



European Economic and Social Committee



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# How do we assess projects' circularity?

## SCREEN Policy Lab Meeting

30th May 2018 – European Economic and Social Committee-h 09,00-12,30 - Room jde-63

SCREEN ([www.screen-lab.eu](http://www.screen-lab.eu)) 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 European regions. A specific task is dealing with a common agreement on a specific set of “evaluation criteria for circular economy projects”. Even if each regional authority managing structural funds already has its own assessment criteria for the evaluation and selection of projects, specific criteria for circular economy projects are still missing. The criteria to be defined are therefore the additional ones to be used for the sole purpose of evaluating the “circularity” of one project respect to another one and help the evaluators to make a clear and transparent ranking list. An online questionnaire ([www.screen-lab.eu/Questionnaire.html](http://www.screen-lab.eu/Questionnaire.html)), available up to 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018, has been launched to collect comments from the stakeholders and has collected more than 110 answers (update 20<sup>th</sup> April). The results of the questionnaire will be discussed during this event, together with the next steps of the project

### Agenda

- h. 09,00** Registration
- h. 09,30** Welcome speech and a brief presentation on the European Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform. (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. Ruggieri, Rector of Tuscia University, Carlo Polidori, project manager of the SCREEN project)
- h. 10,15** Questionnaire results (Martina Chiaraluce - Veltha)
- h. 10,30** Discussion (first round of comments by the member of the Policy Lab, then question 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 Volkens Fryslan)
- h 12.10** Discussion
- h 12.25** Conclusions and next steps (Carlo Polidori – Veltha)
- h. 12,30** End of the Policy Lab Meeting

**Event open to the public (working language: English).**

**Compulsory registration at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdxJ8doFh2WXJrAkI2-NaMBqvDSUx7msRmnH7ExlbnYy-z7bQ/viewform> \_ open up to 25<sup>th</sup> of May 2018.**

*This event is video-recorded: a specific consent will be requested before entering in the room*

After the event, participant are also invited at the afternoon session of the event “Water technology unlocking and scaling up the circular economy” at the Committee of Regions (same building). More details in the third page



# Water technology unlocking and scaling up the circular economy

**Date:** May 30th 2018

**Time:** 08:30 - 17:30

**Venue:** **Committee of the Regions** (Belliardstraat 99-101, 1040 Brussels, BE) Room: **JDE 52**

09h00 Setting the scene: the role of water technology in unlocking the circular economy

Welcome by Klaas Kielstra (NL/ ALDE), CoR-Member, Province of Fryslân

Jan Weijma, LEAF and WUR, Introducing the global imbalance in nutrients and need to change nutrient management.

Hans Stielstra, Deputy Heaf of Unit Clean Water, DG ENV, EU Water legislation supporting drinking water, water reuse and circular economy.

Cees Buisman, Wetsus, High-risk research transforming new ideas into breakthrough innovations and start-ups.

10h30 Coffee Break and Cake

11h00 Research and Scaling up Inventions: Barriers and Financing Stephan Bocken, CEO Paques BV (NL), CEO, transforming waste water into biogas and bioplastics

Marc Feyaerts, Ecoloro (NL, SME), innovative waste water treatment for textiles sector

Erik Pijlman, CEO KNN Cellulose (NL, start-up), cellulose recovery from waste water

Leon Korving, Green Water Solution (USA, start-up), nutrient removal and recovery. How to win the George Barley Water Prize and cash 10 million dollars?

12h30 Lunch (standing with cocktail tables)

## 14h00 **Circular Economy Interregional Cooperation**

**Mikel Irujo Amezaga** (ES/EA) (CoR-Member Navarra), Vanguard Initiative and Rapporteur of the opinion 'Smart Specialisation Strategies (RIS3): impact for regions and interregional cooperation'

**Marcello Colledani**, Politecnico di Milano, H2020 project SCREEN (Synergic Circular Economy Across European Regions)

**Pieter de Jong**, WaterCampus Leeuwarden, introducing Interreg Europe project - "Water Technology Innovation Roadmaps" (iWATERMAP) and partners:

**Janis Paiders** (Latvia), Head of analytical team for RIS3 in Ministry of Education and Science

**Miroslav Kubásek** (Southern-Moravia), Chairman of the Committee on Interregional Relations of the South Moravian region

15h00 Coffee break

## 15h30 **Future Research and Innovation agenda (reflections on MFF)**

**Pavel Misiga**, Head of Unit Eco-Innovation DG RTD, Outlook Research and Innovation policy post 2020 and Horizon Europe

**Mathea Fammels**, Head of EIT Liaison Office, EIT – Delivering Solutions to Societal Challenges: Today's Contributions and Future Ambitions.

Panel discussion about regional, national and European perspective:

**Sander de Rouwe** regional collaboration and outlook beyond 2020

**Michiel Smeets**, Ministry of Economic Affairs (NL) Research and Innovation Policy in The Netherlands

**Cees Buisman**, Wetsus, creating more impact through funding synergies 16h30 Network cocktail

16h30 Network cocktail

Official opening of the cocktail, **Pirita Lindholm**, director ERRIN

17h30 **Closing of the event**