

OUTPUT FACT SHEET

Innovation networks

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Summary description of the established innovation network explaining its structure, functions and transnational character

The Transnational Learning Platform is the interest group of circular pilot/hub teams and other interested parties cooperating to foster circular transition in their own territories, activates the exchange and learning process using online collaboration tools. It was set up with the main aim of sharing the concepts, achievements and lessons learnt of CITYCIRCLE pilot implemented in participating cities/regions of Košice (Slovakia), Varaždin (Croatia), Udine (Italy), Kranj (Slovenia) and Dornbirn (Austria) among all pilot/hub teams responsible for pilot implementation and other interested parties. The platform was boosted by series of 4 dedicated events - the Experience Exchange Workshops, that were organized from September 2020 to March 2022, during the pilot projects implementation.

NUTS region(s) concerned by the innovation network (relevant NUTS level)

The network connects the organizations fostering the circular transition in territories around cities of Košice (Slovakia), Varaždin (Croatia), Udine (Italy), Kranj (Slovenia) and Dornbirn (Austria). Concerned NUTS regions - SK04, HR04, ITH4, SI02, SI01, AT34.

Expected impact and benefits of the innovation network for the concerned territories and target groups

The Transnational Learning Platform, as the interest group of professional in the field of circular transition from 5 Central European countries, supported the implementation of the single local/regional CITYCIRCLE pilot activities by provision of knowledge and recommendations in each of the circular pilot stages from experienced partners, providing the transnational perspective and feedback to local/regional issues. It also enabled the creation of new linkages among partners, platform participants, from different “corners” of the Central Europe for identified joint challenges to be tackled in follow-up circular projects and initiatives. The platform helped to establish transnational synergies among the hubs and to set up transnational strategies.

Sustainability of the innovation network and its transferability to other territories and stakeholders

The Transnational Learning Platform was organized to strengthen the process of the CITYCIRCLE pilot implementation and knowledge sharing and spread among partners. The purpose was successfully met and the further formal existence of the network is not expected. Nevertheless, the new linkages among partners, platform participants, from different “corners” of the Central Europe were already established and resulted in follow-up collaboration for identified joint challenges to be tackled in new circular projects and initiatives. Moreover, the platform provided important inputs for joint transnational strategies in the form of strategic and operational recommendations for other territories willing to foster circular transition by circular hubs establishment and circular pilot implementation. Within the experience exchange platform, teams implementing the circular pilots in each region were listing lessons learnt - the aspects they think parties in other regions (in transnational way) might find valuable and interesting while replicating the path, or that might like to implement analogical innovative circular solution. This was reviewed and supplemented by larger group of professionals at the workshops, adding the transnational perspective to the process.

References to relevant deliverables and web-links If applicable, pictures or images to be provided as annex

- *Online communication space - MIRO board for the Transnational Learning Platform:*
https://miro.com/app/board/o9J_lMsXEeM/?share_link_id=336154733743
- *Report on Experience Exchange Workshop Nr. 1*
- *Report on Experience Exchange Workshop Nr. 2*
- *Report on Experience Exchange Workshop Nr. 3*
- *Report on Experience Exchange Workshop Nr. 4*





REGIONS AND CITIES FOSTERING THE CIRCULAR TRANSITION

10:00 – 10:15	Introduction and look back at lessons learnt at 1st workshop
10:15 – 10:30	Circular Pilot in Košice, Slovakia Supporting the agri-food value chains and food service sector towards implementation of circular economy solutions and models.
10:30 – 10:45	Circular Pilot in Varaždin, Croatia Valuable blueprint from the field of Bio-economy for policymakers to stimulate the progression from a linear towards circular economy.
10:45 – 11:00	Circular Pilot in Udine, Italy Elaborating on the potential of industrial symbiosis and circular economy exploiting the thermal waste and fuels deriving from the construction of waste treatment plant.
11:00 – 11:15	Circular Pilot in Kranj, Slovenia Exploring the circular economy principles within the management of land enabling urban regeneration in collaboration with land-owners and users.
11:15 – 11:30	Circular Pilot in Dornbirn, Austria Elaborating on the potentials of circular economy principles in the domain of advanced manufacturing and intelligent production.
11:30	Lessons learnt and conclusion

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