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17 European regions from 12 different European countries (1 UK national body)

One partner is "La Reunion" (French overseas territory), interested to apply the project findings in the relationships with their African neighbouring countries



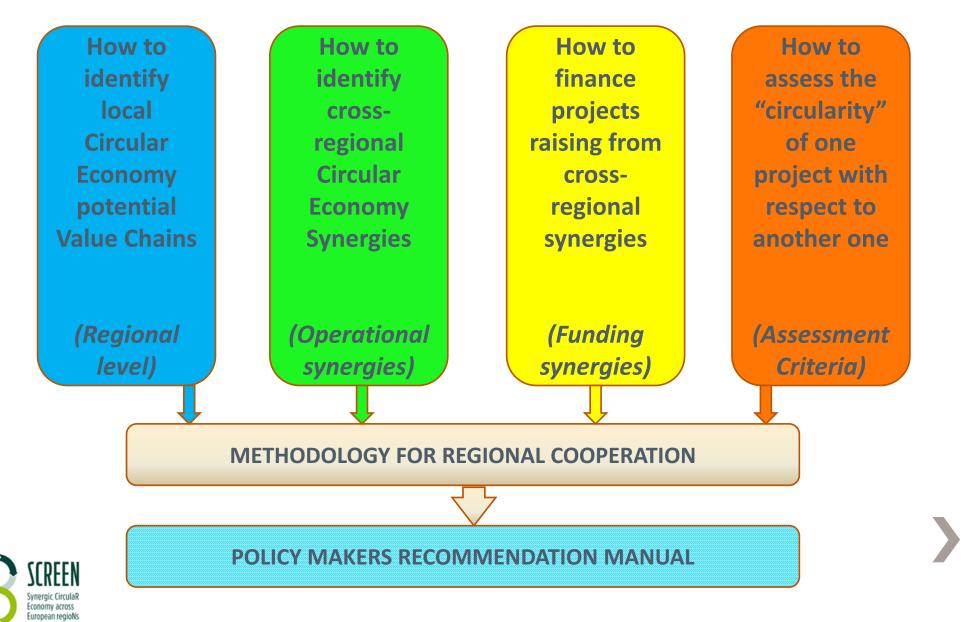
• The main objective is the definition of a <u>common agreed and</u> <u>replicable</u> systemic approach towards a transition to Circular Economy and the <u>synergic application of different funds</u>

 Sustaining the regional stakeholders involved in circular economy activities in line with the Smart Specialisation of each region;

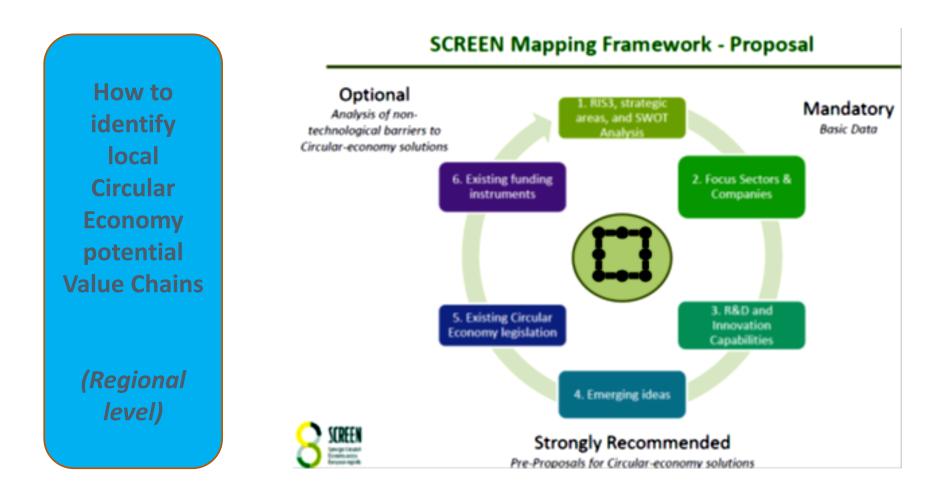
• Connecting them in a trans regional operational framework;



The four steps of the SCREEN project



Tool for the analysis of regional existing capabilities





The first version of this tool is available at <u>www.screen-lab.eu/deliverables.html</u> (*Deliverable D2.1*), together with the Users Guide

SYNERGY GRIDS - A guideline to identify cross regional potential synergies

How to identify crossregional Circular Economy **Synergies**

(Operational synergies)



Potential Synergies in **Biobased Materials & Biotechnology**

industrial biotechnology has the potential to intensity production, without using additional Agricultural land needed for food production or other kind of natural resources. This theme can be associated with other Synergy Grids. Business, F&D and HC intrastructures are generally suffectionity available in this grid. It is suggested that partners should start interact and sharing their capabilities and needs.

