



# SCREEN

Synergic Circular Economy across European regions



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### What is SCREEN?

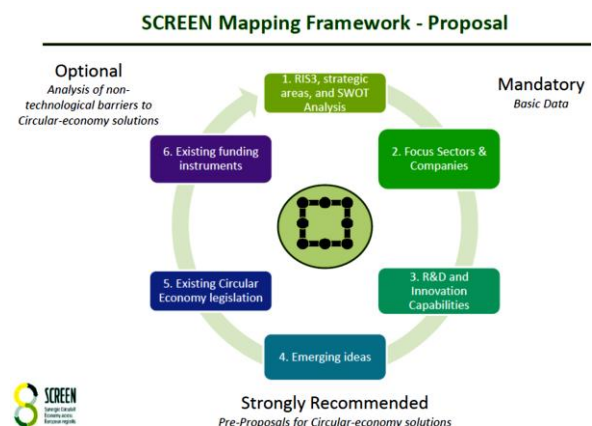
SCREEN is an H2020 coordinating and supporting action participated by 17 European regions, aiming at the definition of a replicable systemic approach towards a transition to Circular Economy in EU regions within the context of the Smart Specialization Strategy. The project also deals with the identification and implementation of operational synergies between investments in research and innovation under Horizon 2020, the Structural Funds and the European Investment Funds.



### SCREEN tools

The concept of the action is to develop a EU reference framework for establish operational synergies between Horizon 2020 and the European Structural and Investment Funds related to Circular Economy through a series of tools available for free on the project website. Two tools have already been produced and are continuously improved on the basis of the discussion within the project:

**Tool for the analysis of regional existing capabilities**, specifically developed for a friendly use by both regions that do not have specific experience in these kinds of analyses and more advanced regions. In fact it is composed by 2 mandatory basic data sets, 2 strongly recommended data sets that should be in general available in the majority of the European regions and finally by 2 optional (more advanced) data sets. It is composed by an Excel File and a guide for the users. The first version of this tool is available at [www.screen-lab.eu/deliverables.html](http://www.screen-lab.eu/deliverables.html) (Deliverable D2.1)



**SYNERGY GRIDS - A guideline to identify cross regional potential synergies.** Based on identified existing capabilities, potential Synergy Grids (value chains) can be developed, in order to highlight possible new business cases/value chains among involved regions which could contribute to the European transition of a Circular Economy.

The guideline explains the methodology for the identification and shows some examples. The first version of this tool is available at [www.screen-lab.eu/deliverables.html](http://www.screen-lab.eu/deliverables.html) (Deliverable D2.3)



### First International workshop



The common agreement on the replicable methodology provided by SCREEN among the participating regions is achieved through four international workshops that will ensure a wide discussion about the criteria and methodologies developed by the project, first among the participating regions and then enlarged to further stakeholders. The first international

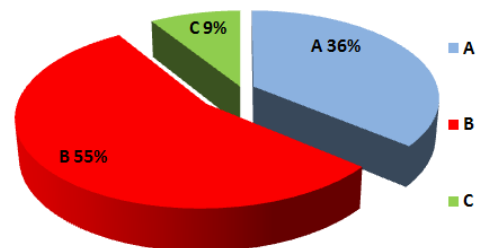
workshop was held in Milano on June 2017 and its proceedings are available at at [www.screen-lab.eu/deliverables.html](http://www.screen-lab.eu/deliverables.html) (Deliverable D4.1 Minutes of Workshop 1)

### Questionnaire on Seal of Excellence and funding synergies

Partner regions were asked to forward the questionnaire to their offices in charge of the management of structural funds. The questionnaire was anonymous and studied to collect general information only, through a set of few simple questions.; the answers depicted that, despite a good knowledge of the EC “seal of excellence”, such initiative is currently leading to large expectations but few practical results: an action is needed to give effective support to those SMEs that achieved the “seal”.

#### Question 7

Please give your opinion about the “Seal of Excellence”.



Full results of the Questionnaire are available at [www.screen-lab.eu/SCREEN-Quest1-Results.pdf](http://www.screen-lab.eu/SCREEN-Quest1-Results.pdf)

## Policy Lab

SCREEN has a specific task for the establishment and operation of a "Laboratory operations on Policies" (Policy Lab): it is a table of discussion participated by the project partners, the Advisory Board and those European Commission Services concerned with Circular Economy, Smart Specialisation strategies and synergies between H2020 and Regional funds. Policy Lab has periodic physical meetings and a continuous discussion space in a specific LinkedIn Group ; the discussion is focused on three main aspects 1) New methodology and tools developed by the project, 2) innovative and synergic use of different funds for circular economy projects, 3) Common additional assessment criteria for projects dealing with Circular Economy



Reference documents, agenda and minutes of the Policy Lab meetings are available at [www.screen-lab.eu/policy-lab.html](http://www.screen-lab.eu/policy-lab.html)

SCREEN has been presented in several events: the two main ones are:

***Circular Economy Stakeholder Conference on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2017*** in Brussels. Video available at <https://webcast.ec.europa.eu/circular-economy-conference-mans> (time stamp from 02.33.00 to 02.44.10); agenda of the conference available at: [http://ec.europa.eu/environment/circular-economy/pdf/stakeholder\\_conference\\_agenda.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/circular-economy/pdf/stakeholder_conference_agenda.pdf)

***United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, 20 October 2017 in Geneva, Palais des Nations*** - Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies - Tenth Session -, Substantive Segment "Towards the Circular Economy – Innovation Policies for Sustainable Production and Consumption". Agenda, Programme, Speakers' info and report available at: <http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=46514>

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