

# Circular Flanders Circular Economy



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State of  
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# Ambition



4,263,553,355

Number of consumers

GLOBALLY, RIGHT NOW

NOW IN 2021 THIS MONTH THIS WEEK TODAY



64,475,789,706

Tons of resources extracted from Earth

GLOBALLY, THIS YEAR

IN 2021 THIS MONTH THIS WEEK TODAY



20,334,472.94

Hectares of forests cut down or burned

GLOBALLY, THIS YEAR

IN 2021 THIS MONTH THIS WEEK TODAY



1,542,766,499

Tons of waste dumped

GLOBALLY, THIS YEAR

IN 2021 THIS MONTH THIS WEEK TODAY



18y 98d 14h 21m 06s

Earth running out of freshwater

UNLESS WATER USE IS DRASTICALLY REDUCED



1,462,736,083

Tons of waste from households

GLOBALLY

IN 2021 THIS MONTH THIS WEEK TODAY



8,142,557,035

Tons of solid waste generated

WORLDWIDE

IN 2021 THIS MONTH THIS WEEK TODAY



36,386,604

Tons of electronic waste thrown out

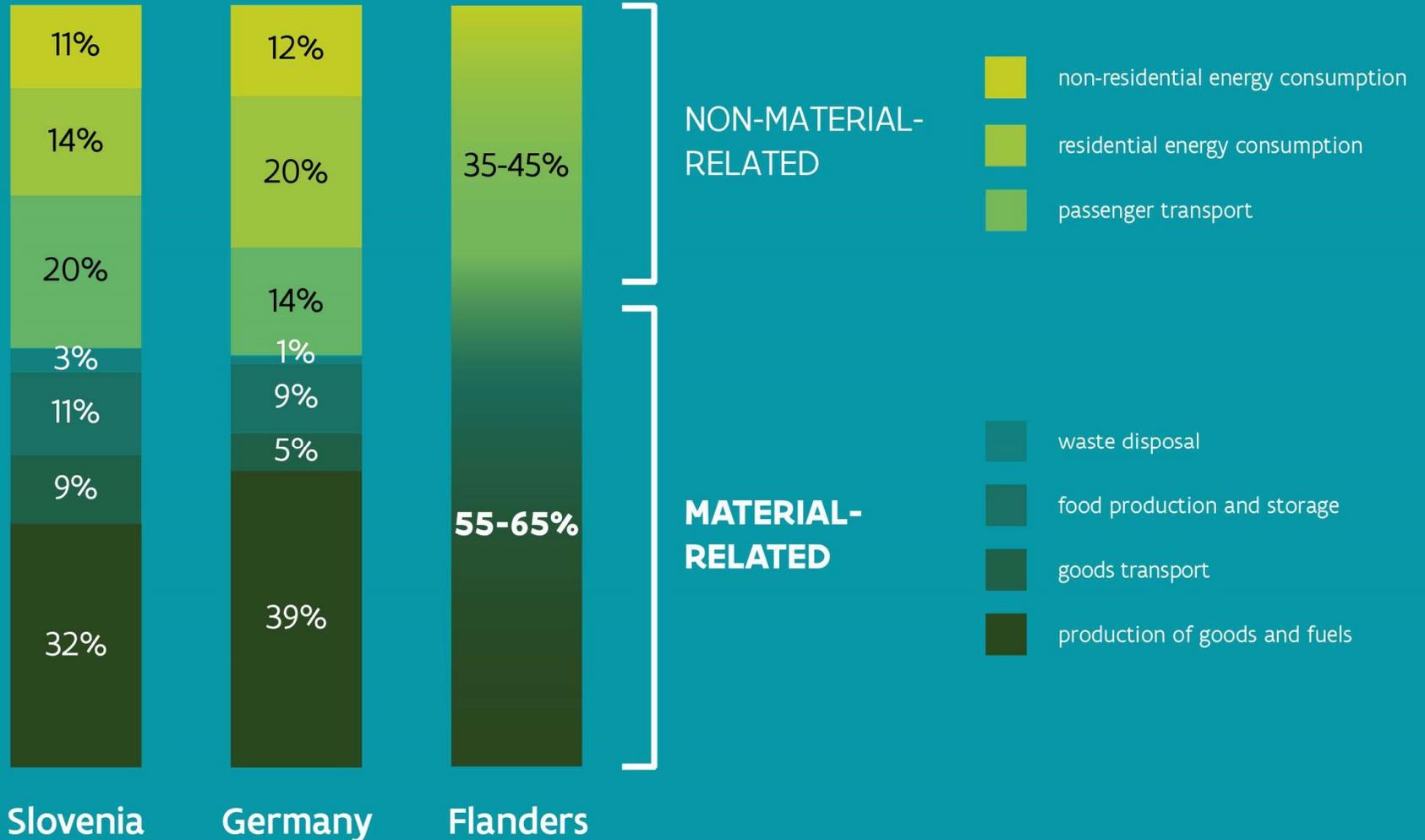
WORLDWIDE

IN 2021 THIS MONTH THIS WEEK TODAY

# Materials: a big source of greenhouse gases



## PART EMISSIONS PER COUNTRY



Source: OESO (2012)  
Greenhouse gas emissions and the potential for mitigation from materials management within OECD countries.  
Flanders: rough calculation OVAM

