



The EU Circular Economy vision: A powerful force for climate action 10 July 2018

Summary

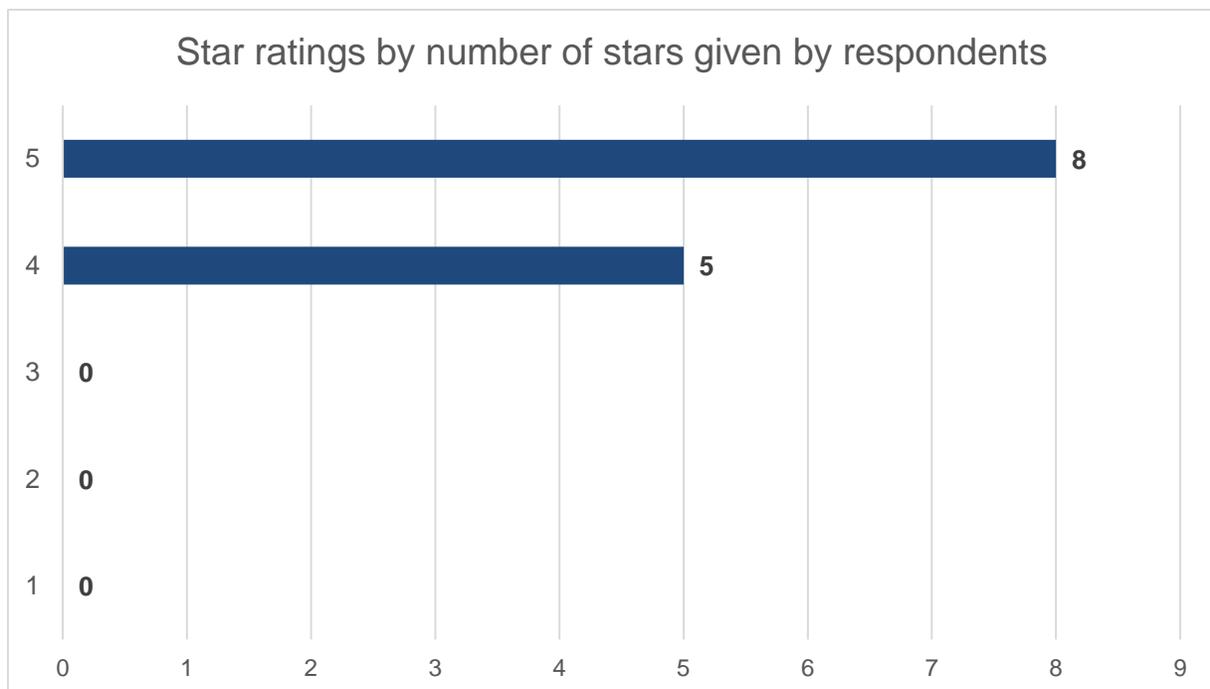
On the 10th July 2018, Caroline Lambert presented an update of the Circular Economy Package launched by the EU in late 2015. Prof Mark Howden (Director, CCI) moderated the event and there was a Q&A with the audience at the end.

Methodology

An online questionnaire sent out via email to all those who registered for the event. The event had 55 tickets sold out of the allocated 100. Thirty-four individuals attended the lecture and 14 (41%) of these completed the online survey that was sent to them via email (copy at the end of this report).

Star Rating

The survey form began with a chance for respondents to give the event a star rating out of a possible 5 stars. This question was also available on the email and acted as a link to the rest of the survey online. The event was given a weighted average of 4.62 stars overall. The breakdown of star ratings per number of stars is shown in the graph below. A five star rating was chosen 8 (62%) times, four stars 5 (38%) times, three to one star ratings were not selected.



Based on 93% response rate

Satisfaction Ratings by category

Participants were asked how satisfied they were with particular aspects of the event. They were given a choice between Very Satisfied, Satisfied, Neutral, Dissatisfied and Very Dissatisfied. Each ranking was given a weighting of 5 (very satisfied) to 1 (very dissatisfied). Below are two graphs, one showing the weighted averages and the other the counts of each rating within each category. Respondents were also given the opportunity to comment on their ratings. These are listed below.

Comments left by respondents:

“A very well presented topic. Well-coordinated and managed.”

