

Circular economy Interact/Interreg joint workshop

Salzburg



4 topics

- EU global vision on circular economy : high in the political agenda
- 2. Circular economy in the multi-annual financial framework proposal 2028-2034
- 3. Circular economy in the Alpine strategy EUSALP
- 4. Circular economy is a global mindset



1.EU global vision on circular economy: high in the political agenda

- A. Circular economy plan March 2020 is one of the main building blocks of the European Green Deal
- **B. EU Circular Economy Act** (adoption expected in 2026)
 - Consultation ongoing
 - Double EU's circularity rate by 2030
 - Key step for EU's transition from linear to circular economy



2. Circular economy in the multiannual financial framework proposal 2028-2034

In the Commission's proposal

- Specific objective "Europe's sustainable prosperity across all regions"
- Interreg Plan 10 billion EUR
- Climate spending target (30%) turned into a combined green spending target at 35% across the MFF
- Still early, as negotiations will start later



3. Circular economy in the Alpine strategy EUSALP

- A. EUSALP is **frontrunner** for many topics, including circular economy
- B. Circular economy is one of the 3 main priorities of the EUSALP presidencies since 3 years
- C. Achieving circular economy goals is possible thanks to cooperation between EUSALP and the Interreg Alpine Space Programme



3. Circular economy in the Alpine strategy EUSALP

- D. Wide cooperation: also cooperation
 - with other Interreg cross-border programmes active in the Alpine region (there are 12 such programmes)-shared management
 - with regional, national funds (under shared management, or directly managed)
 - with directly managed EU funds, such as Horizon Europe, TEN-T, LIFE, etc.



4. Circular economy is a global mindset

- Circular economy is mindset applicable to all sectors and activities: production of goods, services, transport, research and innovation, etc.
- It's global.
- Like other challenges and opportunities, circular economy does not stop at borders



Conclusions

- We are all together
- More than ever we need strong cooperation at all levels
- Cooperation with CBC programmes of EUSALP area
- Objective create a network beyond the traditional contacts
- Today's event is a good example of this global approach, as we'll learn with the next speakers

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