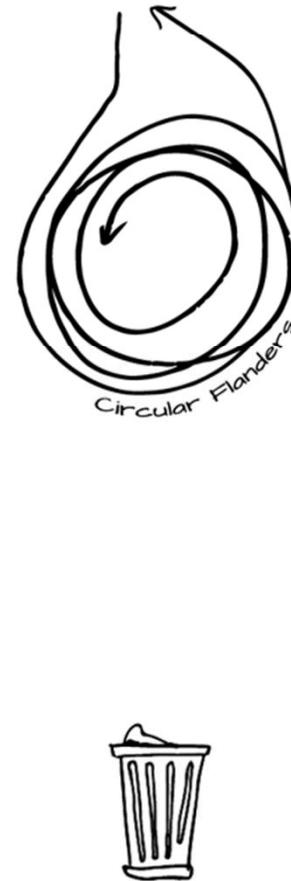
LINEAR ECONOMY



RECYCLING ECONOMY



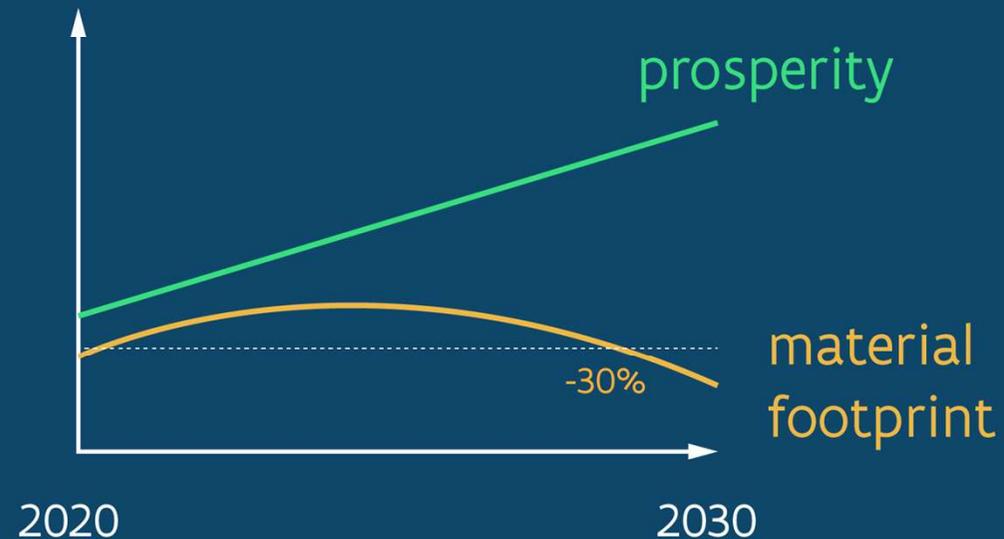
CIRCULAR ECONOMY



Cross-cutting transition priority Flemish government:

# FLANDERS AS A FRONTRUNNER IN CIRCULAR ECONOMY

- 1 DECOUPLING**  
material footprint from consumption by 2030
- 2 REDUCTION**  
of material footprint by 30% towards 2030
- 3 A PUBLIC-PRIVATE EFFORT**  
doing this in a **partnership** across society





# Governance

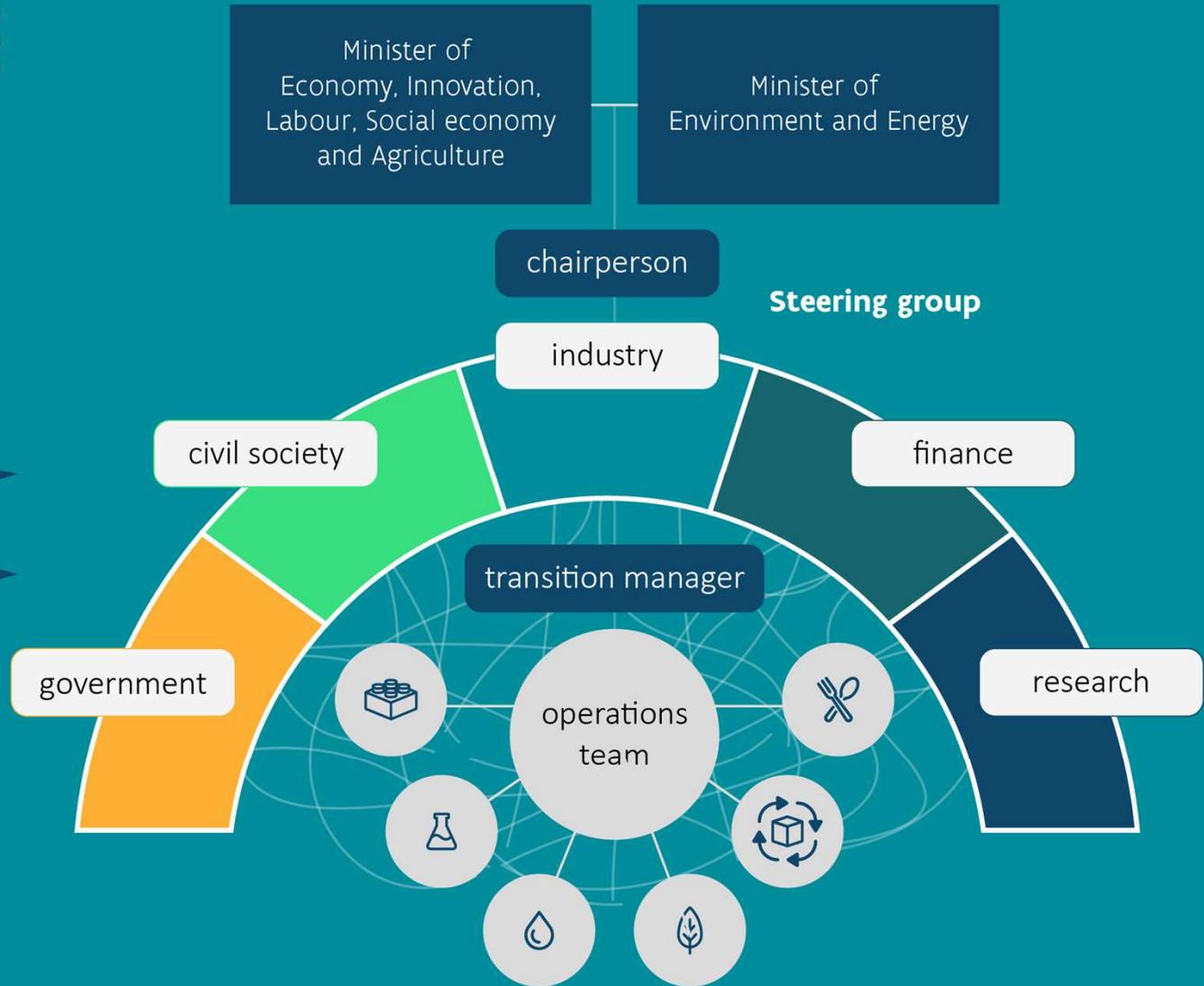
# GOVERNANCE CIRCULAR FLANDERS



Federal collaboration  
Intra-Belgian Platform  
Circular Economy



EU Green Deal & CE Action Plan



# APPROACH

## 6 strategic agendas

Public-private collaborations with specific dynamics, targets, lead partners and actions



circular construction



chemistry & plastics



water loops



bioeconomy



food chain



manufacturing

## Roadmap Circular Economy

### 7 levers

Accelerators for overcoming barriers and spreading good practices

#### Policy and policy measures

Cities and municipalities  
Regional policy  
Intra-Belgian cooperation  
Federal policy  
European agenda

#### Circular procurement

European project ProCirc  
Government leading by example  
Innovative public procurement

#### Communication & Reporting

Raising awareness  
Co-creation  
Sharing knowledge  
Sharing best practices  
Monitoring, reporting