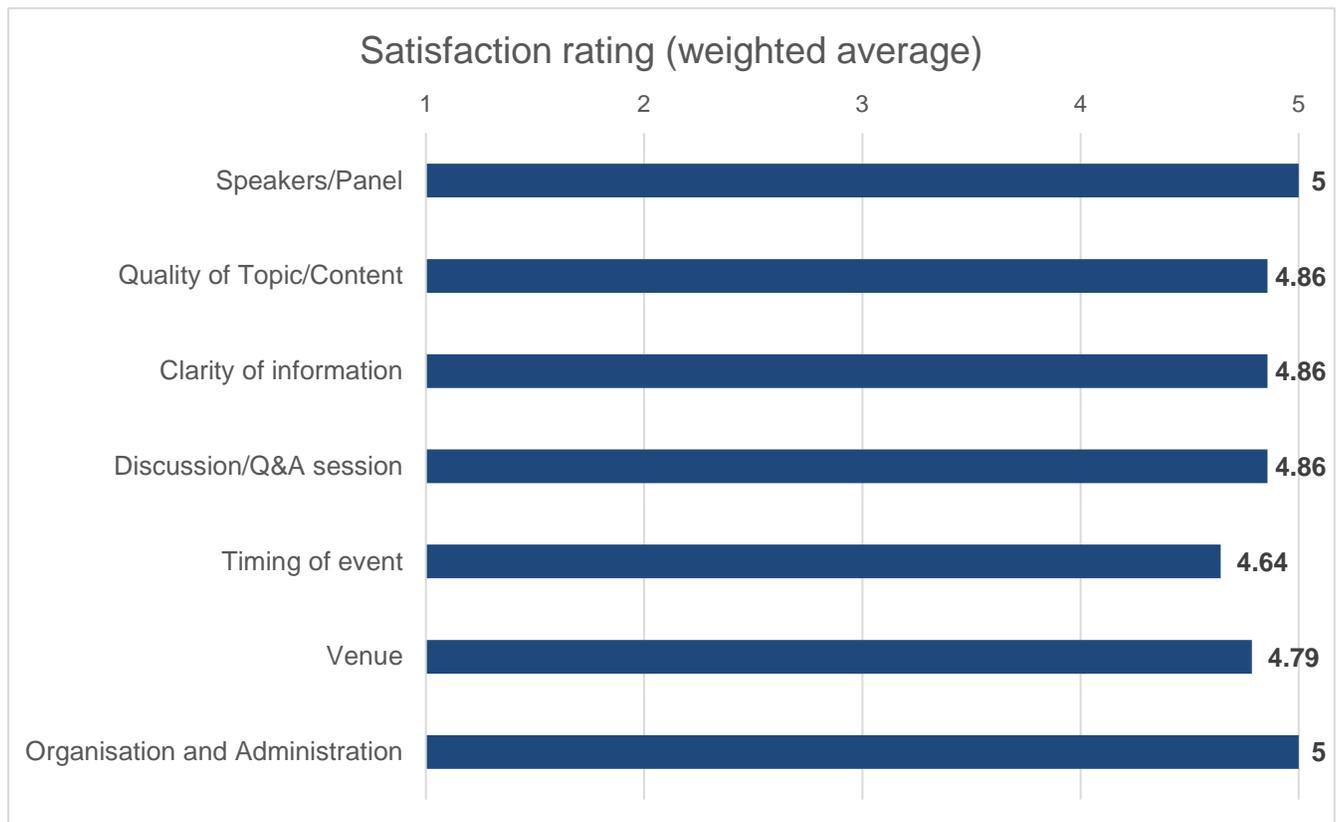
“Excellent!”

“A great presenter talking about a most relevant topic”

