A local government perspective:
Cities as Living Labs for the circular economy

Harriet Tiemens, Vice-Mayor
City of Nijmegen

Globe EU, 19 March 2019
Brussel
Arnhem-Nijmegen: most circular region Netherlands
Approach

Businesses
Manufacturing

Financial institutions
Rabobank, ABN AMRO, ING, EIB, Oost NL

Knowledge institutes
HAN, WUR, TU, ROC,

Citizens

Government bodies
Municipalities, Environment Service, Province of Gelderland, National Government, EU

Movement
Living Lab
What can the EU do?

1. Integration of the Climate Change Agenda with the circular economy packages. Circular economy can provide help to reach CO2 reduction.

2. Finding partners to create a useful network of Living Lab regions across Europe

3. EU regulation needs to be adapted to the circular challenge

4. Funding should be made more flexible and open to locally driven initiatives, such as the Living Lab concept
Call for action
We like to do that!

h.tiemens@nijmegen.nl