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# H2020 for CE: opportunities and levers for European regions

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## **Outline of presentation**

- H2020: opportunities and barriers for regions and cities?
- Case examples: H2020 R&I support for circular economy / eco-innovation
- What is next?





## The Multiannual Financial Framework 2014-2020





## **Key features of H2020**

#### • Non-territorial

• mainly transnational approach based on excellence and impact

#### • Individual (R&)I Projects

- tackling the whole cycle of innovation, taking into account strategic approaches at EU level, e.g. through European Innovation Partnerships and the Strategic Energy Technology plan
- Directly managed (European Commission/executive agency) and awarded directly to final beneficiaries
- **Bi-annual work programmes** describing topics
- Competitive calls for proposals (one-stage or two-stage) addressed to multicountry consortia without geographic pre-allocation





## Local and regional authorities (LRA) in H2020

## LRA – 1.6% (731) of all participations

- "Champions" ES, **IT**, UK
- Energy, transport, climate action, health
- RIA, CSA, IA, ERA-NET

### Instruments

• ERA-NETs + EIT KICs + Regional Innovation Scheme

## • Enabling conditions / barriers

- + Human resources, integrated strategies
- Human resources, application requirements, difficulty in finding partners, difficulty in implementing synergies with other funds





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## **Results of 2016 Evaluation: IAs**

H2020-CIRC-01-2016: Systemic, eco-innovative approaches for the circular economy: large-scale demonstration projects

a) **Design for circular value and supply chains** Budget: €68,5M

H2020-CIRC-02-2016: Water in the context of the circular economy
a) Demonstrating the potential of efficient nutrient recovery from water
Budget: €12,1M





## **Results of 2016 One-Stage Topics**

#### H2020-CIRC-03-2016 (CSA)

#### Smart specialisation for systemic eco-innovation/circular economy

- Budget: 1.5 MEUR
- **SCREEN** Synergic Circular Economy across European Regions

#### H2020-CIRC-04-2016 (RIA)

#### New models & economic incentives for circular economy business

- Budget: 3.0 MEUR
- **R2PI-** Transition from Linear 2 Circular: Policy and Innovation

#### H2020-SC5-25-2016 (CSA)

# Macro-economic and societal benefits from creating new markets in a circular economy

- Budget: 500,000 EUR
- CIRCULAR IMPACTS Measuring the IMPACTS of the transition to the CIRCULAR economy
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#### BlueScities Making Waste and Water Smart

Instrument: CSA EC contribution: €1M Duration: 01/02/2015 31/01/2017 Project coordinator: FUNDACIO CTM CENTRE TECNOLOGIC (ES) Contact:

http://www.bluescities.eu/

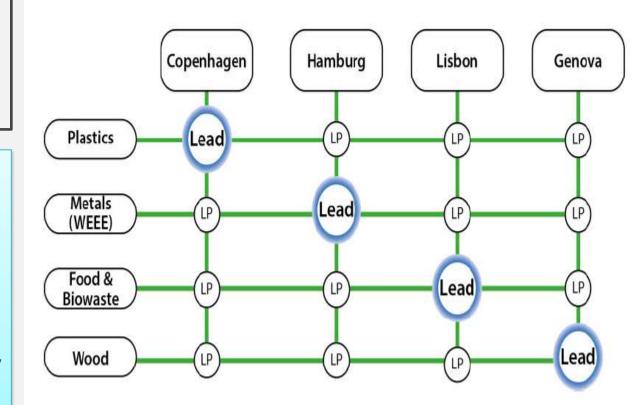


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## FORCE: Cities Cooperating for Circular Economy

