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CIRCULAR ECONOMY

What happened in Amsterdam?





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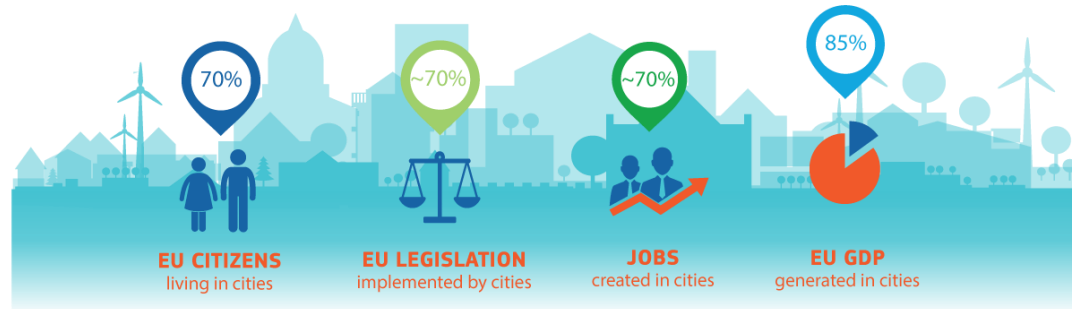
WORKING TOGETHER FOR BETTER CITIES

OBJECTIVES



12 PRIORITY THEMES

- INCLUSION OF MIGRANTS & REFUGEES
- AIR QUALITY
- HOUSING
- URBAN POVERTY
- CLIMATE ADAPTATION
- ENERGY TRANSITION
- DIGITAL TRANSITION
- URBAN MOBILITY
- CIRCULAR ECONOMY
- JOBS & SKILLS IN LOCAL ECONOMY
- PUBLIC PROCUREMENT
- SUSTAINABLE USE OF LAND AND NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS



“MOST EU POLICIES HAVE AN URBAN DIMENSION. LET’S WORK WITH CITIES!”

Corina Crețu
 European Commissioner for Regional Policy



European
Commission

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what?

The Partnership on Circular Economy recommend the need for better resource efficiency and knowledge sharing to help cities transition their economy from a linear to a circular one and to promote new growth.

why?

Cities are an attractive starting point for making the transition to a circular economy. They are where products are produced, consumed and discarded in large quantities and their high population density and industrial productivity mean that waste streams can be cost-effectively collected and processed.

For a set of four selected themes - governance, urban resource management, circular business enablers and drivers, circular consumption - the Partnership will review the specific problems and barriers, the effectiveness of existing policies, and propose solutions that will contribute to the uptake of the circular economy in the urban environment.

The following parties are represented in the Partnership on Circular economy alongside the coordinators: Prato, Porto, Kaunas, Flanders, Finland, Greece, CEMR, EUROCITIES, URBAN AGENDA FOR THE EU, European Commission

who?

how?



Who are in the partnership?



Commission representatives of the relevant DGs

- EC - DG REGIO
- EC - DG ENV
- EC - DG CLIMA
- EC - DG GROWTH
- EC – DG RTD

Urban Authorities European associations

- EUROCITIES
- CEMR (Confederation of European Municipalities and Regions)
- Managing Authorities of ESIF (European Structural & Investment Funds)
- EIB (European Investment Bank)
- ACR+ (Association of Cities and Regions)
- URBACT (European exchange and learning programme promoting sustainable urban development)
- Experts (e.g., Universities etc.)

Timeline for the partnership

2017

Stocktaking

Develop scoping fiches
based on the topics chosen

Identifying bottlenecks and
possible actions

2018

Draft Action Plan

Public consultation and
feedback

Final Action Plan

2019

Implementation of the
Action Plan

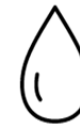
Evaluation of the
Partnership

Draft action plan – part 1

Better Regulation



Waste legislation



Water legislation

Better Funding



Circular City Funding Guide



Mainstreaming Circular Economy as an eligible post 2020 Cohesion Policy and corresponding Fund

