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March 27th, 2026

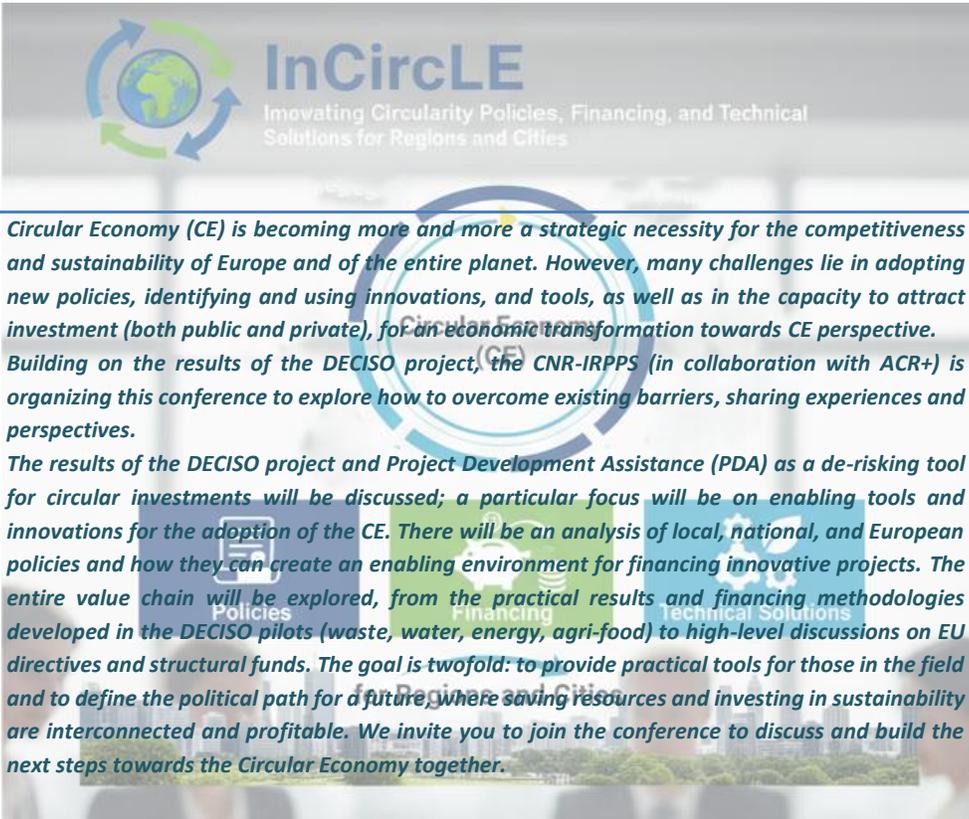
Piazzale Aldo Moro 7, Rome, Italy

To register for the conference, follow the link provided below.

<https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/InCircLe-conference>

The conference will be hybrid, the link for on-line participation is:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/35118069148688?p=V0D1rKNsHQ1W2daqJi>



InCircLE
Innovating Circularity Policies, Financing, and Technical Solutions for Regions and Cities

Circular Economy (CE) is becoming more and more a strategic necessity for the competitiveness and sustainability of Europe and of the entire planet. However, many challenges lie in adopting new policies, identifying and using innovations, and tools, as well as in the capacity to attract investment (both public and private), for an economic transformation towards CE perspective. Building on the results of the DECISO project, the CNR-IRPPS (in collaboration with ACR+) is organizing this conference to explore how to overcome existing barriers, sharing experiences and perspectives.

The results of the DECISO project and Project Development Assistance (PDA) as a de-risking tool for circular investments will be discussed; a particular focus will be on enabling tools and innovations for the adoption of the CE. There will be an analysis of local, national, and European policies and how they can create an enabling environment for financing innovative projects. The entire value chain will be explored, from the practical results and financing methodologies developed in the DECISO pilots (waste, water, energy, agri-food) to high-level discussions on EU directives and structural funds. The goal is twofold: to provide practical tools for those in the field and to define the political path for a future, where saving resources and investing in sustainability are interconnected and profitable. We invite you to join the conference to discuss and build the next steps towards the Circular Economy together.

