Timming

The project lasts 4 years and the activities are divided into two phases:

**Phase 1** (Apr 2016 - March 2018)
Exchange of experience and development of the Action Plans;

**Phase 2** (Apr 2018 - March 2020)
The implementation and monitoring of the project.

Outputs and results

- Development of **5 regional/national Holistic Diagnosis** to identify policy gaps
- Identification and exchange of **30 Good Practices** in 5 target policy areas
- Holding of **7 interregional exchanges** of experience activities
- Outreach of *politicians* and *policy-makers*
- Definition and agreement of **5 Action Plans**
- Holding of **10 Regional Dissemination Events** (2 per country)
- Holding of **2 Interregional Dissemination Events** (Belgium, Slovenia)
- 3 publications:
  - *RETRACE Method for Systemic Approaches on Circular Economy* publication
  - *RETRACE Good Practices guide* publication
  - *RETRACE Policy Road map* publication

RETRACE – A Systemic Approach for Regions Transitioning towards a Circular Economy aims at promoting systemic design as a method allowing local and regional policies move towards a circular economy when waste from one productive process becomes input in another, preventing waste being released into the environment.

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Involved actors

8 private and public PARTNERS from 5 different countries including target Operational Programme’s Managing Authorities

5 STAKEHOLDERS groups (one per country) with about 70 local organizations

Objective

Retrace’s main goal is to foster and promote the adoption of Systemic Design as a method allowing regional and local policies in their transitions towards a Circular Economy.

It seeks to improve the policies and capacities of EU regions to adopt systemic approaches leading to a further identification of synergistic opportunities and to an increased capacity of companies in their development.

Specific Objectives

• To provide methodological tools for regions to adopt Systemic Design approaches at territory and cross-sectorial level

• To exchange and disseminate good practices in the field of Circular Economy

• To lead strategic thinking processes with Stakeholder Groups of each participant region, entailing the adoption of Action Plans to improve the existing regional policies, programs or instruments

• To implement and evaluate the impact of Action Plans

• To contribute to the regional smart specialization strategies of partner regions identifying new business opportunities and models according to Systemic Design approach

• To raise awareness among politicians and policymakers, delivering a Policy Road Map and making visible the benefits of adopting systemic approaches

• To contribute to the Policy Learning Platform on Environment and Resource Efficiency

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