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THE GREENING ISLANDS

OBSERVATORY ISLAND MEETING

Crete/Greece | 28th February & 1st March 2019

Challenges for the Islands in the era of the Circular Economy “Circle
2018”

Conclusions and Recommendations

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Thursday 20 - Friday 21 September 2018
Chania, Crete

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- DG ENV, DG MARE, DG REGIO, DG MOVE, CPMR, Greening the Islands, INSULEUR, DAFNI
- **more than 20 different co-financed projects** had the opportunity to present their ideas to the public.
- **More than 280 participants from 21 different countries** were registered to the conference.

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Conclusions

- A **European Commission Communication** for Circular Economy and islands.
- Circular Economy as a **key priority of the EU**, supported by EU Funds and programmes, good practices and awareness raising actions.
- Development of **Macro regional strategy** for the islands of the Mediterranean.
- CE should be conceived *lato sensu*, (covering not only waste and water, but also eco-innovation, electro-mobility, and smart cities)

- **Holistic CE plans for each islands.**
- A need for **synergies and cooperation between networks of islands** at a **cross-islands scale.**
- **EGTC for Circular Economy & islands.** Meeting conveyed at islands' services level.
- **Increase islands' visibility** and its implementation in the **next MFF.**
New **Interreg** to be enlarged to cover **inter-island initiatives.**

- Promote **insularity clause** so that islands are covered in all EC **impact assessments** .
- Ensure stronger wording on islands and hopefully a **special regime** for islands, mountain and remote areas.
- **Capacity building & awareness raising** on a permanent basis as technologies and Know-how develop rapidly.
- **Circular economy project pipelines!** Creation of bonds of trust between citizens, investors and the public sector.
- **New technologies** move to a new generation machinery to improve sorting of recyclables, supported by financing instruments.

- **Digital economy** at the service of circular economy.
- Empower the role of **private sector**, so as to develop circular economy initiatives and in particular use clean recyclables for the benefit of the EU economy.
- Islands' **task force** within EC DGs.
- **Over tourism** and its footprint. Implementation of food waste projects in the hotels and restaurants to produce high quality compost.
- A new **business model**, CE becomes an economic driver that creates **green jobs**.

- Re-design local/traditional products and their packaging so as to **extend their life cycle**, and to be easily **re-usable and recyclable** before their final disposal as waste.
- Focus on the **prevention- minimization of waste generation** by developing specific programs, for all levels of education.
- Increase the **recovery of materials by sorting at source** and boost the recovery of organic matter.

- Focus on **waste to energy projects**, using the residues prior to landfilling.
- Manage properly **the construction and demolition waste** that can provide useful resources for the islands.

Next Meeting: **CirCIE 2019** <https://circle2019.eu/>



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