

## **BIO – Freek van Eijk**

Freek van Eijk is the Director of Holland Circular Hotspot. The Holland Circular Hotspot (HCH) Foundation is a public-private initiative that wants to make Circular Economy happen by sharing knowledge and innovation, and stimulate international partnerships by connecting governments, knowledge institutions and businesses. HCH creates and strengthens Circular Economy export and investment opportunities and at the same time accelerates societal goals like the Paris Climate objectives and SDG's.

Freek is one of the more senior Dutch experts in the field of Waste Management and Circular Economy (CE). He is an author, moderator, lecturer and trade mission leader in the field of CE, waste management and sustainable cities. He trained UNIDO in Vienna and lectures at the LUISS Master Programme in Rome on Circular Economy. He also serves as Managing Director of Acceleratio and as an Advisory Board Member of the World Biogas Association.

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