#### Research

Strategic research agenda  
CE monitor  
CE-Center for policy research

#### Innovation & entrepreneurship

I&E support & service  
Partnerships  
Experimentation

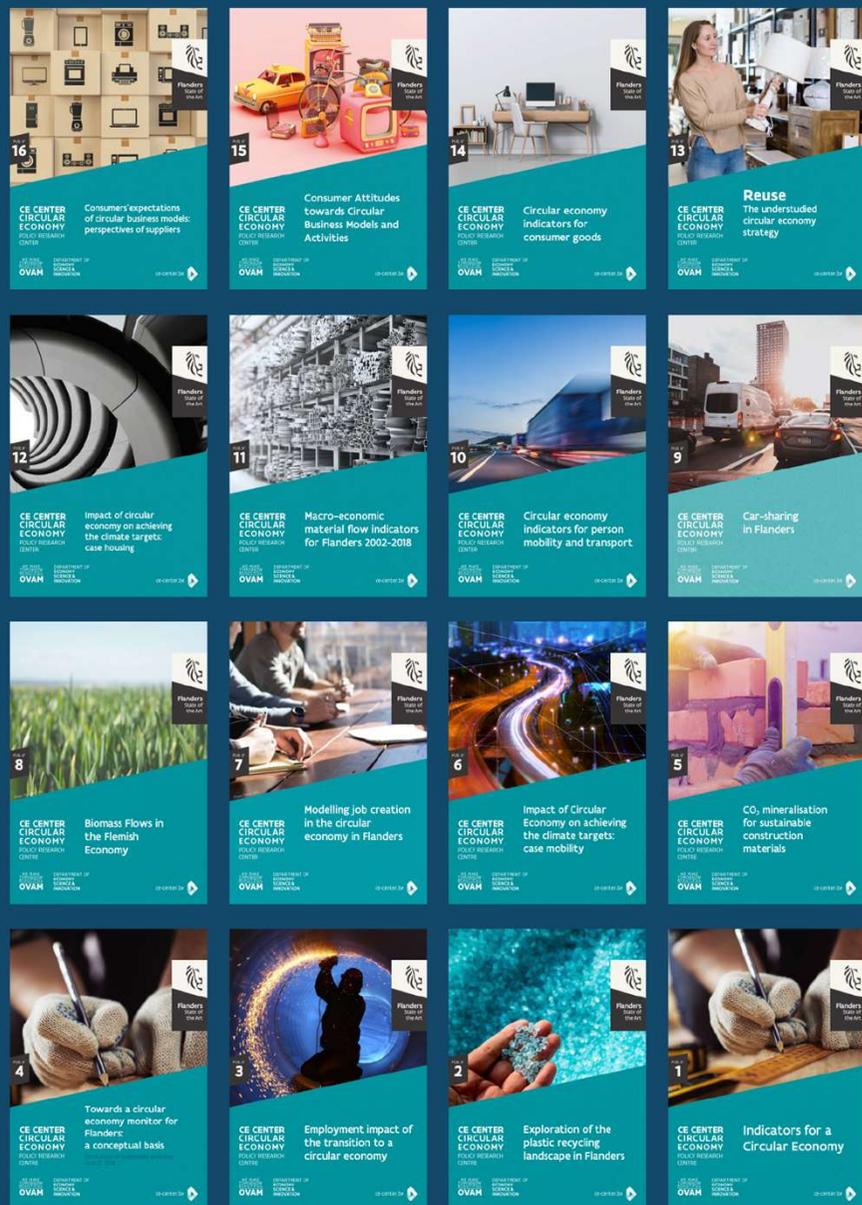
#### Financing

Incentive and investment policy  
De-risking CE financing  
CE Fund

#### Jobs & skills

Education and training  
Starters en scalers  
Employment  
Social economy

**collaboration of  
30 organisations  
100 coworkers**



# RESEARCH: CE CENTER

## Policy research for the circular economy

- Employment and actor analysis
- Financing and revenue models
- Indicators for circularity
- Measuring the transition
- Modelling systems
- Learning effects
- Market acceptance

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# Circular Economy Monitor Flanders

How is the circular economy doing in Flanders? We paint a picture with analyses and more than 100 indicators.

[BROWSE INDICATORS](#)

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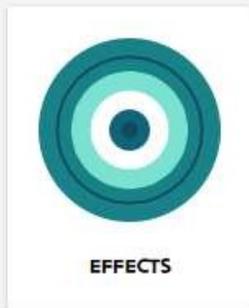


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## Layers



CIRCULARITY



EFFECTS



HOUSING



FOOD



CONSUMER GOO...



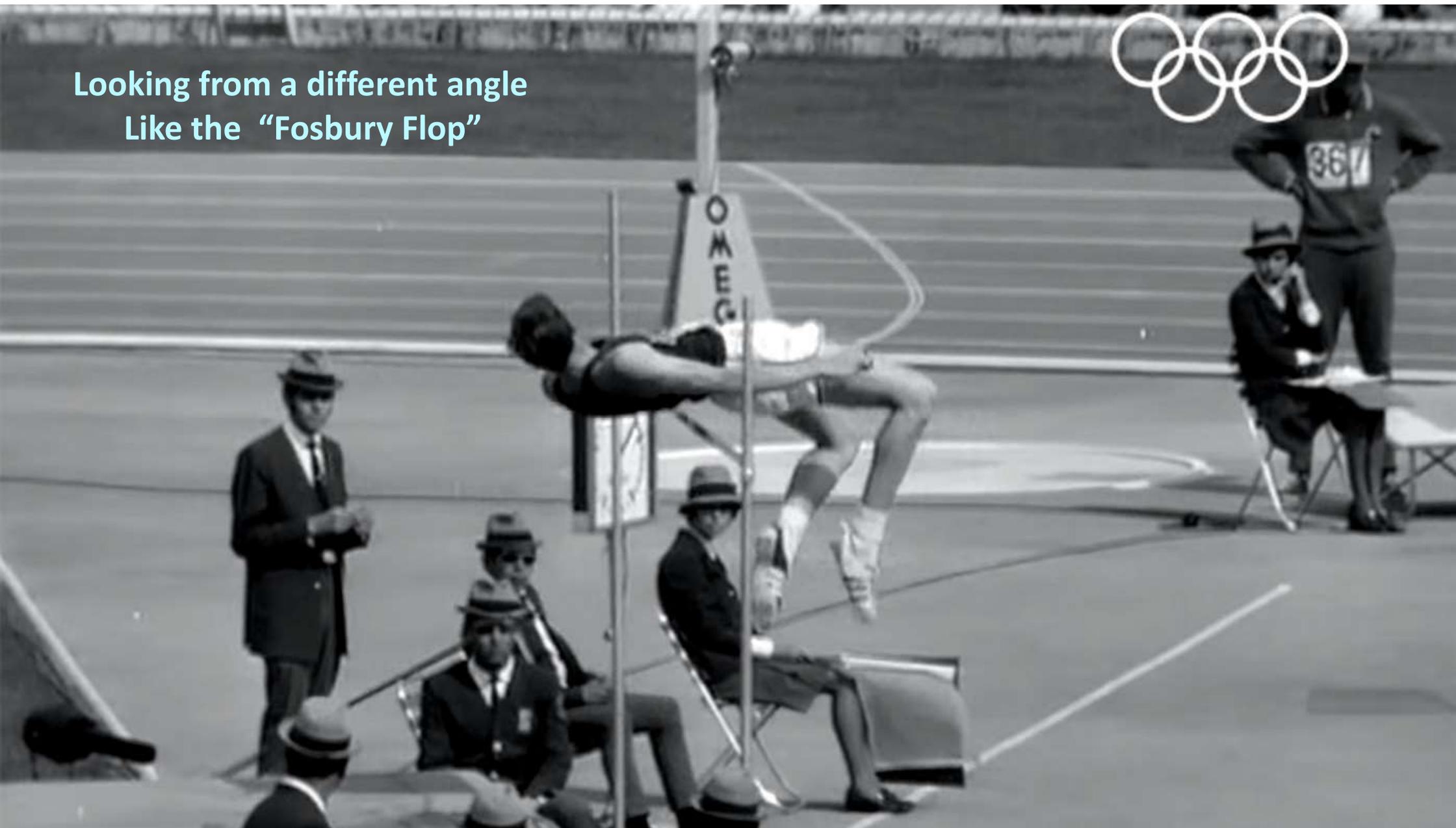
MOBILITY

## Indicators



# Circular Cities

Looking from a different angle  
Like the “Fosbury Flop”