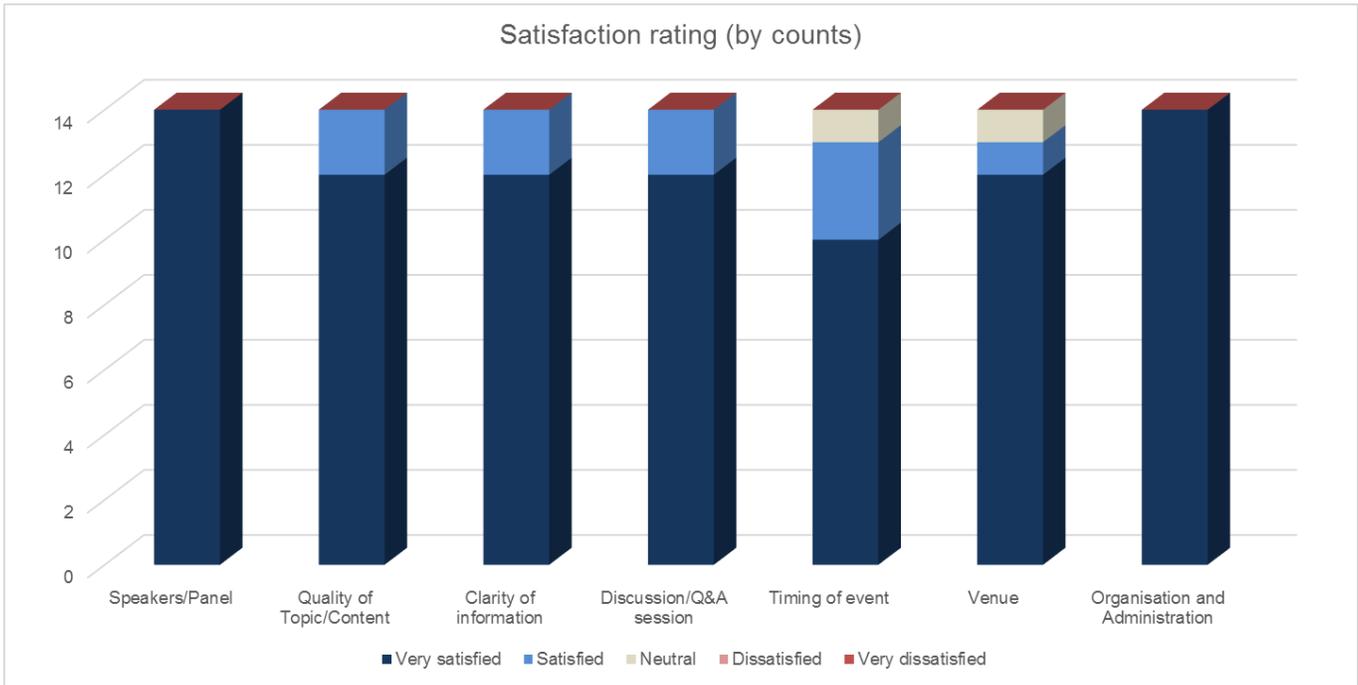
“It'd be better if session wasn't mid-morning. Lunchtime or 5 or 6pm and you'd have a much greater audience.”

“The room was freezing cold - otherwise no comments. And there were some problems with registration, because the sale was closed on Eventbrite, so I did spend a bit of time registering for the event.”

“It was very good. The timing probably excluded a lot of potential attendees, but perhaps that was does to keep it small.”



