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# Sharing good practices about ERDF use for Circular Economy

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# Why a census of good practices and bottlenecks about ERDF uses for CE?

- 1) Accelerate the transition through a smarter use of ERDF**
- 2) Highlight practical experiences that demonstrate the feasibility and impact of ERDF instruments on CE**
- 3) Ease the integration of CE in the ERDF agenda through return on experience focusing on :**
  - successful instruments that have been tested in other regions
  - obstacles that other regions have faced when designing/implementing instruments
- 4) Produce a guide that each partner of REPLACE and other regions will be able to use (translated) to show how ERDF can best support CE to their respective stakeholders**

# How do we do that ?

## 3 types of sources

- SCREEN mapping tool
- Circular Benchmark
- Other INTERREG projects & experiences to be scanned

+ Today roundtable to exchange on main practices that have succeeded or **FAILED** !

Each partner :

- 5 minutes presentation
- 5 minutes discussion with other partners

## **Rationale:**

- Lack of national strategy on CE;
- Lack of national legislative framework;
- Red tape: bureaucracy is an important obstacle (a CE normative is missing and the actual rules on waste disposal, especially for the private sector, are complex and time-consuming)
- Lack of secondary raw material market: there is no match between demand and supply of waste and by-products
- Lack of coordination, incentives and taxes pushing the private sector toward the transition
- Lack of a shared strategic vision and collaboration among different departments of the region, with the Regional Economic Development Department pushing to obtain more relevance for CE

## **Actions implemented:**

Lazio region has started developing a strategy for the circular economy transition due to the efforts of its Economic Development Department, capitalizing on lesson learnt during SCREEN project.

Calls for proposals have been launched under the 3rd Thematic Objective :

TO3 - Promotion of the competitiveness of SMEs, agricultural and fisheries sectors

Action 3.1.2 Supporting the investments to reduce the environmental impact of productive systems

*Responsible body:* Lazio Region Economic Development Department

*Resources:* ROP for the calls; but, support from European Commission (H2020, Interreg Europe) has been essential in understanding how to tackle CE

## **Main impacts:**

The most important impact is the initiation of the regional support to CE  
Since the calls for proposals were recently closed, an impact evaluation is missing; also, there is still an open call (final decision on the selected project not concluded)

Performance indicator for the calls: 22 projects financed

## **Lessons learnt: what is needed**

- ◆ Inclusion of CE dedicated Action in the next ERDF and ROP
- ◆ Specific CE indicators (for the evaluation of proposals, the monitoring of funded projects, to quantify outputs and assess impacts)
- ◆ Stakeholders awareness-raising and engagement in the call for proposals definition
- ◆ Framework for data collection (ideally at EU level) and enhanced data analysis
- ◆ Dedicated platforms to help the alignment between supply and demand
- ◆ Ideally, a national legislative and normative framework as well as centrality of CE in the current political debate



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# Thank you!

Questions welcome



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