Circular STEP
Stakeholder engagement platform to accelerate the circular transition in the UNECE region

Areas of common interest with other UNECE bodies and international organizations

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Circular STEP is a stakeholder engagement network, hosted in ECTD, launched in April 2022 in response to the 69th Commission Session request to “step-up” the circular economy transition, filling gaps and creating synergies among the many practical and value-creating initiatives in the sphere of the circular economy.

**Objectives:**
To develop and disseminate evidence-based international good policy practices and unite experts from national, regional, and local governments, businesses and academic community, civil society from the UNECE region.

**What is Circular STEP?**
- Trade
- Public Private Partnerships
- Financing
- Agri-Food Sector
- Innovations
- Digital Solutions
- Traceability of Value Chains
- Small and Medium Enterprises

25 countries nominated official focal points
Achievements & opportunities for collaboration

- Policy Analysis
- Circular Business Models
- Regional Cooperation and Partnerships
- Outreach and Awareness Raising
- Pilot Projects (subject to funding)
SAVE THE DATE!

Circular STEP
Regional Policy Dialogue
Accelerating Circular Economy Transition

18-20 October 2023
Belgrade, Serbia
THANK YOU

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ECTD work linked to Circular STEP

Analysis and development of tools
- Development of standards and normative tools
- Policy research and analysis
- Sharing of experiences (e.g., exchange programs) for government officials and experts

Ongoing Circular STEP initiatives
- Creating a database of successful Circular Economy policies and practices in the UNECE region
- Showcasing successful regulatory frameworks, institutional approaches, and policy measures in transition economies
- Disseminating knowledge and maintaining a clear understanding of the definition and principles of the Circular Economy in the UNECE region
ECTD work linked to Circular STEP

Policy Analysis
- Policy paper on Mobilizing Financing for the Circular Economy
- Policy paper on Sustainable and Innovation-enhancing Public Procurement
- Policy paper on Digital Solutions for the Circular Economy

Circular business models
- Launch of the UNECE capacity building programme on innovation for the circular economy in Uzbekistan (May 2023)

Regional cooperation and partnerships
- 16th session of the Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness, and Public-Private Partnerships: digital and green transformation (May 2023)
- Sixth session of the Working Party on Public-Private Partnerships (December 2022)
- 7th UNECE International PPP Forum (May 2023)

Outreach and awareness raising
- Study tour for Ukrainian officials (November 2022)
- UNDA funded Regional Policy Dialogue on Sustainable and Innovation-enhancing Public Procurement (November 2022)