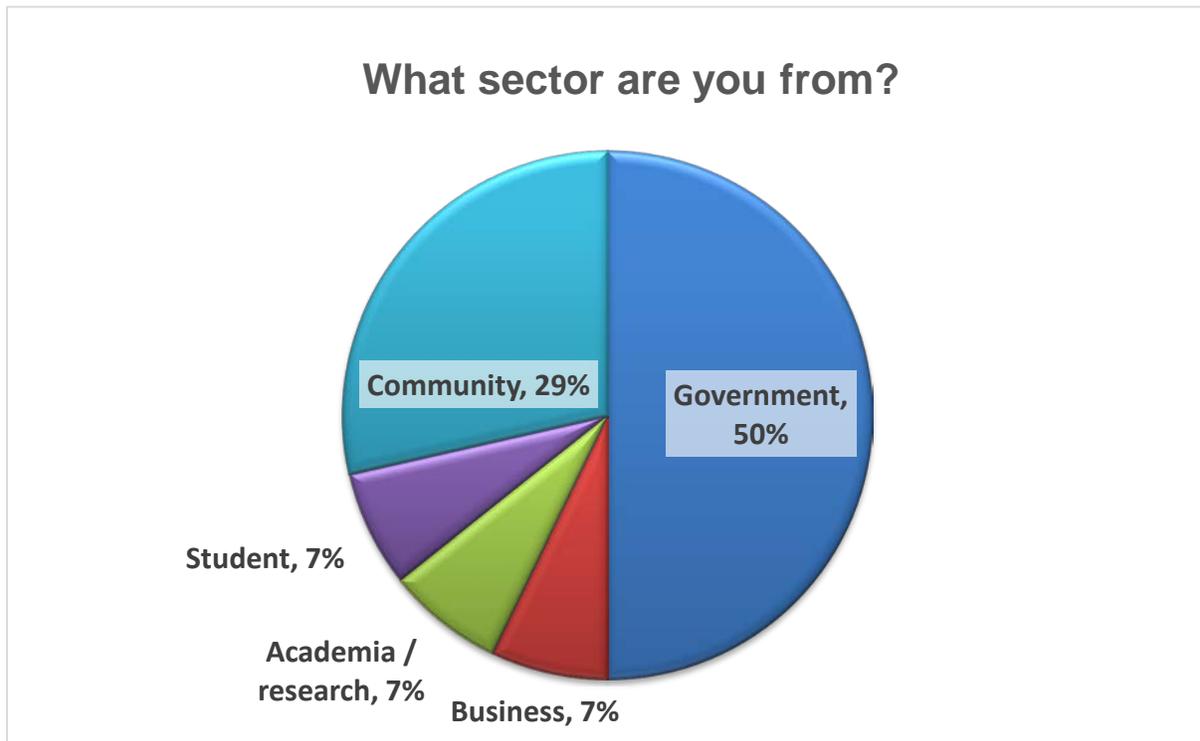
Based on 100% response rate



Based on 100% response rate

Sector

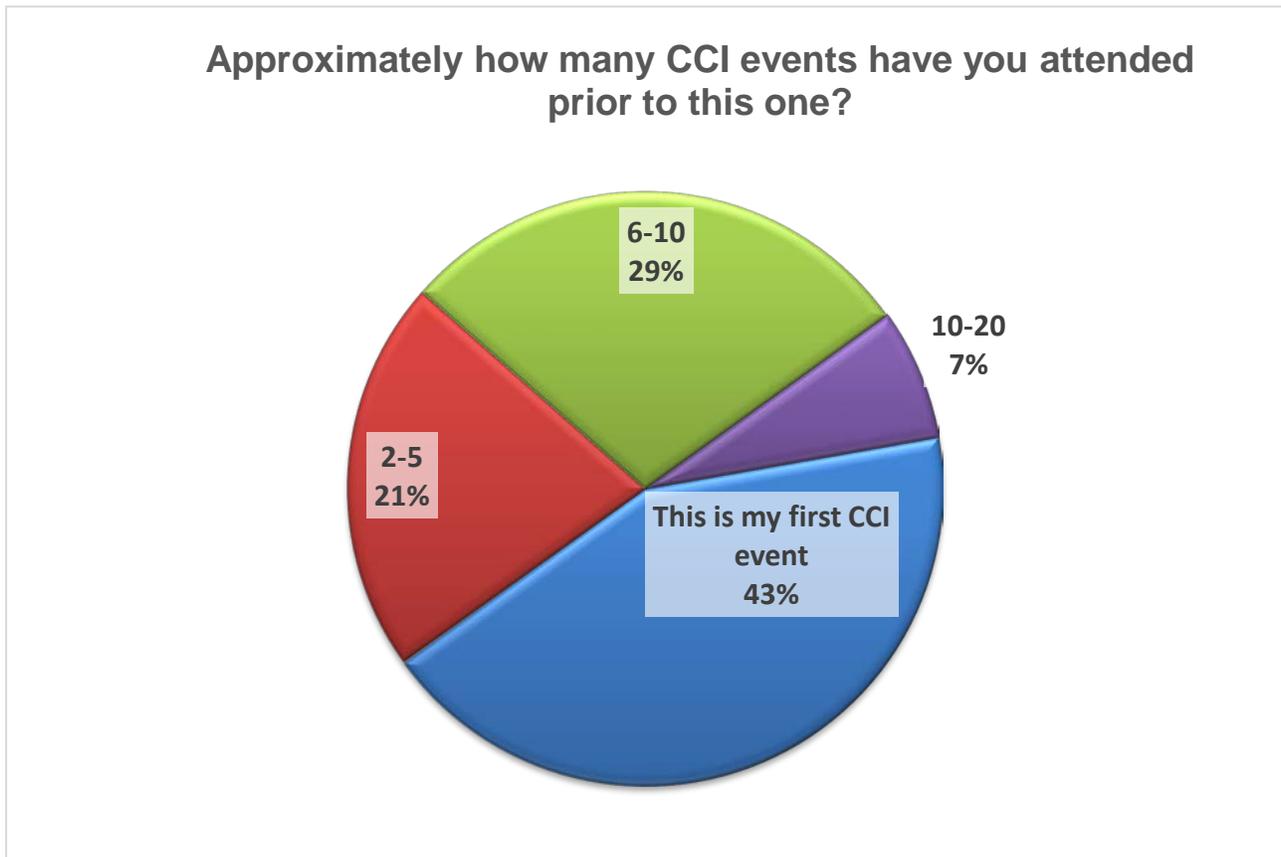
Participants were asked what sector they best represent at the event. Respondents mostly identified as Government workers (50%) closely followed by individuals identifying as part of the general Community as the second largest group (29%). There were some respondents from the Academic or Research field (7%), Students (7%) and Business (7%).



Based on 100% response rate

Number of CCI Events attended

For most respondents (43%) this was their first ANU Climate Change institute event while the rest had attended previous CCI events.



