



ACCELERATING SYSTEM CHANGE FOR A CIRCULAR TRANSITION IN CITIES AND REGIONS



OVERVIEW

ACR+, **Francesco Lembo**, Association of Cities and Regions for sustainable Resource management, **Françoise Bonnet**, Association of Cities and Regions for sustainable Resource management

- The LG on Cities and Regions continued the work on the analysis of indicators to measure the transition to the circular economy in cities and regions: linking the work on the indicators, examining how they are used by cities and regions, and giving voice to supporting schemes.

CCRI Initiative, **Jan Maarten de Vet**, CCRI-CSO

- The Circular Cities and Regions Initiative (CCRI) aims to increase collaboration, unlock knowledge and share initiatives between cities and regions.
- For the next 6 years, a large budget is available to support the initiatives (Horizon Europe funding programme).

Circular City Centre Initiative, **Desislava Krалеva**, European Investment Advisory Hub, EIB

- Circular City Centre initiative ("C3"), a competence and resource centre within the European Investment Bank, was launched last year to work with a more targeted approach with EU cities in their circular economy transition.
- It proposes webinars to showcase exemplary circular cities, developed guidance documents and advisory programs to work with cities in a partnership model.
- The Circular Economy Technical Assistance Facility (CETAF) will support investment projects and programmes contributing to the circular economy transition in cities and regions across Europe via a competitive application process.

The OECD Programme on Circular Cities and Regions, **Oriana Romano**, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

- The OECD Programme focuses on three main pillars:

1. Learning: engaging multi-level dialogues in cities and regions to identify challenges and opportunities
 2. Sharing: favouring peer-to-peer learning, best practice and lessons from international experience
 3. Measuring: developing an indicator framework for decision making and evaluation of circular economy strategies
- Tailored guidance is provided on shifting from a linear to a circular city.
 - Since 2018, there has been an exponential increase of interest and willingness of policy makers in cities and regions to embrace the circular transition.

Circle Economy, **Jordi Pascual**

- Circular economy can be tool to achieve prosperity for all and mitigate climate change in cities.

City of Prague, **Vojtech Voseck**

- The city of Prague has the objective of becoming climate neutral by 2050 through systemic solutions organised around three main pillars: minimising waste, turning waste into resource and regenerating local ecosystems.

NEW CHALLENGES

- A vast amount of knowledge is available yet not accessible to many cities. Information much reach all cities within the EU.
- Governance is the key to success. Local government should embrace a certain level of commitment.
- We need to double the circular economy by 2032 to achieve our climate targets, and for this we need to redesign our cities as they are the epicentre of our global system.

KEY MESSAGES

- The workshop underlines that cities are at the centre of the circular transition and how it can become a tool to achieve socio-economic prosperity while respecting the planetary boundaries.
- It is important to bring all stakeholders together and everyone in the same learning space.
- From vision to implementation: we need to make sure recommendations and actions plans are truly implemented and used.