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About The Journal

The Journal of Circular Economy publishes circular economy research which provides practical advice for businesses, policymakers and civil society to accelerate the transition towards a more circular economy.

Specific subject areas include, but are not limited to:

- Circular business models, circular start-ups, circular business model experimentation
- Dynamic capabilities for a circular economy
- Circular supply chains, reverse logistics
- Circular economy policies and governance
- Barriers and enablers to the circular economy
- Sustainability transition theory and circular economy
- Social, environmental and economic impacts of circular economy
- Circular rebound
- Circular (de-)growth
- Circular economy terminology

Any disciplinary approach is welcome. Any methodological approach is welcome.

Publication Formats

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The following types of articles are published in the Journal of Circular Economy:

- Research article: Standard research papers of 3,500 – 6,000 words in length, excluding tables, illustrations, and references.
- Review: Articles which summarize the state-of-the-art circular economy research in a particular sub-field. Narrative reviews, meta-syntheses and meta-analyses are considered. 4,500 – 6,000 words in length, excluding tables, illustrations and references.
- Perspective: Papers in an “op-ed” style that share a particular perspective on circular economy. Usually 800-1,000 words excluding tables, illustrations, and references.

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