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Draft Agenda

Date: March 27th, 2026

Location: CNR, Piazzale Aldo Moro 7, Rome

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Welcome: Prof. Salvatore Capasso, Director of the department of Human and Social Science, Dr. Mario Paolucci, Director of CNR-IRPPS

9:00-9:35 Session 1. How the Circular Cities and Regions Initiative is driving local transformation

Moderator: Patrizia Grifoni (DECISO)

9:00-9:15

Fernando Ferri (CNR, DECISO)

Circular Economy: from utopia to opportunity for public-private sustainable future: a study within the DECISO stakeholders ecosystem perspectives

9:15-9:35

Vessela Stoyanova-Monteleone, REA

Scaling Circular Economy through Innovation and Finance: The DECISO Experience. The Role of EC Services in Scaling Impact.

9:35-10:00 Coffee-break

10:00-11:30 Session 2. Presentations of Pilots from the Circular Cities and Regions Initiatives, DECISO pilots & replicators, experiences & elaborations on PDA

Moderator: Valentina Scavelli (OV)

10:00-10:15: Magalie Michalak, Hamburg pilot

10:15-10:30 Rosa Onofre, Alentejo pilot

10:30-10:45 Silke Mollenhauer. NorthWest Germany pilot

10:45-11:00 Patrizia Grifoni, West Macedonia pilot

11:00-11:10 Ilaria Corsi, LazioInnova replicator

11:10-11:20 Loredana Panetta, GERACE municipality replicator

11:20-11:30 Francesco Niglia, KoysLab

Business Models as a de-risking tool for the territorial PDAs in the Circular Economy

11:30-13:30 Session 3. Circular Economy in Practice: *Scaling local circular solutions: regional case studies*

Moderator: Francesco Lembo (Association of Cities and Regions for Sustainable Resource Management)

11:30-11:40 Paola Previdi, Ivana Russiello, Sistemi Formativi Confindustria

RECEBA – Regional Circular Economy Business Acceleration. How to accelerate SME circular transformation through training

11:40-11:50 David Fitzsimons (European Remanufacturing Council)

Circular investment strategies

11:50-12:00 Matteo Giantomassi, Marche Region

Building regional e-waste ecosystems through the eWASTER experience

12:00-12:10 Ornella Guglielmino, Lazio Region,

Community welfare and circular economy for building a new and inclusive socio-economic model

12:10-12:20 Sara Altamore, Joanne Ahern, Valeria Mingardi (APRE)

Circular practices for sustainable tourism: evidence from the VERNE project

12:20-13:20 Interactive activity: *Facilitator Patrizia Grifoni*

◇ Participants map circular assets, gaps and perspectives. Interactive activity will be performed on Slido among participants.

13:30-14:30 Light lunch

14:30-15:30 Session 4. Innovation and Technologies for circular systems

Moderator: Francesco Niglia

14:30-14:40 Fredrik Andres, Associate Professor, NII of Japan, DECISO Advisory Board

AI challenges and perspective for circular economy

14:40-14:50 Jasmina Zugic, expert in ethics, DECISO Advisory Board

Ethical AI challenges and perspectives focusing on circular economy

14:50-15:00 Ilaria Corsi, Lazioinnova, DECISO Advisory Board

Empowering SMEs through digital acceleration and circular economy programs

15:00-15:10 Andrea Leganza, ACE-X

Ace-X a new approach to circular economy

15:10-15:30 Interactive activity: *Facilitator Noemi Biancone*

◇ Circular Design Challenge – Interactive activity will be performed on Slido among participants.

15:30-16:30 Session 5. Good practices, policy and governance innovations

Moderator: Elsa Ferreira Nunes

15:30-15:40 Salvatore Capasso: Director of CNR-DSU

Innovation of industrial processes for circular production

15:40-15:50 Mario Paolucci: Director CNR-IRPPS

Governance and Agent-Based modeling: applications to circular economy

15:50-16:00 Alessio Mastrucci, Senior Researcher of IIASA - International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis

Scaling the circular economy: insights from EU scenario modeling in the CircEUlar project

16:00-16:10 Gianluca Maracchini, Associate Professor of Architectural Engineering, University of Trento, Building with Circularity: Best Practices from the ARV project

16:10-16:20 Rebecca Pogni, Univ. di Siena

Experiences and lessons learned from the FISH4FISH project"

16:20-16:30 Carla De Carolis, Matteo Fabbri, BIOCHICA

Biochica: From waste to value. Why invest in circularity?

16:30-17:30 Session 6 Interactive session for collaboration, conclusion and next steps

Chiara Pocaterra, APRE

Patrizia Grifoni, CNR-IRPPS