Policy framework for circular economy in cities

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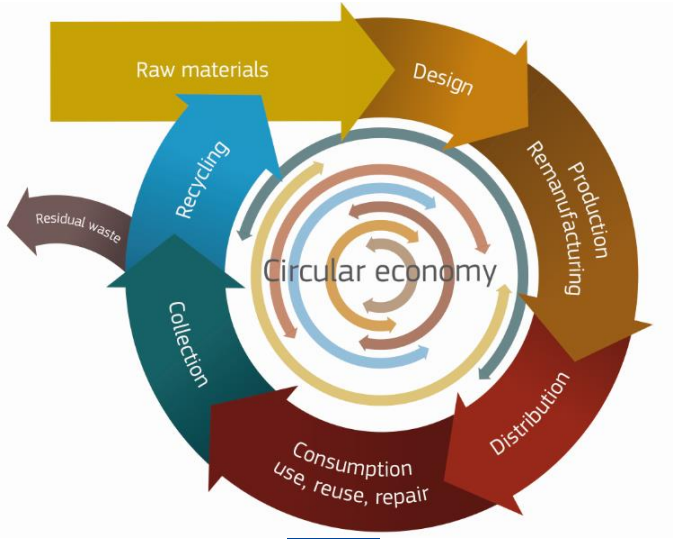
Why local authorities should transition to a circular economy?

- **To help MS comply with the European legislation (i.e. waste legislation).** An efficient waste management and recycling system provides a good basis for the circular economy because it allows to recover resources from used items and to re-inject them back in the economy as secondary raw materials.

- To set in place **infrastructures and services for citizens and businesses**, and hence bring environmental benefits and economic opportunities at local level

- **To raise the visibility of the city/region at national and European level** → lead by the example



The Waste Package

The new rules will make the EU a global leader in recycling:

- By 2030, at least **70 % of all packaging waste** in each EU country should be recycled
- By 2035, all EU countries should **recycle at least 65 % and landfill less than 10 % of municipal waste**

- Landfilling restrictions for separately collected and recyclable waste
- Minimum requirements for extended producer responsibility schemes
- Continuously improving separate collection

Circular Production and Consumption

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If the global population reaches **9.6 billion** by 2050, the equivalent of almost **three planets** will be required to sustain current lifestyles

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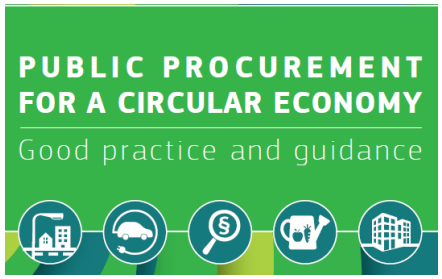


Green Public Procurement under the CE Action Plan

- Circular economy aspects in criteria-setting
- Support a greater uptake of GPP criteria by public authorities, e.g. by training
- Commission to lead by example - in its own procurement, and by reinforcing the use of GPP in EU funding
- **New revised version of the GPP Training Toolkit** available since May 2019

- **Voluntary scheme** (ISO 14024 type I)
- Independent **third party** verified criteria
- **Best 10-20%** products/services on the market
- **25 product/service groups** available
- **1575* licences** (signed contracts)
- **72797* different products and services** awarded

…millions of articles sold

(*) data as of March 2019

Circular organisations

Performance	Systematic improvement of performance against significant environmental aspects.
Credibility	Verification by an independent and accredited third party
Transparency	Transparent reporting based on defined indicators

