A circular economy is ‘where the value of products, materials and resources is maintained in the economy for as long as possible, and the generation of waste minimised’. European Commission 2015

The Circular Economy White Papers present the contributions of the Interreg MED Green Growth community and their efforts in transitioning towards a circular economy in the Mediterranean, in the areas of:

- Resource Efficiency
- Green and Smart Public Services
- Waste Prevention and Management
- Competitiveness and Innovation

The Interreg MED Green Growth community has created four Thematic Working Groups as a tool for collaboration and communication within its 14 modular projects to aid in the quality, efficiency, scalability and replicability of the project results.

To achieve the objectives of the MED Green Growth programme a horizontal approach undertaken by the SYNGGI project was devised to address issues within the Green Growth concept in a cross-cutting manner. Within the Med Green Growth Community, four Thematic Working Groups (TWGs) were established with the purpose of facilitating systematic technical cooperation, synergies and joint work within the community. The themes were established in alignment with the EU Circular Economy Action Plan’s indicator framework for monitoring the progress towards a Circular Economy. Interreg MED’s SYNGGI project https://green-growth.interreg-med.eu has created the Thematic Working Groups as a tool for collaboration and communication amongst all project partners and stakeholders to aid in the quality, efficiency, scalability and replicability of the modular projects.

The 14 Modular Projects of the MED Green Growth community were organised into the four themes of:

- TWG 1: Resource Efficiency
- TWG 2: Green and Smart Public Services
- TWG 3: Waste Management
- TWG 4: Competitiveness and Innovation
CALL TO ACTION

The Interreg MED Green Growth community’s SYNGGI project has exemplified the benefits of applying an interdisciplinary and horizontal structure to Green Growth initiatives. As a result, the community is urging that the project be used as a model and a motivation for future cooperative efforts towards achieving Green Growth and implementing a Circular Economy, not just within Med region but also on a global scale.

Regional and local authorities in the Mediterranean

- To develop action plans and programmes that incentivate the uptake of demand-driven solutions from modular projects in the area of Circular Economy and Green Growth.
- To adopt and promote the circularity paradigm shift.

SMEs

- To engage in innovation networks and clusters and share knowledge and experiences on best practices and solutions to adopt circular approaches.
- To participate in transversal and multidisciplinary projects to support public authorities and academia in their efforts towards a green and circular economy at local and regional levels.


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