

CIRCULINK PROJECT

This is the first newsletter of the CIRCULINK “Collaborative Approaches for linking Circular Economy Initiatives” project. This is an ERASMUS+ project, which will be delivered between October 2018 and September 2020. This project has been financed with support of the ERASMUS+ KA2, Strategic Partnerships for vocational education and training. The project is currently being developed and delivered by participating organisations in: Sweden, Cyprus, Ireland, Portugal, and Spain.

The CIRCULINK project aims to encourage the growth of Circular Business Models in our local communities in all participating countries and to support increased collaboration and networking between Circular Economy actors, SMEs, VET providers, educational institutions and other stakeholders of the sector. We further aim to empower individuals, groups and organisations who would not normally engage in social innovation activities to participate in Circular Economy initiatives by giving them practical and pragmatic training materials and instruction on Circular Collaboration Management. Through our work, we strive to increase the implementation of Circular Economy practices in SMEs in our communities and to link already existent Circular Economy projects and their stakeholders, locally, nationally and at a European level.

KICK OFF MEETING (IRELAND)

First project meeting in Virginia (IRELAND), in November 2018

The kick-off meeting of the project was hosted in Virginia, Ireland on the 14th and 15th of November, 2018. This first meeting gave project partners the opportunity to meet each other, to get to know each other’s organisations and to discuss the general aims and objectives of the project. We also used this meeting to plan our work and collaboration in the next project period. There was a good working atmosphere during the meeting; with all partners very interested in the topic and the experience of the other partners, and looking forward to our future collaboration in the project. The dates for the next partnership meeting have been agreed for the 7th and 8th of May 2019 in Cyprus. We will use this meeting to present the results of our first task – developing the Circular Collaboration Management Manual.



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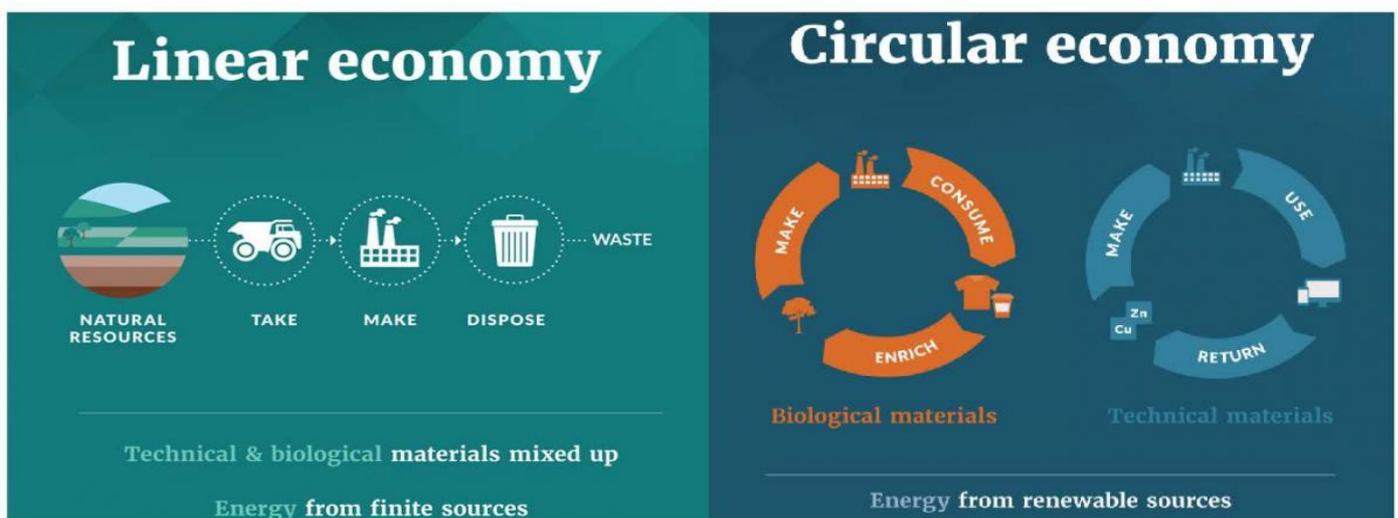
UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

To achieve the aims, the project will carry out a **BLENDED TRAINING PACKAGE** consisting of:



- © CIRCULAR COLLABORATION MANUAL
- © TOOLKIT TRAINING MATERIALS
- © DIGITAL LEARNING PLATFORM & CIRCULAR COLLABORATIVE AREA
- © GUIDE BOOK in CIRCULAR ECONOMY FOR ENTREPRENEURS.
- © CAPACITY BUILDING SESSIONS (Learning and Teaching Activities).
- © TRAINING TESTING PHASE in Circular Collaborative Management (B-LEARNING).
- © NATIONAL CIRCULAR EVENTS AND FINAL CONFERENCE.

We expect to establish and extend a **CIRCULINK NETWORK** all over EUROPE.



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