**Papillon'**

**Samenlevingsopbouw  
West-Vlaanderen leases  
household appliances to  
people who have pending  
energy bills and are stuck  
with energy-guzzling  
appliances at home**

## **ENERGIEZUINIGE Huishoudtoestellen NU OOK TE HUUR**

Geen geld voor een nieuwe, energiezuinige koelkast? In de Westhoek kun je er sinds september 2018 eentje huren. Via het project Papillon verhuren vzw Samenlevingsopbouw West-Vlaanderen en Bosch België huishoudtoestellen aan mensen met energieschulden. Een stap vooruit voor de maatschappij en het milieu.

Martin Lemaire uit Poperinge sloot zich enkele maanden geleden aan bij het project. "Tot vorig jaar bewaarden wij ons eten in een oude frigo. Dankzij Papillon huren we nu een nieuwe, energiezuinige koelkast. Dat helpt ons op financieel vlak flink vooruit: we hoeven geen duur toestel te kopen en we besparen elke maand op onze energiefactuur. Op het toestel rust tien jaar garantie, waardoor we niet bang moeten zijn voor hoge reparatiekosten."

### **Waarom?**

Na tien jaar belandt de gehuurde koelkast niet op de schroothoop, maar gaat het toestel terug naar verhuurder Bosch België. Het bedrijf zal bekijken welke delen hergebruikt kunnen worden en hoe de toestellen nog verbeterd kunnen worden. Zo draagt Papillon ook bij aan de transitie naar een circulaire economie.



# Be Inspired

## Circular city governance

### What can a local authority do?

#### REORGANISE YOUR CITY

- 1 Create common long term ambition , with political support & use it in your branding
- 2 Set up cooperation between city departmant and appoint a coordinator
- 3 Act circular (circular procurement, futureproof urban planning, sustainable building,...)
- 4 Get insights in your resources (waste, water, materials,...)

#### STIMULATE CITIZENS INITIATIVES

- 5 Promote sharing & functional economy
- 6 Raise awareness and coach citizens
- 7 Support bottom up initiatives through legislation, funding, cooperation, communication,...

#### STIMULATE ENTREPRENEURS & INNOVATION

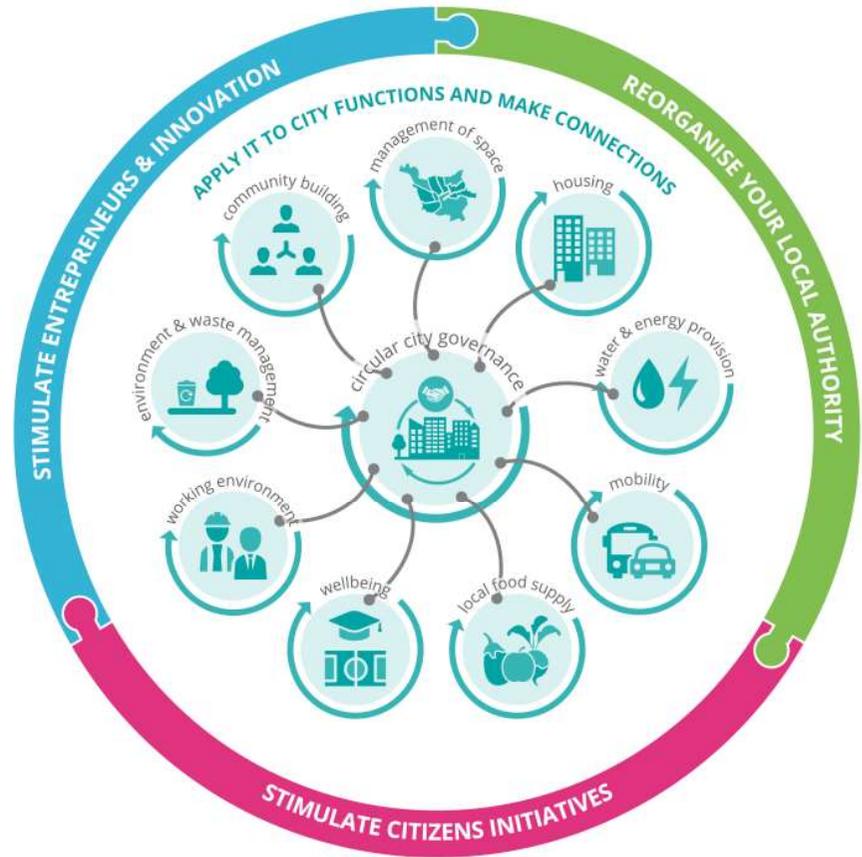
- 8 Stimulate local symbioses through (business park) networks, smart technologies,...
- 9 Create incentives to attract circular business (offer space, taxes, subsidies,...)
- 10 Communicate success stories

### Circular strategies to focus on

#### GENERAL AND TECHNICAL NUTRIENTS



#### BIOLOGICAL NUTRIENTS



# Circular City Governance



## Circular City Governance

**A first guide for policy makers**

Circular Economy is a hot topic for local policy makers. But frontrunners confirm: from first interest to the implementation of a circular strategy is a huge step. The current cases and studies mostly focus on facts and results, but what is usually missing is the governance aspect. How can cities support circular models within their current governance? This web page acts as a first guide for policy makers who want to explore circular city governance.

**Why**

Cities and urban areas are important as transition catalysts and key ecosystems for green and circular solutions. The governance of the city is a key holder of resource management and can apply new business models and many circular solutions through the services they provide.

Being the government level closest to citizens, cities can have a huge impact and can be the "trend setters" with profound impact on consumption and other behavioural habits. As such, cities have many opportunities for developing circular models and also transforming it as a systemic change into the operation of their governance.

**8 out of 10 Europeans live in a city**

**69%**

Cities account for 69% of all CO2 emissions (EU)

**Welcome to the Circular City Funding Guide!**

Here you can find information and support on the funding of circular projects and activities in an urban context

**Looking for general information?**

[GO TO CIRCULAR CITY CONTEXT](#)

**Are you a fund-seeker?**

Looking for guidance on the circular economy funding landscape?

