

## Project “Digitalisation as an enabler for Circular Economy”

The EPC project “Digitalisation as an enabler for Circular Economy” was carried out in 2021 with the support of the Vodafone Institute for Society and Communications. It explored the current and prospective practices in information transfer across value chains. It also studied how EU policies can help create an enabling environment that encourages the use of data and incentivises the development and deployment of digital solutions for this aim. The project comprised two workshops and additional research activities, which fed into the Discussion Paper “Building a circular economy: The role of information transfer”.

### Summaries of workshops:

#### Summary for workshop 1 (18 June 2021)

The European Policy Centre’s online workshop ‘Information transfer for circular economy: Building on lessons learned’ was organised on 18 June with the kind support of the Vodafone Institute for Society and Communications. The workshop explored the relevance of information transfer for the circular economy. Participants discussed current best practices, prospects, and challenges using data and existing digital solutions to support information transfer across value chains.

#### Summary for workshop 2 (09 July 2021)

The European Policy Centre’s online workshop ‘EU policy framework for information transfer: prospects with European data space and digital product passport’ was organised on 9 July with the kind support of Vodafone for Society and Communications. The workshop reflected on the state of play and prospects for developing a European common data space and digital product passports. This included discussion on the possibilities and barriers to be addressed and the role of the EU in creating an enabling environment for information sharing.