



Documentation

IDENTIFYING SYNERGIES

**Thematic roundtables of Call 1
Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE projects**

27 September 2023

Introduction and goals

The Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE roundtable discussions on identifying synergies, held on Wednesday, September 27 2023, were a central element of the Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE communications and synergies seminar held in Vienna. The primary goal of the thematic roundtable discussions was to advance the identification of potential synergies among first-call projects based on initial exchanges at the Programme Conference in March 2023. By harnessing the power of collaboration and synergies, projects can avoid the duplication of efforts leading to increased efficiency and effectiveness. Projects therefore aimed to define concrete joint actions and touch points that could lead to knowledge transfer, outreach to new stakeholders, and additional visibility for their respective projects.



To achieve these goals, a well-structured methodology was employed. This included a project introduction round, where projects presented their work and upcoming outputs, using posters and project presentations prepared in advance and in the storytelling workshop of the communications seminar. A first exercise allowed participants to reflect on what they heard and identify specific opportunities for cooperation. The heart of the discussions lay in drafting a concrete action plan for fostering synergies. Participants worked towards moving from identified interests to actionable plans for the coming months. Discussions were initiated based on the potentials identified during the first exercise. These identified upcoming cooperation actions were documented on flip-charts, highlighting the projects wishing to cooperate, the actions planned, and the timeframe.

The roundtable discussions culminated in projects agreeing to engage in regular exchanges. This would be facilitated through e.g. upcoming online meetings and conferences, ensuring that information about the availability of tools and models could be shared between projects, ultimately acting as multipliers of each other's achievements.

In conclusion, the Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE roundtable discussions exemplify the programme's commitment to collaboration, knowledge-sharing, and the pursuit of collective excellence. Through these discussions and planned actions, projects aim to harness synergies, enhance their impact, and work together towards a brighter, more cooperative central Europe.

Strengthening Innovation Capacities – Health and Social Care

In the thematic round table focussed on innovation capacities regarding health and social care (SO1.1 and 1.2) 9 participants from all health and social care oriented projects gathered to discuss potential synergies among their projects. Participants agreed to exchange experiences with **use of virtual and augmented reality in eldercare and health care**, share knowledge on **application of value based approaches in the care sector**, invited others to **cooperate on innovation camps or join project meetings and conferences**. Two projects concretely collaborated on preparation of an online webinar called “Towards a hybrid home care model” which was scheduled for 28 September 2023 with presence of JS.



Acronym	ACTIONS Identified	Indicative dates
DIGICARE 4 CE + VReduMET	Exchange on experiences in care sector also using VR games/ trainings etc. Before begin pilot action in the middle of next month - with Stalokin Centre -	1q-2q 2024
PROCAREFUL + DIGICARE 4 CE + invitation to all to attend	Webinar Towards a hybrid home care model	28/09/2023
PROCAREFUL + Health Labs 4 Value	Final Event FINAL EVENT VACUCARE (H2020)	Spring 2024
PROCAREFUL + DIGI VITALITY	SHARING THE MAIN RESULTS FROM PROCAREFUL DESK RESEARCH ANALYSIS 2021-2022 PRACTICES	November 2024
Health Labs 4 Value + DIGI VITALITY	cooperation on Innovation Camp 1q 2024 Target meeting in Oct - sept 2024	Spring 2024 / Sept 2024
Health Labs 4 Value + VReduMET	Project meeting in Oct - in Sept 24	Sept. 2024
all projects	Systematic support in communication / dissemination activities - outreach to policy makers	ongoing
all projects	regular exchange / calls (e.g. every 6-months)	regular

All project representatives agreed on **regular exchange within the network and systematic mutual support in communication and dissemination activities**.

Strengthening Innovation Capacities – Business Development

In the thematic roundtable on innovation capacities focussing on business development, representatives from five SO1.1 projects funded in Call 1 gathered to explore potential synergies. They engaged in productive discussions with representatives from five other projects, particularly those funded on SOs 2.3 and 1.2. The common challenge identified among these projects was the need for innovative business support services to facilitate digital and green/circular transitions in companies. The group discussed opportunities for joint online meetings to share research findings and assess the progress of companies towards innovation and transition goals. They also explored options for **participation in relevant conferences and transnational workshops. Information about the availability of specific deliverables and outputs, such as tools, models, and demo centers**, was exchanged. Overall, participants viewed the workshop as a starting point for future collaboration and actions that could enhance the effectiveness and impact of their projects.



