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**CITYCIRCLE**

## The Future is Circular

Welcome to the first Newsletter of the [CITYCIRCLE](#) project!

Institutions and experts from all over Central Europe (Slovakia, Hungary, Germany, Austria, Slovenia, Croatia and Italy) have joined hands and created a unique project of cooperation, knowledge and information transfer in the field of Circular Economy.

This newsletter will inform you about CITYCIRCLE activities, outcomes, news and give you continuous updates on various topics connected to the concept of Circular economy.

In order to be fully informed, and to help us in achieving our goals, please visit our [CITYCIRCLE](#) webpage, recommend this newsletter to your colleagues and friends and write to us for more information.

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## What is CITYCIRCLE?



Citycircle is a project co-funded by the [INTERREG Central Europe](#) program of European Regional Development fund with the aim of establishing long-term cooperation on the subject of Circular Economy between various institutional and expert stakeholders in several Central European cities.

The list of [PARTNERS](#) includes stakeholders from seven countries from all over Central Europe (Slovakia, Hungary, Germany, Austria, Slovenia, Croatia and

Italy) and the project activities will concentrate on creating a change in the way of thinking and decision making on a local level in partnered communities and cities.

By fostering the change on the local level, we hope to contribute to the global initiatives of establishing the principles of Circular Economy as one the most important ways of creating sustainable future.

## **Who is in the circle of CITYCIRCLE?**

Project partners include universities, cities, municipalities, development and energy management agencies and innovative companies. The complete list of partners, their descriptions and contacts can be found [HERE](#).

The network is geographically balanced throughout the region of Central Europe and includes several so called "peripheral cities". The project acknowledges the phenomenon of the lack of innovation, cooperation and access to global innovation processes in the peripheral cities and offers the remedy in the form of Circular economy, a development concept that should provide sustainable, resource efficient development and a great pool for innovation of new technologies, services, solutions and business models (EU Action Plan "Closing the loop") to make our cities and regions better places to live and work.



## Activities

The project activities are based on various events, meetings and collaborations aimed at general public, professionals, decision makers and scientists. The

goal is to create long lasting cooperation bridges between institutions and experts and to produce documents, strategies and knowledge transfer tools in order to foster the principles of circular economy within the communities.

Partners aim to engage all the possible stakeholders connected with establishing basis for gradual transition to Circular Economy principle. Since the project started, there were numerous public and expert based events held.

### **CITYCIRCLE EVENTS (2019 - early 2020):**



**5-6 June 2019**

#### [Kick off meeting in Košice](#)

The CITYCIRCLE activities started with a 2-day meeting of all project partners.

**9-10 September 2019**

#### [Communication seminar in Budapest](#)

A 2-day communication by INTERREG Central for communication managers



**15 November 2019**

#### [First workshop in Varaždin](#)

Introductory workshop was held in the Croatian partner city - Varaždin

**18 November 2019**

#### [Steering Committee meeting Udine](#)

In a busy month of November, Italian partner - Udine, hosted a Steering Committee meeting



**28 November 2019**

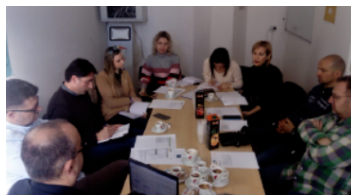
### [Second workshop in Varaždin](#)

At the end of November, a third event in the same month was held back in Varaždin

**18 November 2019**

### [Kranj discusses Circular Economy](#)

Slovenian CITYCIRCLE partner, the City of Kranj organised a workshop for interested stakeholders



**6 February 2020**

### [Strategy meeting in Varaždin](#)

Varaždin, one of the partner cities held a strategy meeting with local stakeholders

**13 February 2020**

### [Double event in Košice](#)

Training and a workshop organised by the Košice based partners



**3 March 2020**

### [Strategy workshop in Kranj](#)



Immensely interesting workshop on strategy and best practices in transition to CE was organised in Kranj

**5 March 2020**

### [Consultation on organic food production in Kranj](#)

Training and a workshop organised by the Košice based partners



**3-5 March 2020**

### [3rd project meeting in Dornbirn](#)

After Košice and Udine, all project partners met in Austrian Dornbirn



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