Open challenges

Follow up to the CEAP actions

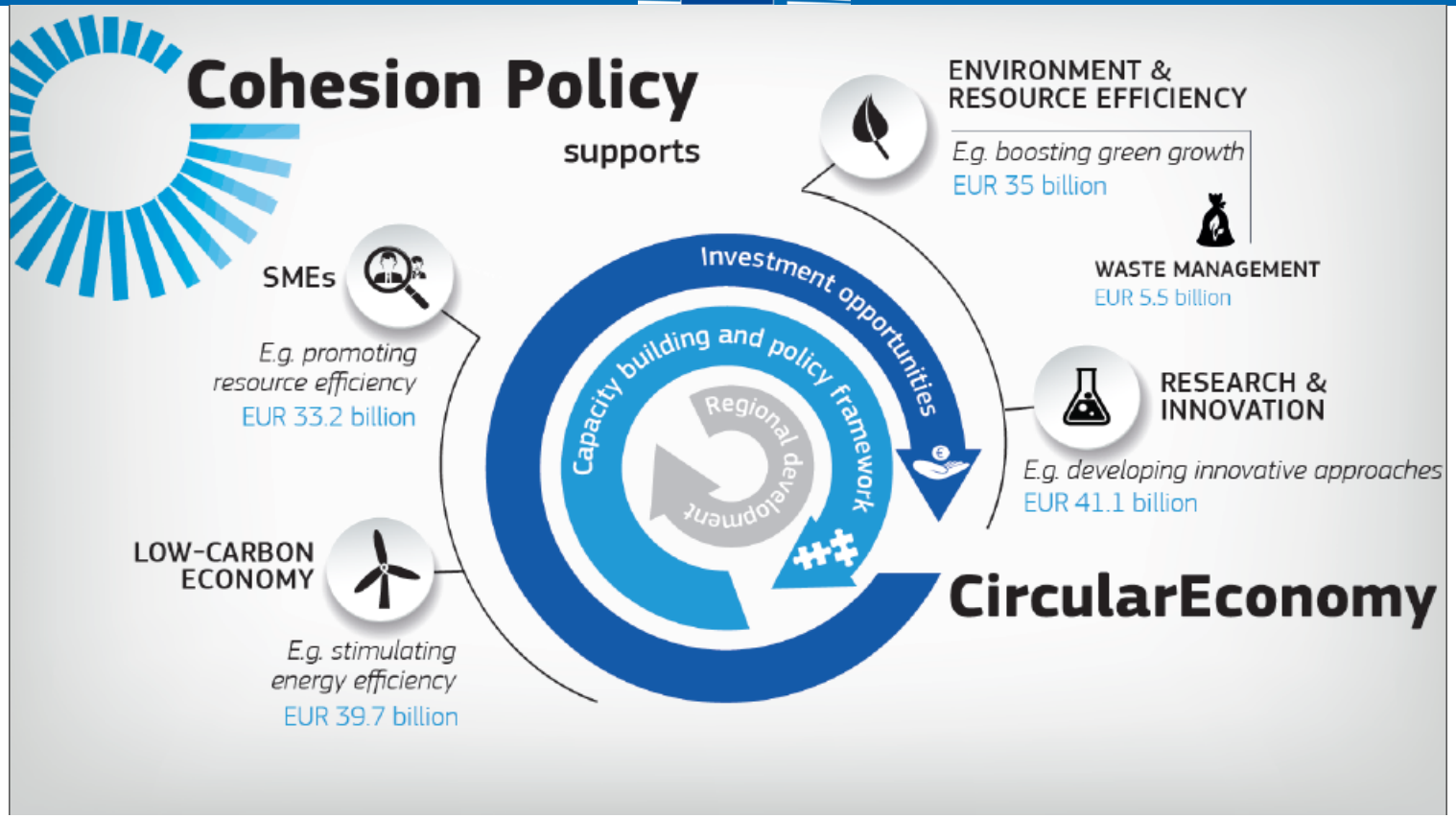
- Circular products and services
- Empowering circular consumers
- Implementation of legislation
- Develop markets for secondary raw materials

Pursuing together other systemic transformations

- Using **biological resources in a circular way**, respecting the ecological boundaries and contributing to halting biodiversity loss
- Exploiting the synergies with a **climate neutral economy**
- **Integrating digital transformations (while recognizing other impacts)**
- Reinforcing social and territorial cohesion and balanced distribution of **jobs**
- Fostering circular and sustainable finance

Circularity in other sectors

- IT, electronics, mobility, built environment, furniture, textile, food and drinks



- Funding for CE in Cohesion Policy (2016-2019): at least **€7.1 billion** → €1.8 billion for uptake of eco-innovative technologies among SMEs & €5.3 billion to support the implementation of the EU waste legislation

- In addition, significant support is available through smart specialisation for market-led innovation and deployment

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European Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform

A joint initiative by the European Commission and the European Economic and Social Committee

Home | Good Practices | Strategies | Knowledge | Commitments | Dialogue | Contribute | News & Events

How can you be involved?

Link to website: http://circulareconomy.europa.eu/platform/

Search and submit good practices, national, regional and local strategies, studies, and voluntary commitments

Engage with other stakeholders and the members of the CG or the Secretariat

TAIEX-EIR P2P
- How does it work?

- **EIR PEER 2 PEER assistance is provided on request of a Member State public institution involved in the implementation of EU environmental policy and law**

- **Requests can be submitted by national, regional or local public bodies, as well as from regional or local environmental implementation businesses, entrusted with a public task**

- **Requests have to provide information on**
  - **Applicant, contact person**
  - **Objective**
  - **Justification**
  - **Expertise required**
  - **Participants and target group**
  - **Timing**

- **Online-application for requests**
http://ec.europa.eu/environment/eir/p2p_en.htm

- **National Environment Ministries will be consulted**

"I will propose a New Circular Economy Action Plan, focusing on sustainable resource use, especially in resource-intensive and high impact sectors such as textiles and construction"

A new Circular Economy Action Plan

Ms. Ursula von der Leyen
President-elect European Commission

Mr. Virginijus Sinkevičius
Commissioner-elect for Environment and Oceans

"We need to find ways to further reduce the environmental footprint of our production and consumption. (...) I will be looking at a wide range of measures to achieve more circularity in our economy."

Learn more about the circular economy:
http://ec.europa.eu/environment/circular-economy/index_en.htm