[GO TO GUIDANCE](#)

**Are you a funder?**

Looking for guidance on how to create financing programmes for circular economy projects?

[GO TO GUIDANCE](#)

<p><b>EU Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform</b></p> <p>A joint initiative by the European Commission (EC) and the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) to exchange cases and strategies. The governance sheets from the Urban Agenda are uploaded here.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><a href="#">To the website &gt;</a></p>	<p><b>Circular City Funding Guide</b></p> <p>This guide provides users with information on the circular economy in the urban context and enable them to navigate through the broad and diverse funding landscape. It also gives guidelines to develop circular funding programmes.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><a href="#">To the website &gt;</a></p>	<p><b>Urban Agenda Circular Economy</b></p> <p>A partnership of cities, member states, networks and EC worked on 12 actions on better knowledge, better legislation and better funding in which cities could have an impact to reach the Circular Economy goals.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><a href="#">To the website &gt;</a></p>	<p><b>European Commission OneStopShop</b></p> <p>This page provides information on EU policies such as climate change adaptation, mobility or circular economy that directly impact cities and urban areas.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><a href="#">To the website &gt;</a></p>
<p><b>Local &amp; Regional Europe</b></p> <p>The Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR) represents the interests of Europe's local and regional governments and their associations in more than 40 countries. Circular economy being one of the key activities.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><a href="#">To the website &gt;</a></p>	<p><b>Eurocities</b></p> <p>Network of major European cities, supporting the transition to a circular economy as part of a prosperous local economy.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><a href="#">To the website &gt;</a></p>	<p><b>Circular Europe Network</b></p> <p>A gateway to best practices on circular economy and resource efficiency from cities and regions.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><a href="#">To the website &gt;</a></p>	<p><b>C40 cities</b></p> <p>Network of the world's megacities committed to addressing climate change. C40 supports cities to collaborate effectively, share knowledge and drive action on climate change with a network dedicated on 'waste to resources'.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><a href="#">To the website &gt;</a></p>
<p><b>OECD</b></p> <p>The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, transitioning to a circular economy is key for a prosperous, inclusive and sustainable future.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><a href="#">To the website &gt;</a></p>	<p><b>Ellen McArthur Foundation</b></p> <p>Works to inspire a generation to re-think, re-design and build a positive future circular economy.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><a href="#">To the website &gt;</a></p>	<p><b>Reburg</b></p> <p>What would life look like in a circular economy? What would businesses do? What kind of spaces would we use to live, work and play? To explore these questions we have designed the city of Reburg, where the circular economy comes to life.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><a href="#">To the website &gt;</a></p>	<p><b>Urban Data platform Plus</b></p> <p>Provides access to information on the status and trends of cities and regions and to EU supported urban and territorial development strategies.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><a href="#">To the website &gt;</a></p>