Better Knowledge



Circular City Portal



Urban Resource Centres



Roadmap for Urban Resource Management



Knowledge pack Collaborative Economy

Better Regulation



**Waste
legislation**



**Water
legislation**

Action: Help make *waste legislation* support the circular economy in cities



Waste
legislation

- In-depth assessment of the ways that current waste legislation is applied in practice
- Assess the need for setting up a regulatory framework that better fits the requirements of using secondary resources

Example:

- Introduction of so-called 'beginning of waste' criteria

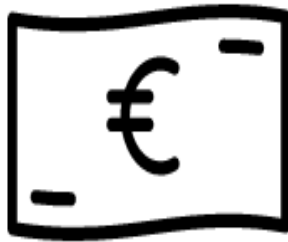
Action: **Help make *water legislation*** **support the circular economy in** **cities**



**Water
legislation**

- **Improvement of current water sector legislation to encourage and facilitate for water re-use**
- **Call for a shift in European policy to better fit with the circular economy with regards to better water management and re-use of water**
- **Develop a position paper and provide input to ongoing legal processes within water sector legislation**

Better Funding

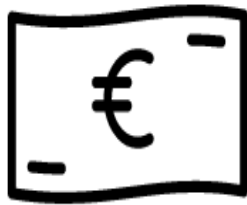


**Circular City
Funding Guide**



**Mainstreaming Circular Economy
as an eligible post 2020 Cohesion
Policy and corresponding Fund**

Action:
Prepare a *Circular City Funding Guide* to assist cities in accessing funding for circular economy projects



**Circular City
Funding Guide**

- **Preparation of a guide to funding and financing sources for circular initiatives and projects in cities**
- **Assessment of existing needs and identify existing guides and resources on funding (for fund-seekers)**
- **Include guidance for public and private investments in circular city projects (for funders)**
- **Should have a practical and implementation orientated focus, using case studies and best practices for funding/financing solutions**

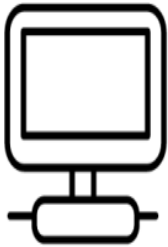
Action:
**Mainstreaming circular economy as an
eligible area into post 2020 Cohesion Policy
and corresponding Funds**



**Mainstreaming Circular Economy
as an eligible post 2020 Cohesion
Policy and corresponding Fund**

- **Ensure that the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) post 2020 support the shift towards a circular economy at urban level**
- **Provide a detailed set of legislative options and alternative recommendations to the Commission planning the European Cohesion Policy post 2020 which promote circular economy in cities**

Better Knowledge



**Circular City
Portal**



**Urban
Resource
Centres**



**Roadmap for
Urban Resource
Management**



**Knowledge pack
Collaborative
Economy**

Action:
Prepare a blueprint for a *Circular City Portal*



**Circular City
Portal**

- **Prepare a central point of access to information dedicated to the promotion of circular economy in cities**
- **Online platform providing a point of entry for additional information on the subject**
- **Facilitate for the sharing and development of information, tools, guidance and know-how between cities**
- **'Do-it-yourself'-guidance**

Action:
**Promote *Urban Resource Centres* for
waste prevention, re-use and recycling**



**Urban
Resource
Centres**

- **Facilitate for physical centres promoting and exercising waste prevention, re-use and recycling in urban areas**
- **Build on existing experience to put a focus on waste prevention in cities through exchange of knowledge in a network and also through peer-to-peer exchange**
- **Map existing barriers, funding and legislative obstacles to the establishment of these centres**

Action:
Develop a ‘*Circular Resource Management*’ Roadmap for cities



**Roadmap for
Urban Resource
Management**

- **Establish a practical roadmap which enables cities to develop urban resource management plans**

Main elements of the roadmap:

- **Mapping resources and resource flows in cities**
- **Establish brokerage facilities to bridge the gap between supply and demand of resources**
- **How to monitor results**

Action:
Develop a *Collaborative Economy*
***Knowledge Pack* for cities**



Knowledge pack
Collaborative
Economy

- **Initiate a field research on the different typologies of Collaborative Economy and circular initiatives**
- **Assessment of the typology of collaborative circular initiatives in five EU cities**
- **Co-create collaborative conference and disseminate findings**
- **Communication and implementation of findings**