Based on 100% response rate

Impact of event on respondents

When asked if they would discuss what they learned from the event with others, a vast majority of respondents (93%) said yes. Participants were then asked if they would do anything differently as a result of attending the event and 45% of respondents said yes. They were asked why they felt this way and their comments are included below:

Comments left by respondents:

“Review government policy on recycling and long term plans for waste management.”

“I will continue to engage in community events. Fear and anger about the state of the world are easier to cope with when they are shared.”

“Recycle more rubbish”

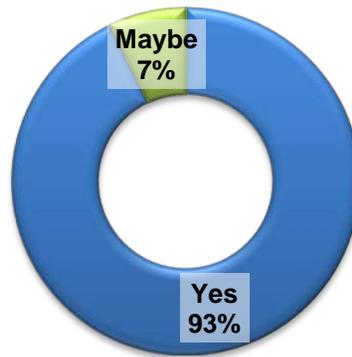
“Find out more about EU policies regarding reuse and recycling of industrial materials”

“Already aware about recycling but will try harder.”

“Look into ACT Government waste policy and how this aligns to EU policy”

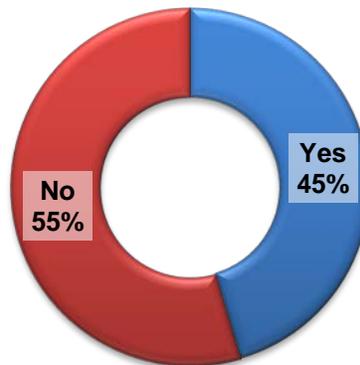
“Look for more opportunities to integrate circular economy ideas in work projects”

Will you discuss what you've learnt from the event with others?



Based on 100% response rate

Will you do anything differently as a result of attending this event?



Based on 79% response rate

Best Features

Attendees enjoyed many different aspects of the event, and Caroline, as the speaker, was the most enjoyed feature. Their comments are below:

Some specific comments were:

- "The presentation"
- "Thoughtful and concise presentation."
- "Speaker"
- "Speaker and content"
- "Presentation of positive, practical solutions to real problems"
- "Speakers Knowledge"
- "Current information"
- "Content"
- "Speaker and content were good"

Improvements

Attendees did not have many suggestions for improvements for that particular event except for the addition of some refreshments.

See some comments below:

“The issues raised are very big and scary and perhaps prospects for a revolution could be explored.”

“Nil”

“Segment on Australian action toward circular economy”

“I don't have any comments really. It was overall good.”

“Tea/coffee afterwards”

Suggested Topics

Respondents had the following requests for future topics or speakers:

“Experience around the world in putting a levy on fossil fuels.”

“Someone from an island affected by plastic pollution”

“Comparison of 1990 emissions target with later targets”

“More sessions like this one and other mitigation topics.”

“Some topics on state of the art in energy generation and adoption would be interesting. Also perhaps a talk about how people can get involved in making a change.”

Additional comments

Only one person gave an additional comment to say thanks for the great event.

The ANU Climate Change Institute (CCI) is seeking your feedback on this event. We'd like to learn from you so that we can improve the value of future events for attendees.

By voluntarily completing this evaluation, you provide your informed consent to participate: *I have read and understood the Information Sheet you have given me about the research project, and I have had any questions and concerns about the project addressed to my satisfaction.*

Please complete the questions below and select submit when done.

Thank you for participating in today's event, and for taking the time to complete this evaluation. We really appreciate you sharing your perspectives with us. If you have any questions about this or future events, please email climate@anu.edu.au

1. How would you rate this event?



2. How satisfied were you with each of the following:

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
Speakers/Panel	<input type="radio"/>				
Quality of Topic/Content	<input type="radio"/>				
Clarity of information	<input type="radio"/>				
Discussion/Q&A session	<input type="radio"/>				
Timing of event	<input type="radio"/>				
Venue	<input type="radio"/>				
Organisation and Administration	<input type="radio"/>				

Please comment about your ratings.

3. What sector are you from? (Please tick the sector which best represents you at this event.)

- Government
- Business
- Academia / research
- Student
- NGO
- Community
- Other (please specify)

4. Approximately how many CCI events have you attended prior to this one?

- This is my first CCI event
- 2-5
- 6-10
- 10-20
- >20

5. What were the best features of the event?

6. In what ways could this event be improved?

7. Will you discuss what you've learnt from the event with others?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

8. Will you do anything differently as a result of attending this event?

- Yes
- No

If yes, why?

9. Do you have any suggestions for topics, themes, or speakers you would like included in future ANU Climate Change Institute events?

10. Please provide any additional comments here.