# Circular Procurement

### IMPROVING THE SUPPORT BASE IN YOUR ORGANISATION



### SETTING REQUIREMENTS



### MARKET ENGAGEMENT



### CLOSING THE LOOP & EVALUATION



# PROCUREMENT TRANSFORMATION CANVAS



### CONTRACT MANAGEMENT



### EVALUATION OF THE OFFERS



### SPECIFICATION & TENDERING





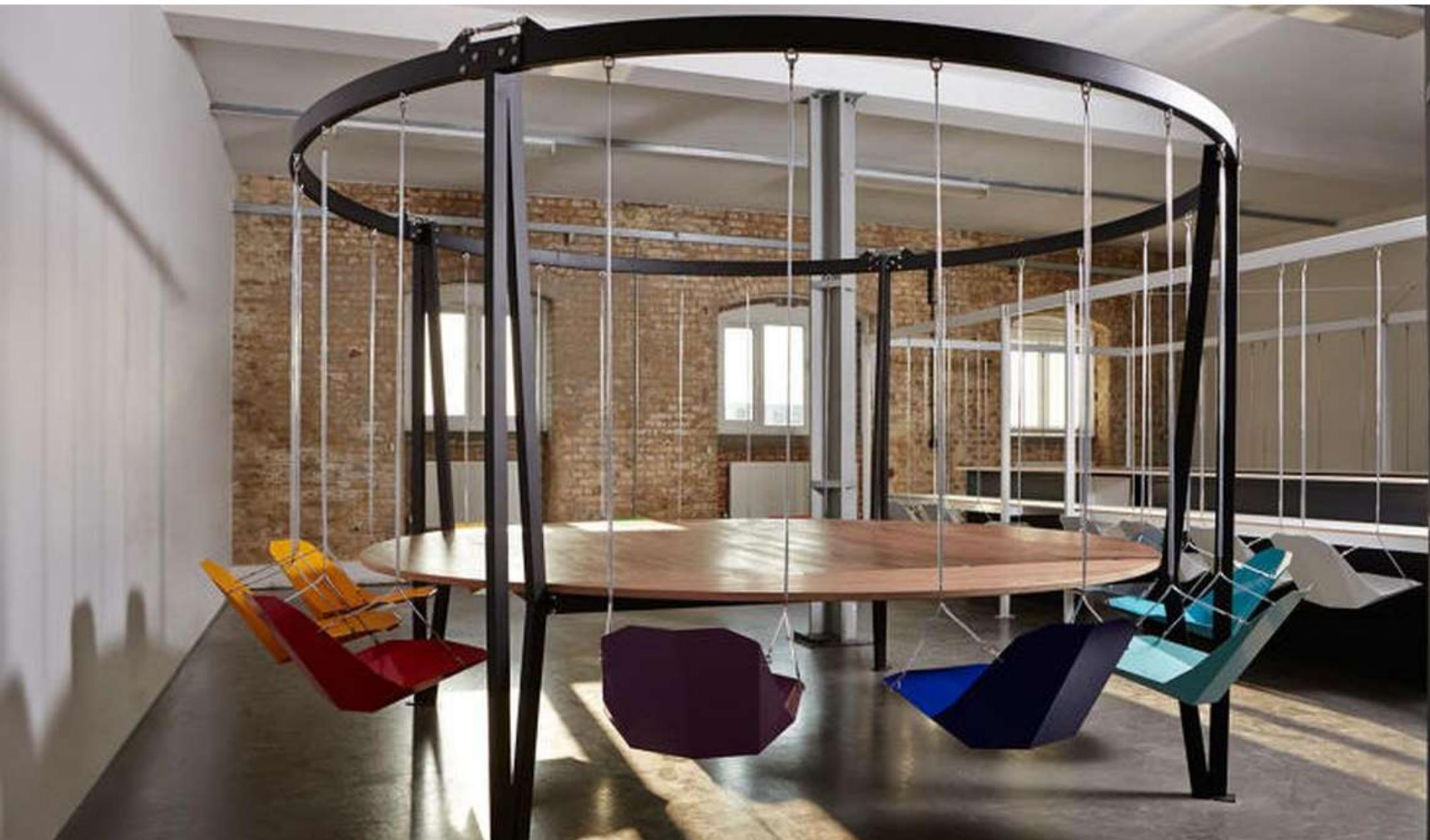
# Improving the supportbase

## Workshop Behavioural Change



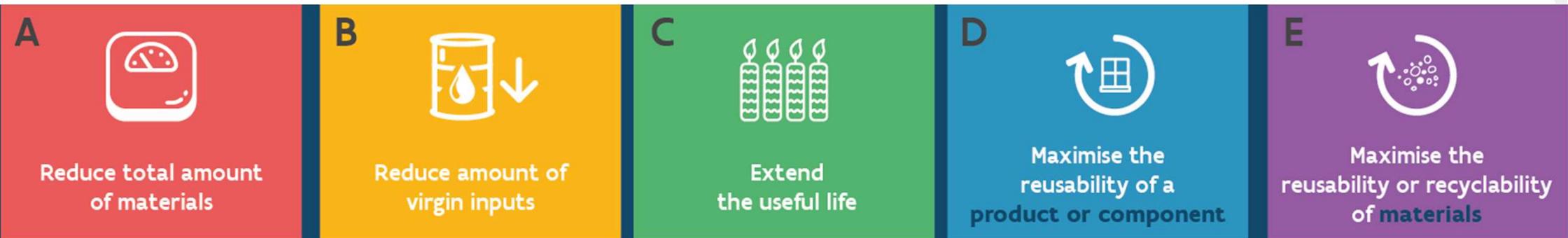
# **Setting requirements:** *Real needs?*







# Setting circular ambitions



<b>A</b>  Reduce total amount of materials	<b>B</b>  Reduce amount of virgin inputs	<b>C</b>  Extend the useful life	<b>D</b>  Maximise the reusability of a product or component	<b>E</b>  Maximise the reusability or recyclability of materials
<b>A</b> <b>1</b> Internal sharing	<b>B</b> <b>1</b> Understanding the share of recycled, biobased and virgin materials present	<b>C</b> <b>1</b> Extending guarantees	<b>D</b> <b>1</b> Design for Disassembly	<b>E</b> <b>1</b> Design for recycling
<b>A</b> <b>2</b> Renting or peer to peer sharing	<b>B</b> <b>2</b> Increasing the amount of recycled content	<b>C</b> <b>2</b> Contractual arrangements for maintenance and repair	<b>D</b> <b>2</b> Modular design	<b>E</b> <b>2</b> Understanding materials
<b>A</b> <b>3</b> Reuse, refurbishing or upgrading	<b>B</b> <b>3</b> Increasing the amount of biobased content	<b>C</b> <b>3</b> Upgradable products	<b>D</b> <b>3</b> Standardised design	<b>E</b> <b>3</b> Contractual arrangements for take back and recycling
<b>A</b> <b>4</b> Minimal use of materials in design		<b>C</b> <b>4</b> Design for longevity	<b>D</b> <b>4</b> Understanding the internal composition and connections	<b>E</b> <b>4</b> Reducing or banning toxicity
<b>A</b> <b>5</b> Less waste		<b>C</b> <b>5</b> Repairability and maintainability	<b>D</b> <b>5</b> Contractual arrangements for take back and reuse	<b>E</b> <b>5</b> Biologically degradable / compostable
		<b>C</b> <b>6</b> Modular/change oriented design	<b>D</b> <b>6</b> Stimulate circular business models	<b>E</b> <b>6</b> Stimulate circular business models
		<b>C</b> <b>7</b> Contractual incentives for extension of useful life		
		<b>C</b> <b>8</b> Supplier guidance for use optimization		

**GOALS AND STRATEGIES FOR CIRCULAR PURCHASERS**



A



Reduce total amount  
of materials

A  
1 Internal sharing

A  
2 Renting or  
peer to peer sharing

A  
3 Reuse, refurbishing or  
upgrading



## The Flemish government's Facility Services Agency opts for circular office furnishings

WEDNESDAY 18 DECEMBER 2019

Interreg NSR ProCirc Pilot - circular organisation of government offices

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- C**
- 
- Extend the useful life
- C 1** Extending guarantees
  - C 2** Contractual arrangements for maintenance and repair
  - C 3** Upgradable products
  - C 4** Design for longevity
  - C 5** Repairability and maintainability
  - C 6** Modular/change oriented design
  - C 7** Contractual incentives for extension of useful life
  - C 8** Supplier guidance for use optimization



## Lighting-as-a-service in the City of Mechelen

TUESDAY 17 DECEMBER 2019

ETAP sells light rather than lamps to illuminate City offices

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D



Maximise the reusability of a product or component

D 1 Design for Disassembly

D 2 Modular design

D 3 Standardised design

D 4 Understanding the internal composition and connections

D 5 Contractual arrangements for take back and reuse

D 6 Stimulate circular business models



# Market Engagement: *dialogue!*



# Setting specifications

[Circularprocurement.be](https://circularprocurement.be)



Construction



Catering



ICT



Infrastructure



Office Furnishings and Lighting



Paper & Office Supplies



Health Care



Packaging



Textiles



Other



# Circularprocurement.be



## Circular Procurement Cases - ICT



### KU Leuven wins Fair ICT Flanders Award 2020

WEDNESDAY 10 DECEMBER 2020

Winner of the first Fair ICT Flanders Award On December 15, KU Leuven received the Fair ICT Award 2020. A reward for a process that already started in 2009. Step by step, KU Leuven is implementing...

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### Circularity for ICT equipment

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TV decoders are an important product for Proximus and its customers. The first TV decoders were launched in 2005, and have already been supplied to more than 2 million customers. In the context of...

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### Public procurement for circular ICT equipment

MONDAY 10 DECEMBER 2019

Flanders wants to have a circular economy by 2050, in which raw material loops are closed. But how do you achieve such a circular economy in practice? The role of government authorities in this is cl...

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## Publications about Circular ICT



### Webinar - The future of ICT: circular solutions for a post-Covid world

Within the Interreg NSRF project, ProCirc a webinar was organized about circular ICT.



### Breaking the two-year cycle - extending the useful life of smartphones

This report is part of IIG Forward, the strategy and policy arm of the European Commission's flagship Next Generation Internet (NGI) initiative, which seeks to build a more democratic, inclusive, res...



### Infographic ICT Supply Chain

This Fair ICT Flanders infographic provides an overview of the various risks within the ICT supply chain. The route from raw material to final product is long and complex. Many actors are involved in...



### Fair ICT action plan

If your organization is prepared to work on a fair ICT policy, it is important to consider a few questions in order to arrive at a concrete action plan. Why does your organization want to take on a p...

## Circular procurement of office furnishings on screen



[Bekijken op YouTube](#)



[Bekijken op YouTube](#)

## Publications about circular office furnishings



### Leasing: ownership from a new angle

The second publication from the Interreg NSRF project, ProCirc discusses leasing as a replacement for the traditional ownership model. It contains interviews with users and a supplier.

