



CEWEP RESIDUES CONFERENCE

Ash to Resource 2026 Programme

Wednesday 18 November 2026

Networking Dinner at Salons Van Dijck, Mechelen ([Maps](#))

As from 18:00 Registration & Welcome

**As from 19:00 Ignis Awards Ceremony in Memory of Carsten Spohn
Walking Dinner**

Thursday 19 November 2026

Conference Day at LAMOT Congress Center, Mechelen ([Maps](#))

08:15 – 09:00 Welcome Coffee & Registration

09:00 – 10:30 Welcome & Policy Session

This opening session sets the scene on the evolving legal and policy framework shaping the role of residues in the circular economy. It brings together representatives from EU institutions and industry associations to discuss the fragmented and evolving legislative landscape affecting residues, including material recovery and pollution control. Expect a candid exchange of views on where policy stands today – and where it still needs to go – to fully enable the use of residues in a circular economy.

10:30 – 11:00 Break

11:00 – 12:30 Recovery in Action

This session moves from policy to practice, showcasing examples of metal and mineral fraction recovery from Incinerator Bottom Ash (IBA). Speakers from different EU countries will share technical and environmental perspectives - from testing and standards to navigating legislative frameworks – along with insights from the various stakeholders on bringing IBA applications to life. The session closes with a panel debate between Dutch processors and WtE operators, sharing their views on the current national situation and the impact of the Dutch Circular Materials Plan.

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:30 Assessing the value of ashes: from methodology to national practice

This session explores different approaches to assessing the added value of ashes in terms of climate contribution, resource efficiency and sustainability. It looks at how methodologies such as carbon accounting and Environmental Product Declarations can help quantify and communicate the benefits of ash utilisation. A national case study further illustrates how national legislation and assessment frameworks can impact recovery and utilisation rates. The session closes with a panel bringing together perspectives from across Europe to share national practices and experiences.

15:30 – 16:00 Break

16:00 – 17:25 Expanding Perspectives on Ashes

This session looks ahead at the future of ash management and utilisation, bringing together the latest research, emerging technologies and new environmental challenges shaping the sector. Topics include results from the EU-funded AshCycle project, innovative technology for recovering valuable products from fly ash, and international developments offering new perspectives on ash management.

17:25 – 17:20 Closing remarks by CEWEP

17:30 – 18:00 Closing Drink & End

Registration & More Information

Registration for the CEWEP Residues Conference 2026 opens at the start of September! Keep an eye on the [event website](#), where the programme, speakers and all practical details will be updated regularly as the conference approaches.

Alongside the online networking opportunities available through the event platform, the long lunch and breaks offer plenty of time to network in person and explore the [exhibition stands](#). Interested in exhibiting? Reach out to events@cewep.eu for more information on the exhibitor packages and stand opportunities!

Curious about what to expect? Visit our [website](#) for highlights from the previous edition.

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