PROJECT ACRONYM	ACTIONS IDENTIFIED	INDICATIVE DATES
GREENE 4.0	USER ACCEPTANCE MODEL	DEC '23
SNERF + GREENPACT	OPEN INNOV. TOOLS - CAPACITY G 4.0 INNO PLATFORM - INVESTMENT LEARNING CENTER - TRAINING	OCT '23
FI4INN	Virtual knowledge centre FOR Innovative financial Schemes	NOV 2
ReBuilt ?	EPD (Environm. Product Declav. LCA) Traceability tools Platform for CE: CinderOSS Joined workshops / conferences Demo center 4 Circul. construc - Maribor Digital & Circular Hub	NOV 23 Greenpact interested ReBuilt Greek & C on-going
CIRCOTRONIC	Forecasting Workshops at UFF Exhibition -> Welcome (CE) Transnational Network of UFF Labs	NOV. 23 from January (ongoing)

PROJECT ACRONYM	ACTIONS IDENTIFIED	INDICATIVE DATES
ReBuilt - Green 4.0	29.9. -online conference mapping Slovenia about circular / digital construction Conference - initial	NOW MARCH 24
BIM4CE	Transnational workshop mansion Raklčan, Slovenia (ReBuilt is interested) (Greene 4.0 is interest)	March 23-24.
GREENE 4.0	USER ACCEPTANCE MODEL (LJUBLJANA) TRANSNATIONAL WS CO-CREATION CAMP (USER ACC. MODEL)	MAY 2024 FEB 2024 Greenpact interested

Developing Smart Skills

In the roundtable on skills development the group of about 10 participants including representatives of all three SO1.2 projects and three more projects from different SOs funded in Call 1 discussed potential actions to make use of synergies. Participants agreed on **structured exchanges of information and contents on projects` collaborative online tools**, but also to concretely **explore the transfer of approaches on cultural and creative industries involvement, impact entrepreneurship and circular economy, and to take part in pilot workshops and act as multipliers.**

Projects acronyms	IDENTIFIED ACTIONS	INDICATIVE DATES
GREENPACT + ICTR+CE	REG. COLLABORATION LAB (HACKATHON) on-site	Feb - March 2024
GREENPACT + SHERF + CAPACITY TRANSFER	Additional Online-checking on exchange of results or studies on needs of CI	~ Nov. 2023 + bc
GREENPACT + C2T + ICTR-CE	INTERN. COLLABORATION LAB (online) on impact entrepreneurship & circular economy	Sept/Oct' 2024



ACRONYMS	IDENTIFIED ACTIONS	INDICATIVE DATES
VReduMED + (GREENPACT) C2T + bc	- exchanging information on on-line sharing tools	1+2.Q /2024
ICTR + CE + C2T	- possibilities on how to include CIs as the Bridge between Techn.provider and Tech.Host - Knowledge factory (providing the content and sharing the content)	- during 2024 → - during 2024 →

Supporting Climate-Neutral Energy Transition

During the workshop on climate-neutral energy transition, approximately 15 participants from five SO2.1 projects and related projects in Priority 2, funded in Call 1, convened to explore collaboration opportunities. They discussed the potential integration of various renewable energy sources across sectors and challenges related to data collection on energy demand. The group committed to **future joint events, workshops, and meetings**, as well as **knowledge exchange among experts**. They also considered integrating different tools' functionalities to **collectively work towards their objectives in clean energy transition**.



JET for CE MESTRI-CE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invite partners to next project meeting for PILOT & launch (28-29/02/24 Dautzen DE) - INVITE to join the T-JETA (Transnational strat. group for project monitoring) 	28/29/02-24 Bawtzen (DE) (Now: collecting emails, virtual meetings to be organized)
MESTRI-CE JET for CE	+ invite the PP's to regional launch event	OCT-NOV 23
MESTRI-CE TRANS GEO	include the map for oil-wells in the MESTRI-CE Smart Data Hub	first talks in NOV 23

CARBON FARMING + CIREVALC	CIREVALC INVITES CARBON FARMING PARTNERS TO ITS POOL OF EXPERTS	Q2 2024
— —	STUDY VISITS MID-TERM & FINAL DISSEMINATION	FROM Q1 2024

H2CE + ZEBAZEN +? OR: WHOLE CLUSTER OF CE ENERGY TRANSITION PROJECTS	Joint session AT the EU Sustainability Week Energy and/or European Green Week - REGULAR MEETINGS (ONLINE) TO CROSS-FEED (2x YEAR)	June 2023 and/or 2024 FROM 2024 ON
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Increasing Climate Change Resilience

