

Introduction to the Circular Cities and Regions Initiative (CCRI)



The CCRI Coordination and Support Office (CCRI-CSO)

CCRI-CSO is the main coordinating body for CCRI's activities and facilitates its implementation



Activities

- Supporting cooperation, synergies and complementarities between the Pilots, Fellows, CCRI Projects, Associated Partners and other relevant stakeholders.
- Providing **support** for the implementation of Circular Systemic Solutions (CSS) of Pilots and Fellows.
- Collecting relevant knowledge on financial, regulatory, social and environmental aspects of CCS.
- Presenting **lessons learned** from CCRI-CSO activities for further dissemination, communication and awareness raising activities.
- Builds a **dialogue with wider stakeholders** on the transition towards the circular economy: local and regional authorities, national authorities, European initiatives and institutions, research and academia, relevant organisations and networks.





Facilitate cooperation, synergies and complementarities

- Overall management and coordination.
- ► Coordinating the role of <u>Associated Partners</u> and <u>CCRI Projects</u> in the CCRI.
- ► Gathering inputs from the CCRI Steering Committee and CCRI Advisory Board.



Support Pilots and Fellows

- ► **Selection** of Pilots and Fellows. For overview of the CCRI stakeholders, consult the website.
- ► Individualised support to Pilots, through the elaboration of roadmaps and targeted activities.
- Group activities, including:
 - Thematic Working groups allowing for multistakeholder discussion and collaboration on 1) construction and circular buildings, 2) circular bioeconomy, 3) circular resource management, 4) circular industrial symbiosis and circular economy in industries.
 - Webinars (the <u>first</u> on the CCRI Methodology, and the second on the Horizon Europe calls), and workshops (the first Coordination and Support Workshop already took place main takeaways <u>here!</u>).

CCRI Methodology





Why?

- Need to define a framework
- Provide in one place a series of **key principles, methods and practices**

What?

- Guidance on the implementation of CSS
- Insights on praxis (tools, CSS)

For whom?

 Decision makers at local and regional level involved in the processes of circular transitions, including both public and private parts

How?

- Support within the PILOTING activities
- Exchanges and feedback loops in order to upgrade, enhance and make the CCRI-M operational
- The CCRI-Methodology is available on CCRI website



Collect relevant knowledge and lessons learned

- ► Identify and share **relevant knowledge** for CSS implementation. Consult the <u>Support</u> Materials section of the CCRI website for curated resources.
- ▶ Self-assessment tool (SAT) to measure cities and regions' progress with their CSS.
- ► Identify **R&I gaps** (e.g., regulation, financing, technological).



Disseminate & communicate

- CCRI communication channels:
 - Website, the information hub of the Initiative, including an Intranet section coming up in 2023.
 - Monthly newsletter
 - Social media: LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter
 - Participation at third-party events, such as the <u>EU Green Week</u> and <u>the European</u> <u>Week of Cities and Regions</u>.
- Promotional materials, including a <u>full summary sheet</u> about the Initiative.
- ► CCRI General Conference, first coming up in 2023.



Manages the community and creates multi-stakeholder dialogues

- **CCRI Helpdesk**: to be reached by mail and phone.
- ▶ Multi-stakeholder dialogues to support the transition towards a circular economy at the local and regional scale coming up in 2023.





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