

## Catalonia will host the Circular Economy Hotspot in 2020

- The verdict has been made public today in Glasgow, and the Catalan project defeated those of Canada, Denmark, Taiwan and Slovenia.



The Catalan delegation, receiving the mention alongside the director of the Agència de Residus

The Catalan candidacy has been the winner of the selection process to host the 2020 edition of the Circular Economy Hotspot, an international gathering of governments, companies and organisations, where different countries showcase their plans of action towards the development of circular economy.

With this, Catalonia will be able to host this important event and show the other participant countries all the initiatives and projects that promote circular economy, both from public administration and from the private, non-governmental ambit.

The secretary of the Department of Environment of the Generalitat, Marta Subirà, was shown to be “very pleased” by the decision made in Glasgow during the celebration of the Circular Economy Hotspot, currently taking place in Scotland.

Catalonia has surpassed the Canadian, Danish, Taiwanese and Slovenian candidacies, “with a proposal that highlighted the work that the Catalan government has been doing for a few years with the approval, back in the day, of the Strategy for green and circular economy; with the National Pact for the Industry and the Strategy for Eco-design” Subirà pointed out, as well as adding that being able to win this competitive process has also been possible “thanks to the support that companies, entities and research centres participating in this year’s edition have showed us”.

The Catalan delegation was composed of around twenty representatives of different companies, professional associations and research centres that are working in the area of circular economy. Companies and entities about which Subirà said “will also participate in the Catalan 2020 edition”. The director of the Catalan Agència de Residus, Josep Maria Tost, has also been a part of the representation of the Catalan Government in that delegation.

#### **Meeting with the Scottish Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform**



From left to right, Subirà, Cunningham and Rius

On the other hand, the secretary of the Department of Environment and Sustainability and the CEO of Environmental Quality and Climate Change, Mercè Rius, met today with the Scottish Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform, Roseanna Cunningham, with whom they exchanged impressions about the Scottish Climate Change laws (approved in 2009), which are being currently modified in Parliament. The changes will be approved next year’s spring



“and they establish even more ambitious objectives”, Subirà said. The Secretary explained that Cunningham showed interest “in our laws and in how the anti-constitutionality expedient is evolving, as well of discussing the subjects of territory, natural spaces, and circular economy”.

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