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Sharing good practices about ERDF use for Circular Economy

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Support to CE investments

Rationale

- The regional economy relies on a **linear model of import-distribution** / transformation activities and is thus very dependent on external resources (17 M tons/year)
- Though circular economy is a key political priority to support the island's resilience, **local firms have little incentive** to engage in such activities, unknown and perceived as risky.
- Up to 2019, circular economy was only treated through the « sustainable development lense », with a **10% bonus on the intensity** of the subsidies dedicated to SME's investment.
- Only **3 projects** were directly connected to CE activities
- In 2018, a **dedicated call for projects** was organized with a **1,5 M€ budget**, mobilizing the Regional Council own resources. On the 36 candidatures submitted by craftsmen, entrepreneurs and NGOs, **22 were funded**.
- From this experience, **2 schemes** were introduced in the current ERDF program to support private investment in circular economy project with a twofold objective : accelerate the transition of economic models and increase regional competitiveness.

Support to CE investments

Actions implemented: Investment subsidies for newly created (up to 3 year old) and establishment SMES engaged in CE project.

Eligible expenses : material and immaterial investments of a minimum 10 k€

Preliminary condition : contributing to at least one of the 7 EC pillars (responsible purchasing/production, eco-design, industrial ecology, functional economy, reuse/repair, recycling)

10% bonus on subsidy intensity for each additional criteria :

- Contribution to a second EC pillar
- Contribution to communication and training activities organized on the island
- Significant job creation (1 job per 100 k€ investment)
- Activity engaged in a priority sector (agro-industries, digital, tourism)

Intensity : 20 to 50%

Max. subsidy : 1,5 M€

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Expected impacts by 2023

430 beneficiaries

359 jobs created



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