In the thematic roundtable on climate change resilience all the six Call 1 projects under SO2.2 were represented and together with 5 projects from other SOs actively participated in the discussions. All together about 15 participants shared the key features of their projects, introduced upcoming results and worked on identifying potential cooperation and sharing of knowledge. In particular, the projects were interested in future **exchanges on stakeholder approaches and sharing developed tools**. In this regard, as follow-up of the thematic roundtables organised in the frame of the Programme conference in March 2023, it was confirmed that exchanges between several projects related to the topic of weather forecasting tools are already taking place.



Project Names	Actions identified	Indicative Dates
MAURICE + Clim4Cast	Clim4Cast will attend the workshop of MAURICE on climate change modelling and downscaling	9. NOV. 2023
MAURICE + GreenscapeCE	GreenscapeCE is going to be presented by its coordinator during MAURICE project meeting	10-11 Oct. 2023
	↳ hopefully as a result exchange of stakeholders networks	

Ready4Heat + Localience	Stakeholder approach + Extreme Weather Catalogue	in 2024
Ready4Heat + Clim4Cast	Exchange of expertise (Zoom weekly)	Oct - / Nov 2023
MAURICE + Localience	exchanging know-how during workshop reg. modelling tools	November 2023

Taking Circular Economy Forward

In the thematic roundtable on circular economy, around 15 participants, including representatives from all nine SO2.3 projects funded in Call 1, engaged in a highly productive discussion. They highlighted the broad and enriching potential of circularity themes across sectors, such as integrating circularity models for bio-production and packaging to address food waste and optimize value chains.

Project acronym	Actions identified	Indicative dates
SMART CIRCUIT + BIOECO-UP ReBuild	Common seminars and workshops	2024 (Period II, III)
CIREVALC + BIOECO-UP SMART CIRCUIT	mainstreaming circular packaging materials (workshops/seminars) product fair in BIOECO-UP STUDY VISITS IN CIREVALC	2024 (MARCH) ^{ReBuild} ^{Study} period II. period VI. 16.23-06.24
Cirevalc + Bioeco-up + ReBuild	- value chain actors → with waste in food production (fibers, sludge) for "bio" concrete, bioplastic ⇒ our demos on hemp concrete	NOV (Stakeholder miff) NOV. 2024 (hemp concrete demo)
TEBICE + CIREVALC + BIOECO-UP	SHARING SOLUTIONS ON PREVENTING FOOD WASTE	Q3 2024

Project acronym	Actions identified	Indicative dates
Circular WEEEP + CIRCOTRONIC + SMART CIRCUIT	Awareness campaign Exchange of expertise (educational materials, exhibitions, tools, data) PROMOTION OF EACH OTHER EVENTS (OPEN FORUMS LIKE CONFERENCE) SMART CIRCUIT CONFERENCE IN THE TOPICS OF ELECTRONICS Foresight Workshop organized by CIRCOTRONIC	Q1+Q2+Q3 2024 Q2-Q3 2024 ONGOING April 2024 9.11.2023

Active citizen engagement and strategies for involving them in circularity decision-making were also prominent topics. Participants recognized common challenges and proposed **continuous project-to-project exchanges to advance regional change**. They committed to various next steps, including **sharing best practices, utilizing project tools, transferring methodologies, arranging study visits, and organizing expert workshops** to foster collaboration and progress.

Safeguarding the Environment

During the thematic roundtable on environment about 7 participants from SO2.4 projects were engaged in discussion. In this rather small group the discussion was very vivid with several tangible actions identified. All projects successfully managed to identify potential synergies and ways of future cooperation. The projects agreed **to share tools and methodologies to better monitor the impairment of the environment** which enables improved solutions for the safeguarding of the environment. Moreover, projects plan to **attend each other's workshops and conferences and opened their networks to share missing expertise**. The participants appreciated the created space for discussions and exchanges on similar topics. They stressed the importance of having such an opportunity at the beginning of their project's implementation so that they could achieve tangible benefits from cooperation and interactions during the project's lifetime.



