

## OSDD Fryslân 28–29 May 2024

**After: interview with the host organisation Province of Fryslân**

- **How did the OSDD go?**

Barring some unforeseen practical issues, it went very well. We figured that it was a quite full and comprehensive schedule, which made the whole picture of our ecosystem clear. The open seminar started with a presentation about the Association of Circular plastics, where we could immediately show our cooperation and what we gain from this. Then one of our colleagues explained more about our regional instruments and the way we try to influence this, also some calls came to discussion. Furthermore, we had a good workshop around the Circular Benchmark Tool, which all the partners were more involved than before so we could make concrete steps. Then especially the company visit to Omrin was impressive and the partners were really interested in the system, the way how they catch different kind of plastics and how they work together with research and upcycle plants. The second day was both fun and educational, since we were able to really see the result of not working on circular plastics, so also the reason why we do work for this topic and the project. This was a good catch since in the end this is where we are all working for and drives us to make a better world.

- **Were there any unexpected surprises during the OSDD? Positive or negative.**

Positive: the informal catching ups, the upcoming discussion about tackling research problems and the microplastics in the water, inspiring our partners by other things around circularity like social inclusiveness and local/natural food, the sun.

Negative: cultural differences in time/punctuality, one of our presentators couldn't come, schedule was a bit too tight.

- **What did you, your region and/or your companies get from the OSDD?**

First of all, it was also an enlightenment for us to see the whole ecosystem and all the parties coming together in these two days. This whole picture showed us what we have but also where we can further work on, for instance the procurement which also came to light in the CBT. Furthermore, the mutual ties are strengthening and the right people are connected in terms of sharing knowledge about research, policy and business systems.