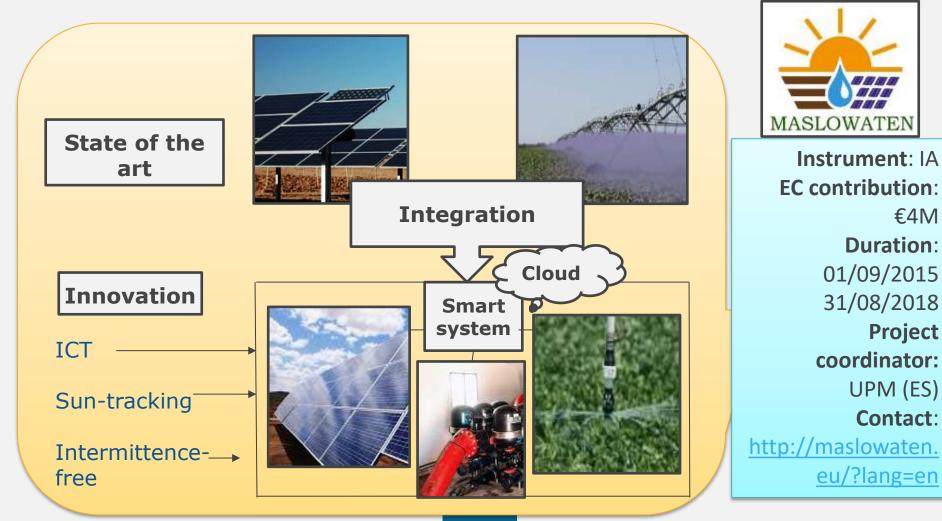
Instrument: IA EC contribution: €9,7M Duration: 01/09/2016 31/08/2020 Project coordinator: Copenhagen Municipality (DK)



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## MArket uptake of an innovative irrigation Solution based on LOW WATer-ENergy consumption





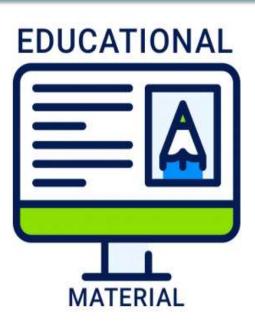


## Moving towards Life Cycle Thinking by integrating Advanced Waste

Instrument: IA EC contribution: €8,8M Duration: 01/06/2016 - 30/11/2019 Project coordinator: Fundación Deusto (ES) Contact: http://waste4think.eu/about









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## Circular Economy 2017 Call Horizon 2020

**CIRC-01-2017**: Systemic, eco-innovative approaches for the circular economy: large-scale demonstration projects

## **Systemic services for the circular economy**

- Deadline: **5/09/2017** for stage 2
- Total indicative budget : € 44M
- Recommended EU contribution/project: **4-7 M€**

**CIRC-02-2017**: Water in the context of the circular economy

Towards the next generation of water systems and services – large scale demonstration projects

- Deadline: **05/09/2017** for stage 2
- Total indicative budget: € 30M
- Recommended EU contribution/project: 10 M€





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## Work Programme 2018-2020

#### Strategic Programme Overarching Document published:

- Big mission-oriented high impact calls and broader topics
- Increased investment in sustainable development and climate related R&I
- Integrating digitisation in all industrial technologies and societal challenges
- Strengthening international R&I cooperation
- Societal Resilience
- Market creating innovation

- Scoping paper SC5 setting out strategic priorities for 2018-2020 and translation into calls
  - Climate action in support of the Paris Agreement
  - Circular economy
  - Water for our environment, economy and society
  - Innovating cities for sustainability and resilience
  - Raw materials
  - Protecting and valorizing our natural and cultural assets (Earth observation, Nature based solutions, disaster risk reduction and natural capital accounting, Heritage alive)



# Info Day on 2018 Calls for proposals

- Info day on 8 and 9 November 2017 in Brussels
- Registration for the event will open in July
- The event provide insights on Horizon 2020 Societal Challenge 5
  - ✓ Climate Action
  - ✓ Environment
  - ✓ Resource Efficiency
  - ✓ Raw Materials



Information day for

#### HORIZON 2020 CLIMATE ACTION, ENVIRONMENT, RESOURCE EFFICIENCY & RAW MATERIALS

8-9 November 2017



https://ec.europa.eu/easme/en/2017-information-day





## **Become an independent expert**



- ✓ Academia
- ✓ Private sector / innovation agencies
- ✓ Local / national authorities / agencies

#### Call for experts:

http://ec.europa.eu/easme/en/call-experts-climate-action-environment-resourcesmanagement







- CE remains a key focus area in the next upcoming H2020 calls
- Role of regions / cities is important
  - Value chain approach
  - Systemic innovation
- Synergies between H2020 / ESIF
  - Practical examples are needed
  - Evidence-based proposals for upcoming reform of FP9





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- Relevant statistics per topics



