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Good afternoon,

Please find attached submission on the Circular Economy Strategy from Enterprise, Employees and Skills unit in SOLAS.

Kind regards,

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## **Submission - Public Consultation on the Proposed Publication of the Circular Economy Strategy**

We welcome the opportunity to feedback on the Circular Economy Strategy.

Please see below response to the questions in the template.

### **Questions:**

1. Yes, with the addition of 'To develop the skills of individuals and capability of businesses in transitioning to the circular economy'.
2. The ambition needs to include education and training measures that develop the Irish workforce in transitioning to the circular economy.
3. Yes, there should be measurement against EU peers.
4. Low awareness, it is essential to raise awareness to make progress in changing individuals behaviours and business models and strategies.
5. Education and training is critical to the success of the strategy as is cross agency and departmental collaboration.
6. The range of stakeholders needs to be expanded to include the further education and training sector, for example, SOLAS and Education and Training Boards who have a key role to play in awareness raising, skills development of individuals and workforce development for businesses in relation to the circular economy.
7. Major benefits would include reduction in emissions and waste, development of a more relevant skills base to support a more sustainable, inclusive and low carbon economy.
9. The need for ongoing investment in the development of skills for the circular economy.
10. Very important opportunities to develop the SME sector.
11. Harness cross agency and department collaboration to avoid duplication and waste.
12. The Education and Training sector can make a significant contribution.
13. Yes

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