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Valencia Workshops (19-20th September 2024)

1.1. Workshops in Valencia

The CCRI knowledge hub partners project will organize two in-person workshops in Valencia, focusing on various circular economy topics. These workshops are scheduled for 19th and 20th of September and will be part of the K-CCRI Support Pathway for the city, within the framework of the Valencia European Green Capital 2024 events. The specific location for the workshops is yet to be determined. The workshops will be conducted in a hybrid format, with a link provided for virtual attendance.

The provisional agenda for the workshops is shown below:

1.2. Workshop 1 (19/09) - public participation

Registration and Opening (8:45 - 9:00h)

CCRI Presentation (Knowledge Hub Presentation) (9:00 - 9:15h)

A short presentation introducing the Circular Cities and Regions Initiative (CCRI) and its Knowledge Hub. This session will set the context for the workshop, emphasising the importance of public participation in circular economy initiatives.

Session 1: How can public participation support the implementation of the Circular Economy by cities and regions? - ALDA (9:15 - 10:00)

Explore the role of public participation in the implementation of EC by cities and regions. ALDA will discuss why cities and regions should be interested in involving their citizens in EC initiatives, highlighting the benefits and potential impact of effective public participation.

Session 2: Basic concepts of public participation for CCRI - UVEG, KVC (10:00 - 10:45)

Provide a fundamental understanding of public participation in the context of CCRI. UVEG and KVC will cover basic concepts of public participation, including mapping and stakeholder engagement strategies, using the CCRI methodology as a framework.

Coffee Break (10:45 - 11:15)

Session 3: Good practices in implementing public participation in circular solutions at local and regional level - EURADA, UVEG, EBN, FILSE (11:15 - 12:45)



Share and discuss successful examples of public participation in circular economy projects. This session will present case studies and experiences from various cities and regions, showcasing effective strategies for public participation in circular solutions.

Session 4: Deliberative dialogue workshop - UVEG (12:45 - 13:45)

UVEG will facilitate a structured dialogue where participants will discuss how the principles and practices shared in previous sessions apply to their own contexts. This session aims to foster deeper understanding and generate practical ideas.

Lunch (13:45 - 14:45)

Session 5: Regional roads to circularity, the case of Valencia - VTT (14:45 - 16:45)

Description: VTT will present the diagnostic study and the draft support itinerary for the municipality of Valencia, for discussion and validation with the actors present.

Session 6: Policy Lab: Recommendations for implementing public participation in cities and regions - UVEG & Participants (16:45 - 17:30)

UVEG will facilitate a policy lab where participants will collaboratively develop recommendations for improving public participation in EC initiatives.

Closing of the workshop (17:30)

Concluding remarks and summary of the key points of the workshop. Participants will receive information on next steps and follow-up actions.

Additional Note

These sessions can be tailored to the specific needs of stakeholders, allowing for additional discussions and debates on the way forward. This can be organised as discussed in our recent telephone conversation.

1.3. Workshop 2 (20/09) - Circular Economy and Agri-Food

Session 1 - Circular Business Models in the Agrifood Industry

This workshop focuses on the importance and application of circular business models in the agri-food industry. Through a theoretical presentation and a practical value chain analysis, participants will learn about the latest innovations and strategies to implement waste prevention and sustainability practices in their businesses.

Objectives:

- Understand the relevance of circular business models in the agri-food industry.



- Analyse recent studies and success stories in the implementation of circular business models.
- Apply knowledge gained through interactive value chain analysis, identifying specific opportunities and challenges.

This workshop is ideal for entrepreneurs, sustainability managers, innovators, academics and policy makers in the agri-food sector who are looking to integrate circular practices into their daily operations and long-term strategies.

Workshop 2: Technological Tools for the Circular Economy in the Agri-Food Sector

This workshop provides an introduction to the technological tools that facilitate the implementation of the circular economy in the agri-food sector, with a focus on the DIS tool developed in the Agro2Circular project. The DIS tool integrates advanced digital technologies such as cloud computing, blockchain, artificial intelligence, and Big Data to improve traceability, optimize resource use, and support the transition towards more sustainable practices in the agri-food value chain.

Participants will learn how the DIS tool tracks the journey of materials, predicts the best methods for waste reuse, and securely shares information across the value chain. This technology is crucial for enhancing the transparency, efficiency, and sustainability of agri-food operations.

Objectives:

- Familiarize participants with the DIS tool and other key technological tools that support the circular economy in the agri-food sector.
- Understand how these tools can be utilized to improve efficiency and sustainability in the agri-food value chain.
- Apply the knowledge acquired in practical exercises that demonstrate the integration of these tools into daily operations.

This workshop is designed for agri-food industry professionals, including production managers, food technologists, sustainability experts, academics, and policymakers interested in leveraging technology to advance their circular economy goals.

