



Boosting Circular Systemic Solutions through Virtual Regional Circular Economy Space

Social Innovation for and acceptance of circular systemic solutions

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CSSBoost At a Glance

Boosting Circular Systemic Solutions through Virtual Regional Circular Economy Spaces

Topic CL6-2023-CircBio-02-1 — Circular Cities and Regions Initiative (CCRI)'s circular systemic solutions

Destination Circular economy and bioeconomy sectors

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21 Partners



8 Countries



5 Pilot Cases



11,876,438€ 9,190,319€ EU



3.5 years

Started
June 2024

Project Consortium

8 Universities & Research Centres

UNIVERSITAT DE VIC





UNIVERSITAT CENTRAL DE CATALUNYA









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DE CATALUNYA





6 Large Companies & SMEs













7 Regions, Networks & pilot partners

















The Circular Shift: Powering EU's Regenerative Transformation



...a Europe not defined by limits, but by endless possibilities...

...a continent where 'waste' becomes 'resource', fueling innovation, resilient economies and communities...

...moving beyond theory, this future is generated through Circular Systemic Solutions (CSS)...

...and initiatives like the Circular Cities and Regions Initiative (CCRI) are catalysts in this journey

The CSSBoost Vision

Boosting Circular Systemic Solutions through Virtual Regional Circular Economy Spaces



The Challenge

Need for sustainable resource use

The Barriers

Technological, economic, social, governance

The goal

Boost the transition of regions to Circular Economy and Bioeconomy

The project

Maximise adoption & impact of CSSs, overcoming barriers & risks, by applying it within an enabling integrated environment

Triple Transition of Cities and Regions



GREEN TRANSITION

- ✓ Circular Economy
- ✓ Decarbonisation
- ✓ Natural resources preservation

DIGITAL TRANSITION

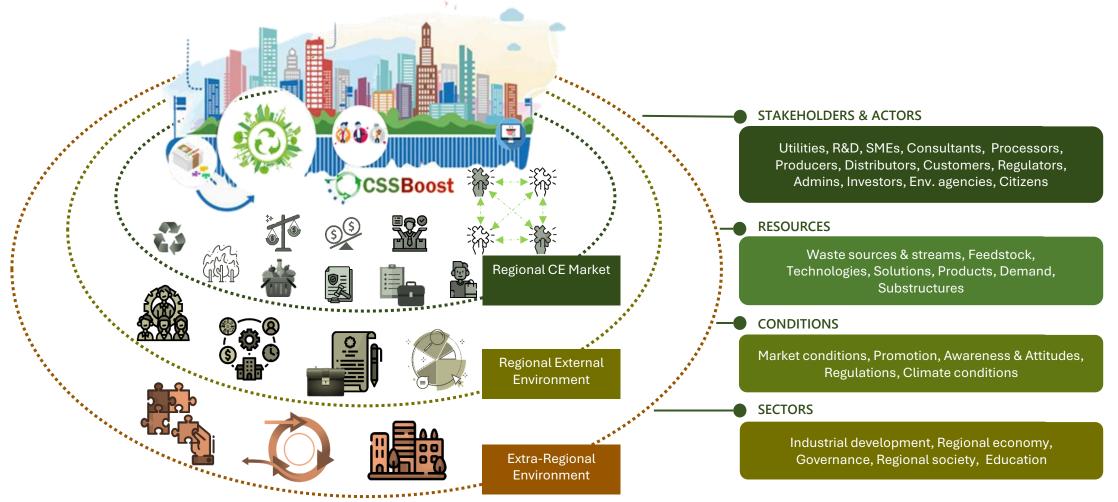
- ✓ Real time monitoring
- ✓ Virtualisation
- ✓ Life cycle optimisation

