**NH Collection Hotel du Grand Sablon**

**Rue Bodenbroek 2/4**

Brussels 1000

- Airport accessible by taxi or train
- 196 rooms
- Concierge services
- Bar and lounge
- Business services
- 24 hour front desk
- 24 hour security
- Room service
- Dry cleaning/laundry service available
- On-site Indoor Parking
- Restaurant
- In-room Safe
- Express check-out
- Free Wi-Fi
- Porter/bellhop
- Place du Grand Sablon is convenient to galeries and shops
- Check-out time is noon
- Convenient to center & tourist destinations
- Preferential rates for ETRA conference delegates
- Wheelchair accessible
- Pets allowed

**NETWORKING and DEVELOPMENT**

**The Exhibition**

Materials, products and applications are displayed throughout the conference venue. Support posters and brochures are available. Members and partners contribute product samples to hold and examine. Equipment manufacturers and service providers are available to answer your questions.

**The Conference Sessions**

Speakers include commercial leaders, NGOs, government representatives, researchers, material and product developers as well as collaborators from support industries. Delegates are invited to ask questions and clarify points. The conference is designed to provide an open discussion of the current events in the tyre recycling industries.

**The Spotlight**

The Spotlight is a new highlight that has been added to focus on innovative new materials, products and applications that are still being developed for commercialisation. Speakers will have 10 – 15 minutes to describe the unique features of their designs and how they will contribute to market growth.

**Company Matchmaking**

There are two Matchmaking options during the Conference. The first is on Wednesday 20 March during the Opportunities session. The second is part of the Cocktail Reception on Thursday 21 March until 20:30. The events, in cooperation with HUB, Brussels consist of working group discussions in which each preregistered participant company will have a chance to meet potential partners for technological and commercial cooperation.

**Cocktails, Dinner and Lunches**

Cocktails receptions, the gala dinner, morning coffee, coffee breaks and lunches are part of the conference package. The Welcome Reception and Gala Dinner offer a pre-conference evening to meet and greet speakers and delegates in an informal atmosphere. Delegates are encouraged to invite a guest to share the Gala evening. Lunches are reserved for speakers, exhibitors and delegates.

**European Conference on tyre recycling**

**Responding to Market demands of The Circular Economy**

Wednesday to Friday 20 – 22 March 2019

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Grand Sablon, Brussels
**Preliminary Programme**

*The programme is subject to change.

**WEDNESDAY 20 MARCH 2019**

10.00 Registration begins
10.30 Workshop with HUB, Brussels (Limited to 30 delegates)
   *FINDING OPPORTUNITIES*: The tools
   Opportunities for SMEs
   Evolution of the SME instrument
   Other Calls and new Tools
12.00 HUB Work Café: Free talks & informal meetings
   Project ideas, cooperation, working with GPP
13.00 Working with the ETRA Partner Registry
15.00 ETRA General Assembly (Members only) – 18.00
16.00 ESEE Session (student participation): Posters
18.30 Welcome reception
20.00 Gala Dinner in honour of Speakers and guests

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**Plenary Programme**

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**THURSDAY 21 MARCH 2019**

8.30 Registration and Welcome Coffee
9.00 Welcome and Opening Comments
9.15 Keynote: Implementation of the Circular Economy (TBA)
10.15 PART A: ISSUES FACING TYRE RECYCLING TODAY
   Panel 1: Quantifying ELTs in the EU
   Panel 2: Extended Producer Responsibility
11.15 Questions and Discussion
11.30 Coffee break
11.45 Panel 3: EU responses re SBR
   Market reactions: New options
12.45 Questions and Discussion
13.00 Lunch
14.15 PART B: IMPLEMENTING THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY
   Panel 4: Mobility for the Future using GPP
   Road infrastructure, surface, maintenance
   Urban mobility: Trains, trams, sea links
   New materials for improved sustainability
   International markets – storage issues
16.00 Questions and Discussion
16.15 Coffee Break
16.15 Panel 5: Working with Municipal Teams
   New partners: Design for construction
16.30 Assessing Life Cycle Costs and Benefits
   Questions and Discussion
   Summarising Evolving Markets for RTMs
   The changing economics of tyre recycling
   RTMs in existing and innovative markets
   From here to where? How can we define the future?
17.45 Summary and Discussion – Closing Comments
19.00 Closing reception

**FRIDAY 22 MARCH 2019**

8.30 Registration and Welcome Coffee
9.15 Opening comments
9.30 PART C: NEW TECHNOLOGY OPTIONS
10.00 Panel 6: Devulc, Water jet, material activations, TPEs
   Automotive and transport opportunities
   From tyres to dashboards and roads
   Questions and Discussion
11.15 Coffee break
11.30 Panel 7: Broadening the Material Horizon
   RTMs replacing virgin resources: Construction
   Moulding and manufacturing
   A resurgence of sports and leisure uses?
   Discussion and questions
13.00 Lunch
14.15 Panel 8: Pyrolysis – Moving ahead
   Review of current uses in compounds, products, etc.
   Round Table Discussion
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