

Glossary

Circular Economy Action Plan (CEAP): Strategic document for the implementation of the circular economy in a city, region or territorial cluster. A CEAP can include several Circular Systemic Solutions (for the definition of Circular Systemic Solutions, see the respective definition below).

Circular Systemic Solution (CSS): A project aiming to achieve an overall net sustainability-added-value in a local context by applying innovative circular models. These actions are holistic and seek to achieve minimal trade-offs. They are systemic in a sense that they involve different actors and value chains, address a variety of circularity issues and consider all causal factors that may enable or hinder a transition towards circular economy at the local level. Circular Systemic Solutions should address the major challenge of effectively applying the circular economy concept beyond resource management and recovery in the waste and water sectors.

Circular territorial clusters: A socio-economic, geographical and environmental system composed of all relevant actors and dimensions to implement, demonstrate and facilitate the replication of at least one Circular Systemic Solution in a specific territory. Including at least one public authority

Fellows: Cities, regions, territorial clusters that are not part of the pilot group and are not receiving direct technical support of the CCRI-CSO. They are interested in exchanging information and good practices (Circular Systemic Solutions) and other relevant knowledge on circular economy among themselves and with the pilot group, CCRI Projects and Associated Partners through peer-to-peer mentoring. This group is made up of indicatively 20 members (by the Main Specific Contract) with possible increase in numbers through other specific contracts.

Pilot group: A group of circular cities, regions and circular territorial clusters benefitting from support and technical guidance provided by the CCRI-CSO. This group is made up of at least 10 members (by the Main Specific Contract) with possible increase in numbers through other specific contracts.





Circular Cities and Regions Initiative-Coordination and Support Office:

The CCRI-CSO is responsible for facilitating the implementation of the CCRI. It does so by creating synergies among relevant projects and initiatives, gathering and disseminating relevant knowledge, and providing visibility to examples of successful Circular Systemic Solutions. More specifically, the CCRI-CSO:

- assists a Pilot Group of cities and regions with the development of their Circular Economy Action Plans (CEAPs) and Circular Economy Investment Plans (CEIPs), and the implementation of their Circular Systemic Solutions;
- facilitates cooperation, synergies and complementarities between the cities and regions of the Pilot Group and the CCRI's Fellows, CCRI Projects and Associated Partners;
- collects relevant knowledge and lessons learned from their activities for further dissemination, communication and awareness raising activities.



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