Emerging Ideas

Biocelsol-process is an enzyme-catalysed water-based celulose dissolution method without any hazardous chamicals

Industrial scale pilot area linked to nutrient cycles from municipal biowaste, amicultural waste and waste water

Industrial scale pilof area linked to biogas and biofuels from bio-, and wood waste and waste water

Sectorial clusters: entreprises of same sector gather toghether to form a cluster in ther field.

Separate collection of organic wagtes and local trea and valorazation



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1) Analysis of existing instruments: ESIF; H2020; Seal of Excellence; ERA-NET, Art 185....

Use of ESIF in ERA-NET Co-fund

Co-funded

joint call

Additional

budget

Double funding

for the same cost

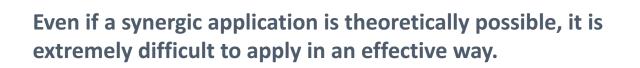
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Programming

Trans-national projects level

How to finance projects raising from crossregional synergies

(Funding synergies)



Coordination

costs for joint

activities

ESIF can be used

National rules apply

ESIF can be used

Other joint

calls

national beneficiary

There is a strong need of a different approach!!



How to finance projects raising from crossregional synergies (Funding synergies)



SCREEN Laboratory on Policies (Policy Lab)

Composed by:

- 17 Participating regions
- European Commission services dealing with the Circular Economy Package
- 3 European no profit organizations .

Physical meetings plus continuous discussion on a specific LinkedIn Group



Details, working methodology and minutes of the meetings available at <u>http://www.screen-lab.eu/Policy-Lab.html</u>

2) Bottom-Up approach of the SCREEN regions

How to finance projects raising from crossregional synergies

(Funding synergies)

- Proposal of a synergic use of regional funds
- Integrated by European funds (option for the next programming period, still to be negotiated)
- Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for a <u>pilot</u> application under definition (Art 70 of ESIF regulation)
 - Signatures expected on 2018,
- MoU opened to other regions
- Possible application in 2018-19



Article 70 of ESIF regulation

Currently under review

Article 70

Eligibility of operations depending on location

- 1. Operations supported by the ESI Funds, subject to the derogations referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3, and the Fund-specific rules, shall be located in the programme area.
- The managing authority may accept that an operation is implemented outside the programme area but within the Union, provided that all the following conditions are satisfied:
- (a) the operation is for the benefit of the programme area;
- (b) the total amount allocated under the programme to operations located outside the programme area does not exceed 15 % of the support from the ERDF, Cohesion Fund and EMFF at the level of the priority, or 5 % of the support from the EAFRD at the level of the programme;
- (c) the monitoring committee has given its agreement to the operation or types of operations concerned;
- (d) the obligations of the authorities for the programme in relation to management, control and audit concerning the operation are fulfilled by the authorities responsible for the programme under which that operation is supported or they enter into agreements with authorities in the area in which the operation is implemented.
- 3. For operations concerning technical assistance or promotional activities, expenditure may be incurred outside the Union provided that the conditions set out in point (a) of paragraph 2 and the obligations in relation to management, control and audit concerning the operation are fulfilled.
- 4. Paragraphs 1 to 3 shall not apply to programmes under the European territorial cooperation goal and paragraphs 2 and 3 shall not apply to operations supported by the ESF.



1) Need of common understanding among the involved regions

How to assess the "circularity" of one project with respect to another one

(Assessing Criteria)

Synergic Circular Economy across

Assessment criteria for circular economy projects

- Should be additional respect to the ones usually adopted by each region
- Help to make a ranking list of projects to be financed
- Optional for the applicant (in a first period), but if used may lead to an higher score
- Proposal to the European Commission for their application as "Additional criteria" (in case of equal score) in Circular economy calls.

2) Assessment criteria proposed at the Policy Lab (still under discussion)

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Criterion 2: "Net Energy balance respect to the previous system" (KWh/year).

Criterion 3: "Percentage of renewable energy used in the process"(from 0 to 100%) Rejected by the last Policy Lab!

Criterion 4 (Socio economic criterion): "Net balance of jobs, given by the number of new jobs created by the circular economy project, minus the number of jobs lost in the previous linear process".



Our work is still in progress.....



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