After the first two years of the project were dedicated to project objectives 1, 2 and 4 - raising awareness of cross-border cooperation, better visibility of environmental technology in the Greater Region and networking - the GreenTech Meta-Cluster **GREATER GREEN** has devoted itself more intensively to setting thematic priorities in the past year [\[...\]](#).

GREATER GREEN goes into extra time

Since October 2019, **GREATER GREEN** is in a one-year extension phase. Three additional actions have been added to the original five, which are now being worked on as a priority:

- Creation of 4 thematic working groups (plastics recycling, sustainable construction, water management & smart green energy)
- Execution of a feasibility study for a joint trade fair appearance
- Continuation beyond the end of EU funding..... More on this: [\[...\]](#)



GREATER GREEN Brochure in Preparation

GREATER GREEN and its partners are working on an inventory of the environmental technology sector in the Greater Region, which is to be completed in spring 2020 with the publication of exemplary projects ("**Lighthouse Projects**"). More about this coming up [soon](#).

GREATER GREEN is looking for YOU:

Are you a new start-up in environmental technology and are located in the Greater Region or do you have such a start-up in your cluster? Then let us know so that we can introduce you on our homepage and in the next newsletter! Please write to us: info@greatergreen.eu.

Review

GREATER GREEN at Cycl'eau

On 5 December 2019 the Cycl'eau water fair took place at the Palais des Congrès in Straßbourg, hosting B2B meetings and conferences with more than 50 exhibitors present. The Meta-Cluster **GREATER GREEN** held its first working group meeting on the topic of water [\[...\]](#).



knowhow@htw saar 2019

At its event in November 2019, knowhow@htw saar again provided important impulses for the transfer between science and industry. The **GREATER GREEN** partner htw saar offered insights into successful research cooperations and informed about the multitude of possible transfer forms and funding instruments. Thus, SMEs, scientists and researchers were able to get into conversation. Click here for a [summary](#) and the [exhibition catalogue](#) (in German).

10th International Circular Economy Week & Conference at the Environmental Campus in Birkenfeld

200 guests from 34 countries informed themselves about the circular economy in Rhineland-Palatinate

On Friday, 25 October 2019, the 10th International Closed Substance Cycle Waste Management Week (ICEW) ended at the Environmental Campus Birkenfeld. About 200 guests from 34 countries visited the greenest university campus in Germany as well as various technology locations for a week to learn about resource efficiency, water management, decentralized energy systems, renewable energies, sustainable construction and sustainable land use.

GREATER GREEN as a cooperation partner of ICEW was present with a booth and presented its new image film. [\[...\]](#)

For additional information and talks given at the ICEW, please visit <https://icew.de/>.



Trinational Climate and Energy Congress in Basel - Recycling in the construction and energy sector

On 17 October 2019, the TRION-climate Trinational Energy Congress was held in the Volkshaus in Basel on the subject "Recycling in the construction and energy sector". Around one hundred participants from the three TRION-climate partner countries were present: Germany, France and Switzerland. [\[...\]](#).

Hot Topic of the Month:

European Commission presents EUROPEAN GREEN DEAL

The new European Commission has presented its plan -the *European Green Deal*- to be the first continent to become climate neutral by 2050. With an ambitious package of measures, it wants to achieve sustainable ecological change that will benefit the people and the economy of Europe. In doing so, the European Commission is placing particular emphasis on the four areas of environmental technology, which are also covered by **GREATER GREEN**:

- Clean energy
- Moving to clean, circular economy
- Sustainable building
- Eliminating pollution

For more information, actions, timeline and policy areas, click here: [\[...\]](#)

GREATER GREEN presents its partners:

Ecoliance Rheinland-Pfalz e.V.

is a network of the environmental technology industry in Rhineland-Palatinate. Its 80 members are environmental technology companies, universities and research institutions that are interested in sustainable and future-oriented topics. It also includes institutes and strategic partners, such as the Energy Agency or the Rhineland-Palatinate Ministry for the Environment, Energy, Food and Forestry, among its members. The network is an opportunity for members to network expertise in a wide range of environmental technology fields, such as energy-efficient construction, water and wastewater, recycling management and decentralized energy systems, in order to generate project ideas and concrete projects. The goal of Ecoliance Rhineland-Palatinate is to create innovative solutions for environmental and climate protection via environmental technology and thus to make neer in environmental technology. The oriented and would like to reduce CO₂ the circular economy concept of products economy becomes the focus of every solutions can only be created when busi-hand. Furthermore, Ecoliance is able to possible implementation with the state appearance of the network at events such waste & raw materials management) supports the visibility of the environmental technology industry beyond Rhineland- Palatinate. This year, Ecoliance together with GREATER GREEN will represent its members at a stand at IFAT. There will also be an innovation forum, where environmental technology players will be able to present themselves to a broad audience of specialists at the IFAT.



Rhineland-Palatinate more visible as a pio- Ecoliance is technically and economically emissions in its member companies and put in the foreground, so that the circular single company and also the public. Holistic ness, science and administration go hand in discuss framework conditions for the best policy makers in Mainz. In addition, a joint as IFAT (the trade fair for water, sewage,

Note added in proof: due to the Corona-virus pandemy, the IFAT fair has been postponed, Please check for further updates.

The view beyond– what's going on in other fields of sustainability:

Sustainable shopping, cooking and eating out -

That is the motto of the creators of the web page <http://nachhaltig-essen-im-saarland.de> (in German only). Students of the Marketing Science Masters of the University of Applied Sciences of Saarland (htw Saar) have designed a knowledge-based website in order to inform people about the possibilities of sustainable food and life style with regard to shopping, cooking and eating out, in Saarbrücken.

New Trains for cross-border traffic and commute (Greater Region and PAMINA/Upper-Rhine Valley)

The state of Rhineland-Palatinate contributes to the development of railcars that can be used across borders in France and Germany with around eight million euros. [...] (in German only) The Grand Est region, the state of Rhineland-Palatinate, Saarland and Baden-Württemberg are working together on the European rail project. The transport service is expected to start in December 2024.



The Grand Est regional council will order 30 trains at the Alstom plant in Reichshoffen (Bas-Rhin), which will be able to operate in Germany, for a total of 376 million euros. [...] (in French only).

Vacancies with our Partners

The Luxembourg Institute of Science and Technology (LIST) is looking for a [Master student](#) for a 6-month internship in "Identification of approaches to foster the efficient use of water and energy" at the earliest opportunity.

Other vacancies can be found on our webpage in either the [English](#), [French](#) or [German](#) section.

Would you like to post your vacancies on our web page and in our newsletters?

Let us know by writing us an email to info@greatergreen.eu.

Future Events:

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Due to the unclear situation during the coronavirus outbreak, most events in the Greater Region which had been announced in the earlier german/french edition of this February 2020 newsletter (issued on 17 February 2020), have either been cancelled or postponed.

Working groups of the Projekts GREATER GREEN project:

30 June 2020 - Meeting of „Smart Green Energy“ working group, at the „[360 possibles](#)“ event in Strasbourg (FR)

Interested in joining one of our Working groups? Please send us a short [Email](#).

07 – 11 September 2020 – [IFAT 2020](#): World's Leading Trade Fair for Water, Sewage, Waste and Raw Materials Management ; **GREATER GREEN** will join Ecoliance at the booth of Rhineland-Palatinate during the fair.

Please check our [web site](#) for new events and updates!

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