SOCIAL TRANSITION

- ✓ Just transition
- ✓ Social equity and inclusion
- ✓ Education and skills



CE/CSS Ecosystem and Market

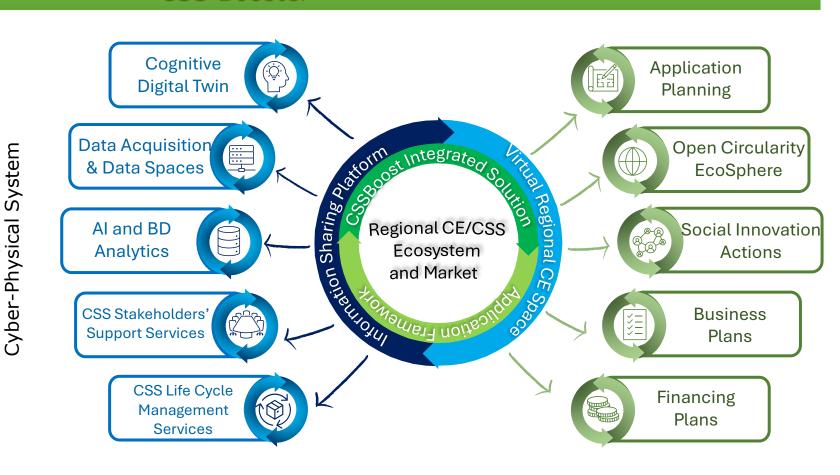




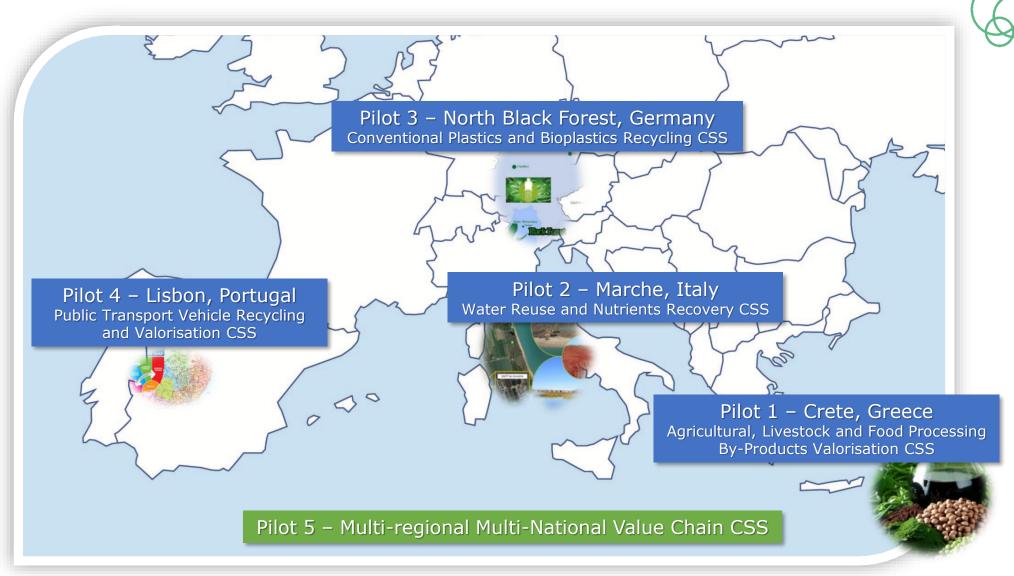


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- Open (physical) space of city, regional or multiregional scope based on an ecosystem approach
 - CE Market
 - Internal Environment
 - External Environment
- Virtualisation
 - Dynamic monitoring
 - Digital Twining
- Information Sharing Platform
 - Visualising
 - Understanding
 - Supporting



Pilot Areas



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Pilot #1 – Region of Crete, GR

Agricultural, Livestock and Food Processing By-Products Valorisation

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3 Value Chains

- Fertiliser and materials for soil improvement produced using biomass from livestock production
- New types of plant bio-stimulants
- More nutritious (low glycemic index) versions of bread and other bakery products

4 PartnersMACC
CRETE, HMU,
TUC



Pilot #2 – Region of Marche, IT

Water Reuse and Nutrients Recovery CSS



2 Value Chains

- Water for irrigation and nature restoration
- Nutrients for agriculture

3 Partners UNIVPM, UVIC, CIIP



Pilot #3 – North Black Forest, DE

Conventional Plastics & Bioplastics Recycling CSS

2 Value Chains

Supporting a plastics-oriented value chain

Establishing a digital product passport for ecofriendly products

6 Partners
CAS, MAG,
TZHORB,
WFG,
BWCOM,
KRUM



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Pilot #4 – Region of Lisbon, PT

Public Transport Vehicle Recycling and Valorisation CSS



2 Value Chains

- Use of recyclable materials from public transport vehicles
- Material recovery at vehicle end-oflife disposal

3 Partners
PARTICLE,
CARRIS,
MOTON



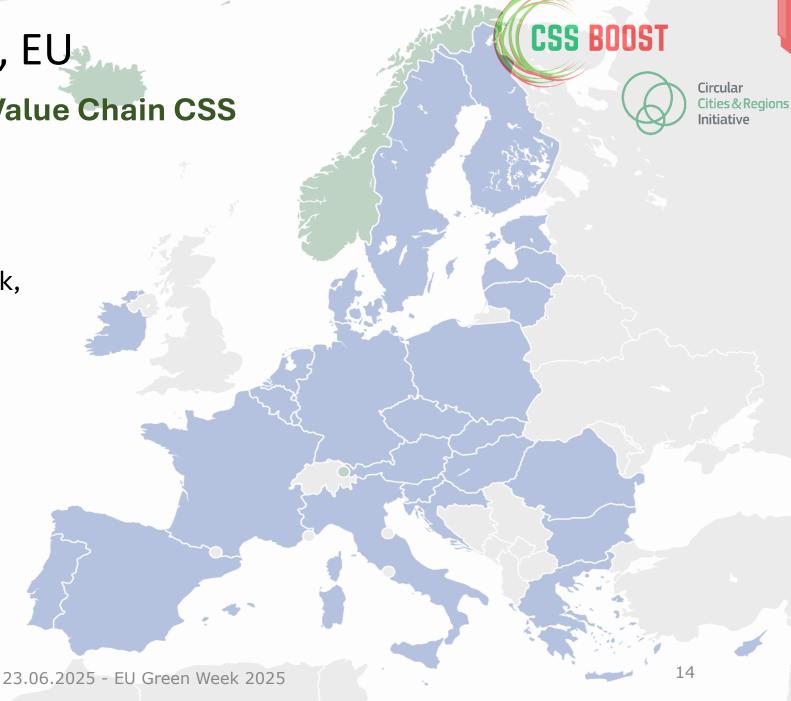


Interregional Multi-National Value Chain CSS

1-4 In Concert Value Chains

- Vehicles and batteries,
- ❖ Agriculture/agro-food/livestock,
- Wastewater, and,
- Plastics/bioplastics

5 PartnersUVIC + 4 Pilot
Leaders: GR,
IT, DE, PT



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Thank You!

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