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### Report: Circular Public Procurement Case descriptions Norway

This is an English translation of short case descriptions that are part of a larger report on Circular Procurement and Strategies among Norwegian Municipalities, developed by Inventura AS on behalf of...

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### Webinar The future of furniture - circular solutions for a post-Covid world

Within the Interreg NSRF project, ProCirc a webinar was organized about circular office furniture. Experiences from suppliers as well as buyers are shared.

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### The Furniture Sector and the Circular Economy

The European furniture industry welcomes the new Circular Economy Action Plan of the European Commission, strongly supports the transition to a circular economy and is ready to be involved in making...

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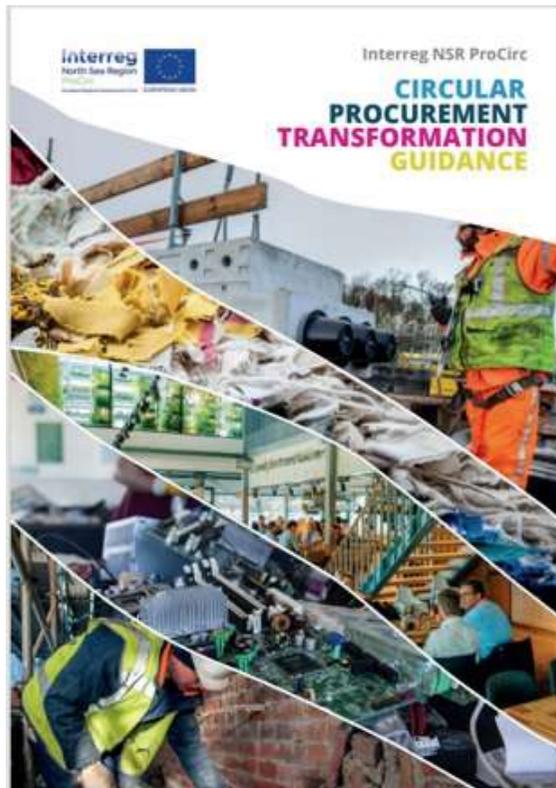
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# ***Evaluation of the offers & Contract Management***



# 5 Learning from each other

# Circular Policy and Tools



## Compendium

	Project outputs	Procurers	Managers	Policy makers	Suppliers and value chain actors	Others
Circular Procurement Guidance	Circular procurement transformation guidance					
	Organisational change					
	Training materials					
Circular Procurement Tools and Methodologies	Procurement transformation canvas and workshop manual					
	Circular procurement tools and toolbox					
Circular Procurement Cases and Examples	Opportunities and barriers report					
	Best practice articles					
	Pilot case studies					
Value Chain Engagement	Guidance for communities of practice					
	Joint statement of demand					
	Circular business model route maps					
Upscaling	Policy recommendations					
	C-PRONE					

# Pilot projects



## Furniture

- [Education & Office Furniture Framework \(Scotland Excel, Scotland\)](#)
- [Domestic Furniture Framework \(Scotland Excel, Scotland\)](#)
- [Furniture for circular building 't Centrum \(Kamp C, BE\)](#)
- [Circular furniture in office move \(DFØ/Digdir, NO\)](#)
- [Refurbished office furniture \(Agency For Facility Operations, Flemish Government, BE\)](#)
- [Circular furniture in refurbishment of county hall \(Vestland/Bergen, NO\)](#)
- [Reusing post-consumer textiles for the refurbishment of office chairs \(Municipality of Groningen, NL\)](#)



## Construction and infrastructure

- [Aberdeenshire New Build & Refurb Projects \(Aberdeenshire Council, Scotland\)](#)
- [Social housing neighbourhood renovation \(Zonnige Kempen, BE\)](#)
- [Circular Building 't Centrum \(Kamp C, BE\)](#)
- [Construction and temporary occupation of a circular hub and Makerspace \(City of Leuven, BE\)](#)
- [Demonstration box for circular construction within De Potterij \(OVAM, Flemish Government, BE\)](#)



## Waste

- [Circular tendering of waste treatment \(Kolding municipality, DK\)](#)
- [Waste management services \(City of Malmö, SE\)](#)
- [Waste management services \(bpost, BE\)](#)

## Textiles

- [Circular tender criteria for professional clothing \(Integral UK Ltd, UK\)](#)

## Other

- [Playground Equipment Framework \(Scotland Excel, Scotland\)](#)
- [Fossil fuel to green energy in waste management vehicles \(Kolding municipality, DK\)](#)
- [Circular signs and navigation \(City of Malmö, SE\)](#)
- [Prolonging life-time of baby strollers for preschools \(City of Malmö, SE\)](#)
- [Sustainability criteria for workplace ICT hardware \(Dutch government, IWR, NL\)](#)
- [Sustainable vending machines with healthy products \(bpost, BE\)](#)



# *Joint Statements of Demand*



**Joint Statement of Demand**  
Circular Professional Clothing



**Joint Statement of Demand**  
Circular Office Furniture

Electric Vehicle Chargers



# Platforms



Linkedin group:



## Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform About the Platform

An EU-wide interactive project steered in partnership with European civil society

A joint initiative by the European Commission and the European Economic and Social Committee, the **European Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform** brings together stakeholders active in the broad field of the circular economy in Europe.



## #EUCircularTalks

Digitalisation for Circular Procurement: Global Insights and Local Applications

27 September 2024 - 10:00 - 12:00 CEST



### Background

The transition from a linear to a circular economic model is an essential contribution to the EU's efforts to develop a sustainable, low carbon, resource efficient, resilient and competitive economy.

