



Supporting Green Transition through Circular Economy Roadmaps

Stakeholders' meeting Albania

March 2023

Agenda



Key features of the project: objectives, timeline and main project pillars

Support for preparation of the CE roadmap: methodology

Discussion



Project objectives

- Building on the greening work carried out as part of the OECD South East Europe's Competitiveness Outlook and SME Policy Index assessments, drawing on the OECD circular economy roadmap methodology and following the identified needs of the WB economies:
 - **Support for design** of circular economy (CE) roadmaps to Albania and North Macedonia to serve as blueprint for their CE transition
 - **Support for implementation** of CE roadmaps for WB economies, through different capacity building activities
- Broad **societal consensus** – involvement of **a wide range of stakeholders** in a continuous dialogue
- Direct contribution to the **Economic and Investment Plan** and the **Green Agenda** for the Western Balkans
- Compass and the engine for a **sustainable recovery**



CE roadmap methodology

1. Diagnostics: state of play of circular economy in Albania

- **Sectoral analysis and comprehensive review of the policy and regulatory frameworks**
- **Consultation process with key stakeholders** to obtain insight into their views, experiences, challenges, needs and concerns regarding the circular transition:
 - Interview with government representatives
 - Discussions with private sector, civil society representatives, and academia

2. Prioritisation: identification of priority sectors/focus areas key to CE transition

- **Assessment to identify key economic sectors to be involved in the circular economy transformation, by considering:**
 - Economic importance (e.g. contribution to GDP, employment, productivity)
 - Circular potential (waste management, resource and energy intensiveness)
 - Government priorities
 - Gaps and feasibility for CE transformation
- **Identification of good practices that can be transferred to the economy**



Timeline and key milestones

Q4 2022

- **Inception meetings to understand specific CE-related needs**
- **Mapping relevant stakeholders and institutions** to create a wider CE stakeholder platform

Q1 2023

- Nomination of the **CE coordinator and the CE working group**
- **Analytical work:** identifying the state-of-play of CE in Albania
- **Kick-start meeting** with the key CE stakeholders in Albania

Q2, Q3 2023

- **19 April: Regional kick-off event** at OECD Istanbul Centre coupled with a study visit
- **Virtual meetings/interviews with key stakeholders** on the CE transition and the state of play of CE
- Identifying the **priority CE-related sectors/focus areas**

Q3, Q4 2023

- Meetings with CE working group **to reach consensus on identified priority areas**

Q4 2023, Q1 2024

- **Review** of the draft CE roadmap **by the CE working group**
- **Wider consultation** process

Q2 2024

- **Publishing** of the CE roadmap

Discussion

Have you undertaken any **initiatives or activities related to circular economy** in Albania?

In your opinion, what are the main **opportunities** for the transition to a circular economy in Albania?

On the contrary, what are the main **challenges**?

Which **priority areas** are most relevant to the transition to a circular economy in Albania?

How do you perceive the **existing co-ordination mechanism** with the government on environment-related matters?



Thank you for your attention!

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