Project names	Actions identified	Indicative Dates
1.) HUMANTA / LECA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Green Academy (Humanita) invite LECA (ReCo) to webinar follow to do participatory monitoring Humanita will give LECA contact for partners designing data collection about tourism (correlation with LE conflict) Project meeting in Mola Fatta (invite LECA) Share monitoring tool when ready include LECA in Newsletter 	<p>Spring 2024 (online)</p> <p>18-19. 10. (Zilina)</p>
2.) CoFarm4 Cities / LECA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LECA to share methodology about population monitoring LECA to share contacts to CFCC of PP in Slovenia (have experience with conflict mitigation) LECA to share best practices about conflict communication 	<p>SCAP</p>
3.) ReCo / LECA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> to share information about the FEB. conference meeting together with "Healthy Forest Regions" 	<p>?</p>
4.) ReCo / CoFarm4 Cities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ReCo to share methodology / recommendations about where to target restoration actions ReCo to share plans how to replace corn with seed mixture more friendly to biodiversity (online session with experts) 	<p>at the beginning of the project</p> <p>end of [OCT]/NOV</p>
ALL	<p>online session for finding synergies comms + experts</p>	

Transport and Greening Urban Mobility

The thematic roundtable on transport and green urban mobility brought together six projects from SO3.1 and SO2.5, along with three projects centered on "governance for integrated territorial development" (SO4.1), totaling 15 participants. During the roundtable, participants engaged in project speed dating to identify synergies, including mapping geographic overlaps, sharing governance challenges, exchanging training materials for local governments, cross-participation at events, outreach to stakeholders and target groups, and jointly utilizing good practices. They reached a consensus on specific next steps, including **mutual participation in events and trainings, sharing best practices, implementing tools in pilot actions, transferring methodologies and tools, and extending invitations for study visits, among other initiatives.**



Acronym	ACTIONS IDENTIFIED	Indicative DATES
Round DREAM PACE + MECOG-CE	MAPPING OF GEO-OVERLAP EXCHANGE OF GOVERNANCE CHALLENGES AND PRACTICE	→ 2023 → 2024
1 st Round PopUp Urban Spaces + NXTLVL Parking	2 findings of results of pilot projects in the cities → exchange of training materials for local governments Local governments and target groups exchange of practice (with 6 months) → exchange of materials, shared with the project	2024
1 st Round GRETA + SUSTANCE	GRETA'S 22 Collaborative Urban Manager Project exchange of practice (with 6 months) → exchange of materials, shared with the project SUSTANCE has been strongly benefited from the experience of GRETA (Greece)	2024
2 nd Round SUSTANCE + DREAM PACE	SHARA INFORM. ABOUT LIVING LABS IN ETHIOPIA → CASE PARTICIP. BY ETHIOPIA (2023) (DREAM PACE & SUSTANCE) IN 2024	→ 2023 → 2024
2 nd Round GRETA + PopUp Urban Spaces	EXCHANGE OF BEST PRACTICES GRETA ↔ POPUP URBAN SPACES / SHARA COMMON PARTICIPATION IN THE WORKSHOPS (NEXT WEEK)	END OF 2023
2 nd Round NXTL LEVEL - MECOG - CE	MECOG-CE → NEXT LEVEL USE OF BEST PRACTICES ON INSTITUTIONAL COOPERATION (END OF FEBRUARY 2024) ASA CATALOGUE	February 2024

Strengthening Governance for Integrated Territorial Development

In the thematic roundtable on governance the group of about 15 participants including representatives of all six SO4.1 projects funded in Call 1 engaged into a very good and constructive exchange. Synergies were identified among others for the topics of **participatory approaches, governance processes beyond administrative borders in functional territories and with respect to tourism development**. Participants agreed on concrete next steps, such as the **exchange of best practices, tools to be applied in the projects, transfer of methodologies, invitation to study visits, etc.**

PROJECTS NAMES	ACTIONS IDENTIFIED	INDICATIVE DATES
Spasze 4 all / CENTRAL MOUNTAINS	OPEN CARPATIAN'S MEETING (POSSIBLE INVITATION + NETWORKING)	DECEMBER 2023 (e)
GINEVRA - MECOG-CE	EXCHANGE ON PILOT ACTIONS MAINLY FOR STAKEHOLDERS ENGAGEMENT	SPRING 2024
MECOG-CE - CENTRAL MOUNTAINS	TRANSFER OF METHODOLOGIES AND COMMUNICATIONS PRACTICES (ONLINE) ABOUT REACHING HINTERLANDS (PERIPHERIES)	2024 (beginning)
SPASZE - CENTRAL MOUNT.	STRATEGY OVERVIEW - Exchange of content	Spring 2024

