



# Transition to a Circular Economy in Slovenia

## Partnership for a Green Economy



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CIRCULAR ECONOMY OF SLOVENIA



Partnership for  
Green Economy

CONNECTED FOR GROWTH

# Setting the scene

## Framework Program for Transition to a Green Economy

Adopted by the Government of the Republic of Slovenia, October 2015



### PARTNERSHIP FOR A GREEN ECONOMY

➔ **INTERSECTORAL GROUP** - 7 core ministries,  
decision level (state secretaries + experts)

➔ **ENLARGED STAKEHOLDER GROUP**



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# Partnership for Green Economy of Slovenia

Lead by the Office of the Prime Minister  
the Government of the Republic of Slovenia



.....more than 2000 partners





# Framework Program for Transition to a Green Economy

## A decision for a common goal

State

- Connecting policies
- Improving legal frameworks
- Support through financial mechanism

Partners

- Transfer of knowledge and experience
- Best practice examples
- Implementation of circular principles



# Transition to Green and Circular economy

= process  new governance model



change in thinking and operation models  
(policies, production, consumption and business models)  
**Circular models as a priority**



**DIALOG**



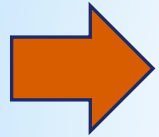
**Working together!**

**Cities as key partners**

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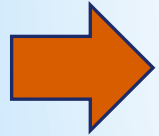
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# Why are Cities core for circular economy?



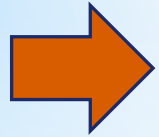
## Ceters of development

concentration of people and activities: employment, education, businesses, administration, services, culture, innovation, creativity



## Concentration of challanges

environment, aging, migrations, waste, social exclusion,...  
70% CO2 emissions - 40 from trafic, 40 from buildings!



## Places where polices interact

mobility, energy, infrastructure, building, water, waste



Opportunity for most efficient ways of life

# How are Cities enabling Circular models?



## Cities are complex ecosystems

- Resources
- Services, Logistics,
- Infrastructure, buildings
- Businesses
- Citizens



## ITS ALL ABOUT „CONNECTING“

## Support:

- Legal framework
- Tailor made financial instruments



## Opportunities:

- Direct effect on businesses and consumers (local measures, TCM, public procurement,..)
- Strategic planning, land-use (Development and functioning of the city)
- Public procurement (circular consumption)
- Impact on businesses
- New „governance“ models; business models for interlinking the resources and services
- Close relationship with citizens (power to influence motivate)



## Tools for circular cities

- Digitalisation, blockchain
- Smart data - smart decisions
- Smart solutions for citizens
- Smart city platforms...



# Why are Cities ideal for enabling the change?

- **Ideal for circular solutions**
- **closer to on-the-ground issues**
- **Feedback for national policies**

Cities as implementors of policies

Cities as trend setters

**Branding**  
**Quality of living**

Cities as laboratories  
**Testing new technologies**

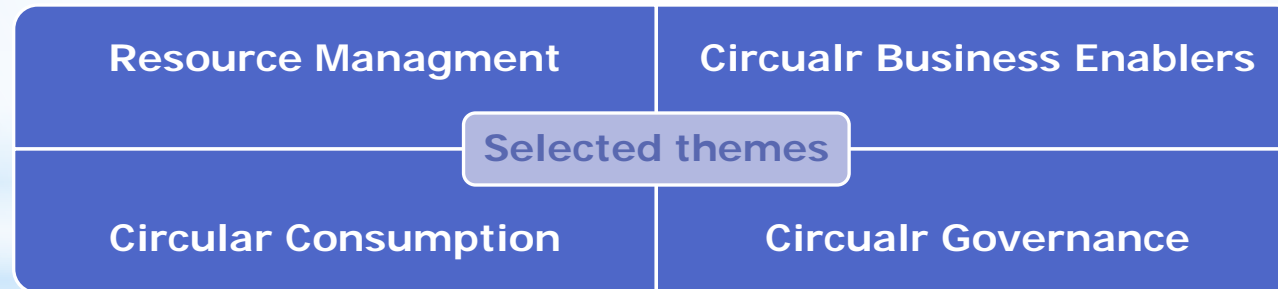
Cities as a source

**Experience**  
**Best practice examples**



# Urban Agenda EU: Partnership for Circular Economy

- 14 partners, Slovenia partner in cooperation with City of Maribor
- Project co-lead by the EC (started February 2017)ž
- Result oriented : better regulation, better funding, better knowledge
- Results at the level of Communication by the EK, presented at the Council and Parialment – impact on cohesion policy



Workshop at CITY FORUM, 27.11.2017, Rotterdam  
More at: [www.futurium.com](http://www.futurium.com)

# What do we do

- Sectoral green and circular policy actions mapped
- Regional consultations, identification of potentials and best practices
- Events (Urban Forum – round table of mayors, Block Chain meet-ups, social economy,...)
- Identifying bottle necks, Connecting policies and adjusting measures
- Connecting partners, Coalitions with „front runners“



# What do we do

- Membership in Ellen McArthur Foundation (multipliers: chamber of commerce, Association of Local communities, SPIRIT Agency)
- Smart specialisation – strategic innovation partnerships (circular economy, smart cities)
- Action plan for value changes (2017-2020)
- Circular Economy HUB (regional hub for Europe, together with FI and NL in the framework of WEF)





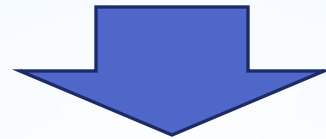
# Best practices and natural resources



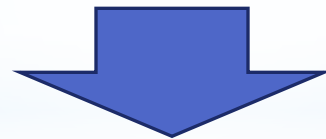


# Way forward

Identification of regional potentials for circular economy  
in Slovenia



„Road Map for Transition to Circular Economy“  
(focus areas, proposals for systemic change, guidelines, best  
practices, projects)



COMMUNICATION STRATEGY  
WORKING TOGETHER

Buliding on block chain technology



Thank you!



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