CIRCULAR ECONOMY

Circular economy is an innovative economic model aimed at closing loops. Through innovation and collaboration, circular economy embodies the principles of resource regeneration and creation of value in processes, products and systems by working towards extension of the life cycles of products and resources. This model includes innovative solutions for optimizing the production, reducing the consumption and the residues generation, with a collaborative approach among the participating stakeholders, looking beyond the short term.

ICESP

Italian Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform

Thanks to the efforts of the European Commission and the European Economic and Social Committee, ECESP (European Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform) has been set up, with Italy being represented in the Coordination Group by ENEA.

ENEA has promoted and coordinates the Italian Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform – ICESP (mirror of the European one) – which aims to foster the Italian way for circular economy.

ICESP was founded as a forum bringing together initiatives, experiences, criticalities and prospects that Italy will and has the potential to represent in Europe in circular economy, while fostering circularity in Italy also with specific actions.

STRUCTURE

The platform is made up of the:

- President
- Italian member of ECESP coordination group and Italian interface with ECESP Platform
- Technical coordinator
- Committee of Coordinators
- Working Groups
- Assembly of signatories

Assembly of Members

Committee of Coordinators of Working Groups

Central and Local Public Administration Bodies

ENTREPRISES AND TRADE ASSOCIATIONS

RESEARCH, TRAINING AND INNOVATION

SIGNATORIES

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Research, Training and Innovation

Signatories
OBJECTIVES

ICESP’s specific aims as regards on circular economy are as follows:
- promoting knowledge diffusion;
- fostering dialogue and synergetic relations among Italian actors;
- mapping Italian good practices;
- overcoming the fragmentation of initiatives at the Italian level;
- creating a permanent operational tool that can stimulate and facilitate inter-sectorial dialogue and interactions;
- promoting Italian excellence and “the Italian way for circular economy”, starting from the traditional features and related cultural, social and entrepreneurial models.

The key themes are discussed and elaborated by the Working Groups presented in the table below.

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TARGETS

The platform’s initiatives target various Italian actors, e.g. public administration, enterprises, research organisations and civil society.

JOINING ICESP

The platform, ICESP, is open to circular economy sector players. It adopts an inclusive approach. Participants approve and sign the ICESP Charter that sets the objectives, composition, fields of interest and operational instruments of the platform. The form for joining and the rules are available on the www.icesp.it site. When joining, participants undertake to contribute interactively to the platform’s various activities, e.g. participation in working group activities, providing/pinpointing good practices, and promoting ICESP and its objectives.

For info, see: info@icesp.it

ICESP’s priorities for an Italian circular economy strategic agenda presented at the annual ICESP conference of 28/11/2019

- Governance: Action Plan and creation of the Circular Economy Agency
- Economic instruments: Co-funding and investing in circular eco-innovation actions
- Legal, regulatory and technical instruments: harmonization, streamlining and implementation
- Circular-mode urban and territorial management: re-designing cities and territories and fostering participation processes
- Market for by-products and recycled materials: products containing recycled materials in Minimum Environmental Criteria (in GPP Plan), Enhancing the economic competitiveness of recycled aggregates – Setting standards
- Infrastructural system: Reconversion and transition of value chains to circularity - Needs for facilities and infrastructures in Italy
- Quantitative monitoring instruments: Initiatives for Circular Economy monitoring by means of macro- meso- and micro-indicators to control the direction of transition, measure achievements and the timeframes involved
- Training, information and culture: Training at school and university levels - Retraining technical and managerial personnel – Awareness campaigns

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