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## REPLACE LOCAL ANALYSIS

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### Description

The Centro local analysis report focuses on the transition to a Circular Economy and results from the interpretation of statistical data that was gathered from publicly available sources, such as INE (the National Institute of Statistics), as well as from other relevant inputs that were gathered from relevant regional stakeholders. For the sectorial analysis, CCDRC followed the method underlying the fulfilment of the SCREEN Tool (developed within the H2020 project SCREEN of which CCDRC was a partner) and took into consideration the inputs received from different sectoral meetings that were conducted within the framework of the SCREEN project and the development of the Regional Agenda for the Circular Economy. This document was developed during the year of 2020, in the context of the REPLACE project.

### Stakeholder engagement

The involvement of stakeholders was assured through the scheduling of sectoral meetings to discuss specific bottlenecks and emerging ideas in strategic regional economic domains, as well as through the continuous participation in different dynamic processes of joint strategic development for the Centro region, namely: the Regional Smart Specialisation Strategy (RIS3) process and the development of the Regional Agenda for the Circular Economy. As Circular Economy will remain a strategic area for Centro region, this project will continue to benefit from the different networks that mobilise the participation of regional stakeholders.

### Results

Centro region, both from a socioeconomic and Circular Economy standpoint, is characterised by the prominence of different manufacturing industries. Overall, stakeholders from these industries are relatively aware of the concepts and potential underlying the Circular Economy approach. Nevertheless, the already registered improvements in the transition to a Circular Economy paradigm are to be continued and supported through dedicated measures that aim at: valorising waste streams not yet considered valuable; fostering the collaboration between companies and research institutions for the development of new processes and technologies; supporting industrial symbiosis approaches; promoting circular business models as well as circular procurement; and facilitating the improvement of normative frameworks that currently hinder the adoption of Circular Economy principles.

### Focus Sectors

- ▶ Manufacture of paper and paper products
- ▶ Manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products (Glass; Ceramics)
- ▶ Manufacture of rubber and plastic products



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