Introduction

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How do we assess project's circularity?
SCREEN Policy Lab Meeting
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• H 09,00 Registration
• H 09,30 Welcome from EESC (Bernd Dittmann, EESC Member)
• H 09,45 Introduction (C. Di Giorgio, Lazio Region, Coordinator of the SCREEN Project)
• H 09,55 Assessment Criteria for Circular Economy projects (A. Ruggeri, Rector of Tuscia University; Carlo Polidori)
• H 10,15 Questionnaire results (Martina Chiaraluce, Veltha)
• H 10,30 Discussion (first round of comments by the member of the Policy Lab, then questions from the public)
• H 11,00 Coffee Break
• H 11,30 New SCREEN deliverables and overview of the final ones (M. Colledani, AFIL, A. Braccini, Tuscia University, Nillo Halonen, Tampere, Bart Volkers Frysland)
• H 12,10 Discussion
• H 12,25 Conclusions and next steps (Carlo Polidori, Veltha)
• H 12,30 End of the Policy Lab Meeting
The project objective is the definition of a common agreed and replicable systemic approach towards a transition to Circular Economy and the synergic application of different funds.
The four steps of the SCREEN project

1. How to identify local Circular Economy potential and existing Value Chains (Regional level)
2. How to identify cross-regional Circular Economy Synergies (Operational synergies)
3. How to finance projects raising from cross-regional synergies (Funding synergies)
4. How to assess the “circularity” of one project with respect to another one (Assessment Criteria)

METHODOLOGY FOR REGIONAL COOPERATION

POLICY MAKERS RECOMMENDATION MANUAL
» SCREEN has a specific task for the establishment and operation of a "Laboratory operations on Policies": POLICY LAB

» It includes both physical meetings plus continuous discussion via mail and on a specific LinkedIn Group

» Reference documents, agenda and minutes of the Policy Lab meetings are available at www.screenlab.eu/policy-lab.html
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

for a synergic use of regional and European funds targeted to circular economy projects

THE SIGNATOIRES OF THIS DOCUMENT.

Having regard to the EU action plan for the Circular Economy¹

Whereas:

(1) The transition to a more circular economy is an essential contribution to develop a sustainable and competitive economy, as well as an opportunity to generate new and sustainable competitive advantages for the European Regions.

(2) Regional authorities have a key role to play in the transition towards Circular Economy and greater synergies; nevertheless, fragmentation of resources and implementation difficulties obstruct progress towards achieving common objectives.

(3) The European Commission publication “EU Funds working together for jobs & growth”² shows how some funds synergies are possible and encourages their implementation

(4) At the level of a comprehensive program, synergies between the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) and H2020 is possible and visible, even if not yet completely tested in real cases.

(5) Specific actions already initiated by some regions are good examples of best practices and could also be implemented at European level.

(6) Article 70 of the ESIF regulation allow operations implemented outside the programme area, but within the EU, up to 15% of the allocated funds; however, there is no evidence of its actual application.

Text, explanatory notes and already signed documents available at:  
http://www.screen-lab.eu/Step3.html

Result of a series of discussions within the Policy Lab

Designed to be a “Multi-partner Seal of Excellence” allowing actual financing

First signatures already achieved in the first quarter of 2018, further ones are coming

Open to all EU regions
Thank you for your Attention!

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