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# Policy Changes

**BAMEE**

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## POLICY INSTRUMENT

Strategy for transition to circular economy in Bulgaria

New PI

The document is part of the package of measures of the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria for the transition to a circular economy at national level. The strategy has an implementation period of 2021-2027.

Self defined performance indicator

Introduced new actions/measures in the Policy Instrument

Amount of funds to be influenced

Not yet influenced

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Measures to support the SMEs in the transition to circular economy are seen in:

**Strategic objective 1 (SO1) – Green and competitive economy**

**Strategic objective 3 (SO3) - Industry in favor of consumers**

**SO1 focus is** financial and technological support to SMEs to start applying circular economy business models

**SO3 focus is** communication with consumers through application of forms of ecolabeling and agreements with institutions to request ecolabelled products in their procurement and other forms of joint actions to promote circular economy.

# Proposed

Action / concrete activities	Interregional inspiration from other project partners <i>Good Practice and aspects of particular interest</i>	Relation to Policy Instrument <i>How will the PI be affected from the specific Action</i>
Include the development of road map circular economy and climate actions on regional level	Climate and Circular Economy Roadmap for South Ostrobothnia	The creation of regional climate and circular economy roadmaps to be updated annually is a tool to realise the circular economy transition. This tool helps to create a model of ongoing cooperation for climate and circular economy work in an area.
Incorporate Sustainable Development and Circular Economy elements into evaluation criteria for SMEs funding	The Sustainable Innovators Awards and the Barresi Award from Emilia Romagna	The funds allocated for green transition through the different programmes correlating with the PI are more than 35% of all the support programs and Plan for Resilience and Sustainability being more than EUR 8 billion for the period 2022 - 2027
Include as a measure in the strategy to sign agreements on local/regional level for sustainable development, between public authorities, business representatives, NGOs and others	The new metropolitan covenant for the work and for the sustainable development of Metropolitan city of Bologna	Such an agreement should follow the guidelines of Next Generation EU, the goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the new European Green Deal and thus contribute to the achievement of the Strategy on Circular Economy goals
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## Implemented steps

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- ❑ Review of Strategy for transition to Circular Economy in Bulgaria; Banchmarking with Good Practices in CESME Regions – **May 2022**
- ❑ Meetings with Ministry of Environment, Department Waste and the expert Group responsible for the Strategy development - **June 2022**
- ❑ 2<sup>nd</sup> LSG Meeting on **13.07.2022** – First ideas for amendments to the Strategy for Transition to Circular Economy in Bulgaria, based on lessons learned from the CESME project
- ❑ Submission of recommendations for additional actions and measures in the strategy and Participation in Comission for innovation and circular economy **July – August 2022**

# Time plan

2022						
Month	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct
Steps	<p>Review of Strategy for transition to Circular Economy in Bulgaria; Banchmarking with Good Practices in CESME Regions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Identification of good practices and elements transferable to the local situation.</li> <li>▪ Meetings with Ministry of Environment, Department Waste and the expert Group responsible for the development of the Strategy on 22.6.2022</li> <li>▪ Contact with Fund of Funds for possible funding on 28.06.2022</li> </ul>	<p>2<sup>nd</sup> LSG Meeting on 13.07.2022 – First ideas for amendments to the Strategy for Transition to Circular Economy in Bulgaria, based on lessons learned from the CESME project</p> <p>Development of recommendations for additional actions and measures in the strategy.</p> <p>Participation in Comission for innovation and circular economy on 29.07.2022</p>	<p>Participation in the public consultations for final text of the Strategy for Circular Economy transition and Action Plan</p>	<p>Further developing the specific measures and actions as described</p>	<p>Final approval of the strategy with inclusion of the proposed actions and measures Preparation of pilot projects</p>



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