

Questions

I could address opportunities and challenges that Swiss Cities currently see, also in which sectors the highest transformation potential is seen.

I could also report on what is currently ongoing with respect to Circular Economy in Switzerland in general and also make a link to the Circular Economy Switzerland Movement of which we are part of.

And/or I could talk about alternative business models that might be required for this transformation (e.g. Product as a service, leasing schemes etc), but also what potential roles of cities (administration/policy) could be in order to create a market for circular economy (eg public procurement).

Take away messages:

- transformation towards a circular economy is feasible and desperately needed as resources are not endless. Cities may be the driving force behind this transformation
- Digitalisation might help
- The transformation requires rethinking of business models, and requires a systemic and a coordinated multistakeholder approach.

CV (please feel free to shorten if necessary), picture enclosed (feel free to crop)

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