

Search for project partner in the area of decision making for the project

Boosting eco-innovation and the regional circular economy by targeted capacity building GO CIRCLE!

Programme priority: PA1. Innovative and socially responsible Danube region

Programme specific objective: SO1.2 Increase competences

Project summary

The fact is that waste prevention, reuse and recycling in the Danube region are relatively low. On the other hand especially large amounts of waste are continuously generated by the mining, processing, agricultural, construction and other sectors of the region, considerable part of it abandoned as landfill. Construction sector, as the main consumer of raw materials, has the largest potential for usage of recycled waste, saving in such a way huge amounts of natural resources and markedly reducing the energy consumption. Circular economy recognizes waste as beneficial source for secondary raw materials. Although the adoption of this new paradigm would open many opportunities and increase the competitiveness of the Danube region, it is still differently accepted in the wider region. In order to boost regional circular economy the prime objective is to raise awareness and build capacity of all actors along the value chain. The main force for achieving these targets are future entrepreneurs (students, young vocational trainees) as well as existing experts operating currently predominantly in linear economy models. GO CIRCLE! will activate the new labour force by developing three major holistic educations and training programmes: i) high education training, ii) lifelong learning and iii) vocational training. All activities will be transnational transferring and/or creating successful practices within the region by mutual learning. The first group of activities will target the area of higher education. A new programme of international higher education activities will be developed for bachelor, master and Ph.D. students in form of GO CIRCLE! Ph.D. Workshop, GO CIRCLE! Summer School and GO CIRCLE! Course which will in turn contain a GO CIRCLE! Lab Week and a GO CIRCLE! Student Award. The second group of activities will target professionals working in different industrial sectors that produce large quantities of wastes as well as in the construction sector. Both groups will be trained through a series of GO CIRCLE! Workshops (including workshops on industrial symbiosis) and by practical demonstrations with the aim to increase their awareness for waste recycling and use of secondary raw materials as well as to educate them in legislative and administrative processes. The third group of activities will target in vocational education and training (VET) by a special GO CIRCLE! Vocational Training Programme. This training programme will have two parts: the first targets teachers in VET schools to provide them with materials to include circular economy knowledge into existing VET programmes (open curricula); the second part focuses on on-company tutors to provide them with practical materials to be used in the practical trainings. Through these activities the main output of the GO CIRCLE! project will be the improved skills and competences of the target groups for the advanced circular economy in the Danube region preventing in such a way brain drain from the region and increasing its competitiveness. DANUBE GO CIRCLE!

Task of the needed partner:

Decision makers who will help us shape and develop strategy for uptake of innovative educational programmes for a) university, b) life-long learning and c) vocational training and who have power and competences to keep results sustainable (e.g. ministries for education, ministries of economy, ministries for labour, etc.).

Necessary experience :

Competences, jurisdiction in: development of policies, action plans and programmes in the area of higher education, entrepreneurship training and vocational training.

Type of organisation

National, regional governances.

Preferred countries

Austria (preferable), Slovenia, Croatia, Czech Republic, Romania and Bulgaria.

Structure of the project

Lead Partner: Technische Universität Wien

No.	Name of beneficiary	Short name	Country	Type of institution
1.	Technische Universität Wien	TUW – lead partner	Austria	University/RTD
2.	Slovenian National Building and Civil Engineering Institute	ZAG	Slovenia	Research Inst./RTD
3.	Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Slovenia	CCIS	Slovenia	Industrial Association/IND
4.	Technical University of Brno	VUT	Czech Republic	University/RTD
5.	University of Beograd	IMK/IMSI	Serbia (IPA)	University/RTD
6.	University of Zagreb	UZ	Croatia	University/RTD
7.	Hunedoara Chamber of Commerce	CCI HUNEDOARA	Romania	Industrial Association/IND/regional
8.	Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Vrtsa	CCI-VR	Bulgaria	Industrial Association/IND/regional
9.	Eurolex Consulting Ltd.	EUROLEX	Croatia	SME
10.	FH Joanneum Graz ZML - Innovative Learning Scenarios	ZML	Austria	Higher Education/RTD

Projekt duration

03/2018-02/2020 (36 M)