



# Join the CCRI community of practice on monitoring and indicators for the circular economy

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As the demand for circular economy governance grows across cities and regions, effective policymaking increasingly requires both the creation and continuous monitoring of policies that drive the circular transition. In response, local and regional authorities are seeking reliable data and developing indicators to measure their progress, assess their degree of circularity, and evaluate the impact of circular economy policies and actions within their jurisdictions.

Despite the proliferation of indicator sets and monitoring frameworks at the (inter)national, regional, and local levels in recent years, their actual use in policymaking remains limited. Many of these existing tools and databases remain underutilized due to a lack of actionable indicators and a mismatch between the information provided and the needs of policymakers working on the circular transition.

Moreover, data is often unavailable or fragmented at the local level, hindering governments from establishing accurate indicators. Frequently, national or regional data is downscaled to cities, but this approach fails to capture local realities and context-specific challenges. Bridging these gaps is essential for designing evidence-based interventions that effectively advance the circular economy at the local scale.

## From data to decisions: monitoring circular economy in cities and regions

This community of practice brings together local administrations and circular economy practitioners from European cities and regions to exchange experiences, take stock of current efforts to measure circularity, assess needs and challenges, identify best practices, and formulate recommendations for future monitoring frameworks at the city and regional levels.

Participants will explore a wide range of topics, including:

- Concepts like material flow and stock analysis for measuring circular economy progress;
- Indicators that reflect the diverse social, environmental, and economic values embedded in the circular economy transition;
- The practical application of embedding circular economy indicators and monitoring tools in local policymaking;
- Data challenges related to data governance, accessibility, and interoperability, among other issues, in circular economy monitoring;
- Approaches to measuring policy impact and enhancing the effectiveness of circular economy policymaking;
- The role of digital tools and technologies in data collection and indicator analysis.
- Exploring interoperability between climate monitoring frameworks and circular economy monitoring systems to identify common indicators, data linkages, and opportunities for integrated reporting.

This community of practice offers a unique opportunity for cities and regions with experience or interest in circular economy indicators to connect, collaborate, and co-create solutions in a dynamic working group. By joining, you'll engage with fellow practitioners, exchange insights, and work together to address common challenges in using data and CE indicators to support more evidence-based policymaking for the circular transition.

## What to expect?

As a member, you'll have the opportunity to tailor the community of practice to your needs and interests, co-designing the structure and activities alongside other participants. The following outlines some key aspects:

- **Size:** Each group will consist of 10 to 15 cities and regions, supported by experts.
- **Duration:** Each community of practice will run for 12 months, with the option to extend until December 2026 or beyond, depending on interest.
- **Time Commitment:** Around one day per month, to attend at least five online meetings per year, exchange with peers, and take part in consultations on new materials to support cities and regions.
- **Activities:** The groups will organize online working meetings focused on the ongoing actions and projects of the participants.
- **Outputs:** You will work together to produce concrete, publishable deliverables.
- **Funding:** Participation is voluntary, and no funding is available to cover participation costs. There will be no travel required, as all activities will take place online.

## Why join?

- **Learn from your peers:** Gain valuable insights from other cities and regions tackling the same challenges.
- **Find better solutions faster:** Collaborate with peers to address your needs more effectively.
- **Expand your network:** Connect with an international community of like-minded partners.
- **Gain fresh perspectives:** Discover best practices firsthand and bring proven strategies back to your own community.
- **Create real impact:** Work together on outputs such as case studies and policy briefs to support replication, inform policy decisions, and increase your visibility.

## Who can apply?

We invite all European local and regional authorities, along with their agencies and publicly owned companies, to apply. This is a unique opportunity to be part of a collaborative network driving impactful change in the circular economy.

Participation will be assessed based on the following criteria:

- **Commitment:** Active engagement is key. As a member, you are expected to actively contribute to discussions, attend meetings, and help shape or review group outputs.
- **Relevant experience:** We are looking for participants who are already working on initiatives on monitoring and indicators for the circular economy and can bring valuable insights and experiences to the table.
- **Geographical diversity:** To foster a well-rounded exchange, communities of practice aim to include members from a variety of European regions, ensuring a broad perspective on the challenges and solutions in circular economy practices.

We welcome all applications. To give more cities and regions the opportunity to participate, priority will be given to those not already involved in one or more CCRI [Thematic Working Groups](#) or [Communities of Practice](#).

## How to express your interest

Simply complete the short application form online and we'll review your application. If needed, we'll reach out to you for clarifications. If you have any issues accessing or completing the form, please contact [info@ccri-communities-of-practice.eu](mailto:info@ccri-communities-of-practice.eu).

**Apply now**

**Deadline for submission: 03/10/2025, 6:00 PM CET.**

Any questions or doubts whether this is right for you?

Reach out to [info@ccri-communities-of-practice.eu](mailto:info@ccri-communities-of-practice.eu) for more information or join our [online Q&A](#) on 23/09/2025 – 12.00 CET.

There are 3 more communities of practice now open for applications. Discover them all [here](#)

## Background

Funded by the EU as part of the Circular Economy Action Plan, the Circular Cities and Regions Initiative (CCRI) aims to bring the circular economy to life in cities and regions across Europe. The initiative supports the development of circular solutions that address different sectors and value chains, engage diverse stakeholders, and tackle a range of challenges, such as creating new business models and navigating regulatory impacts. It also seeks to drive positive change across social, economic, and environmental fields.

## About CCRI Communities of Practice

The CCRI Communities of Practice's activities complement those already offered by the CCRI Coordination and Support office, the [CCRI Knowledge Hub](#) and other [CCRI partners](#). They're all about bringing cities and regions together to share experiences, learn from each other, and exchange best practices. By fostering peer learning and networking, they aim to broaden the CCRI's impact to more European cities and regions.

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