

REPLACE LOCAL ANALYSIS

REGION OF CRETE

Description

Local Analysis was executed by subcontracted company INNOVECO, in collaboration with Region of Crete REPLACE work group. A questionnaire was prepared, based on the “guidelines for the interviewers”, as described on the Annex B, Screen project’s Deliverable D2.1. Initially, a list of Companies, Research Institutes, Universities and public Authorities was provided by the *Region of Crete which was enriched as suggested by the first row of participants or upon web research*. The communication included teleconferences, organised through telephone or web official meetings, due to pandemic disease circumstances. The interviews were carried out during part of 2nd and 3rd Semester (June-September 2020).

Stakeholder engagement

The information collected during Local Analysis procedure was used to fill in the **SCREEN Mapping Tool parts 3 « Research, Development and Innovation Capabilities» & 4 «Emerging ideas»**. An analytical report was completed named **Circular Economy in the Region of Crete: Analysis of Capabilities**. Also Region of Crete provided each stakeholder a Certificate of participation in the LOCAL ANALYSIS process in the framework of the REPLACE Interreg EU project. The list of stakeholders will be engaged to organise dedicated meetings during semesters 4-6 of Phase I. In parallel the new Region’s of Crete Strategic Plan 2020-2023 has been completed and the Circular Economy has been adopted as a horizontal principle. The initial list of stakeholders will be used as a start in order to initiate a dialogue with all relevant parties and come up with a CE principles implementation action plan in the Region of Crete.

Results

The most important results are described below:

- 46 interviews were executed during the procedure of local analysis, with 61 emerging ideas recorded. Among them, 25% are ideas in early stage, 21% ideas that are implemented through R&D projects, 39% ideas that are implemented as good practices and 15% ideas that have been implemented and their renewal / expansion is sought.
- The majority of CE plans, are basically supported by Educational Community and Research Institutes (49%), while Business Community has a contribution of 35%. Furthermore 16% of the proposed plans were coming from Municipal Authorities.





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- The target areas with the most emerging ideas are E38 - Waste collection, treatment and disposal activities, material recovery (28%), E39 - Remediation and other waste management services (31%), A1 - Cultivation and livestock activities, hunting and related services (24%) as well as C10- Manufacture of food products (14%) and E37-Sewerage (16%).
- Research & Development projects on Circular Economy in Crete are basically supported by Educational Community and Research Institutes, while Business Community has a limited contribution on that area.

Also a CE good practice namely **Delights of Crete** which involves a cluster of private companies from the agrofood sector was reported. (<https://www.interregeurope.eu/policylearning/good-practices/item/4377/delights-of-crete-doc/>)

Focus Sectors

As a result of the Local Analysis in the Region of Crete, the most active sectors including CE fundamentals are:

- Waste collection, treatment and disposal activities
- Remediation activities and other waste management services, and
- Crop- Animal production, handling and related service activities eg manufacture of agrofood products.

That conclusion was more or less expected for the Region of Crete, where tourism and agriculture are the strongest economical piles. Moreover, the aforementioned areas of activities were proved to collect the highest level of emerging ideas as well.