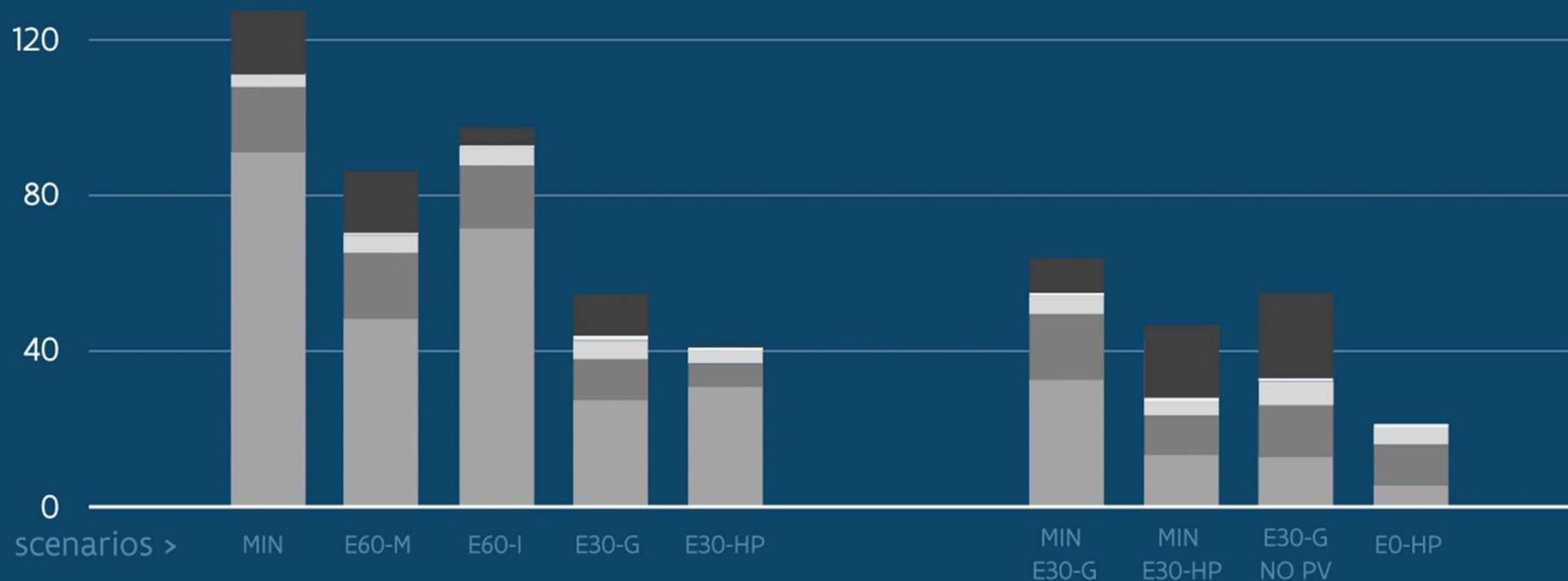


# Circular Construction

# The hidden environmental costs of materials in construction

Environmental cost

€ per m<sup>2</sup> Gross floor area



Data: WTCB (Dossier 2021/3.8)  
Graphics: Circular Flanders

**RENOVATION**  
detached house 1985

**NEW BUILDING**  
semi-detached house 2020

# LEARNING + SHARING KNOWLEDGE



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## Cases in Flanders

Look what is moving in Flanders

VIEW MAP

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SERVICES

- construction
- energy
- water
- metal
- services
- retail trade
- logistics
- bio-economy
- chemistry / plastics

Overstroomend aanbod van duurzame producten

- bouwjaar 2018
- bouwjaar 2019
- bouwjaar 2020
- bouwjaar 2021
- bouwjaar 2022

HOOFDSTAD

Kies een provincie

Use positions

research

- prevention / prolonging service life
- design
- reuse / urban mining
- restoration / redevelopment
- reusing / sharing
- recycling / upcycling
- no mass



Sfeerbeelden vier jaar Green Deal Circulair Bouwen



Resortecx wint Ecodesign by OVAM Gold Award 2023



Eco Tire Solutions van Wannes Van Laerhoven wint Ecode...



REDOSE van Loore Nele wint Ecodesign Award voor stude...



GUARD THE AWARD - Ecodesign Award voor studenten



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Werkagenda Circulair Bouwen



Circular State of the Union - plenair

### Opsplitsing in werkpaden

Korte termijn	Middelrange termijn	Lange termijn
Verlies van biomassa vermijden	Nieuwe soorten biomassa mogelijk maken	Bio-economie als bijdrage aan duurzame transitie
Werkpad 1: Nieuwe aanpakken voor biomassa vermindering	Werkpad 2: Nieuwe soorten aanbestedingen	Werkpad 3: Aanpakken bij breder toezicht

### Lancering werkagenda voedselketen

Welkom!

Fevia



## Secret Ingredient





**And take the time to chat  
about the Circular Economy**

# Thank you!

Questions/remarks?

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Circular Procurement Learning Network

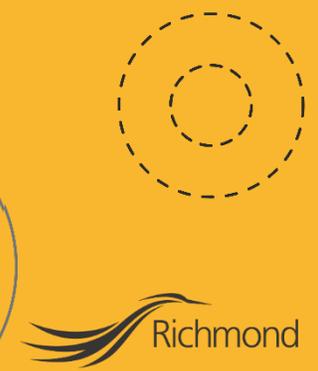
Public group



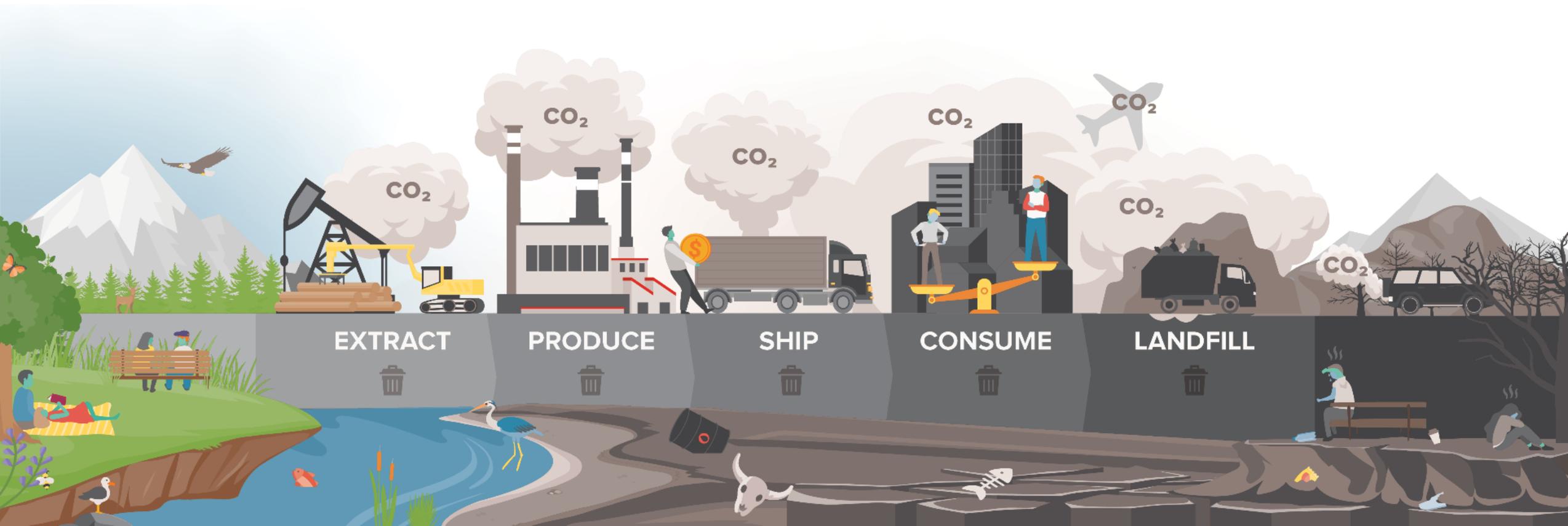


# THE **CIRCULAR** ECONOMY IN ACTION

Implementing Richmond's Circular  
Vision and Principles into City's  
procurement activities

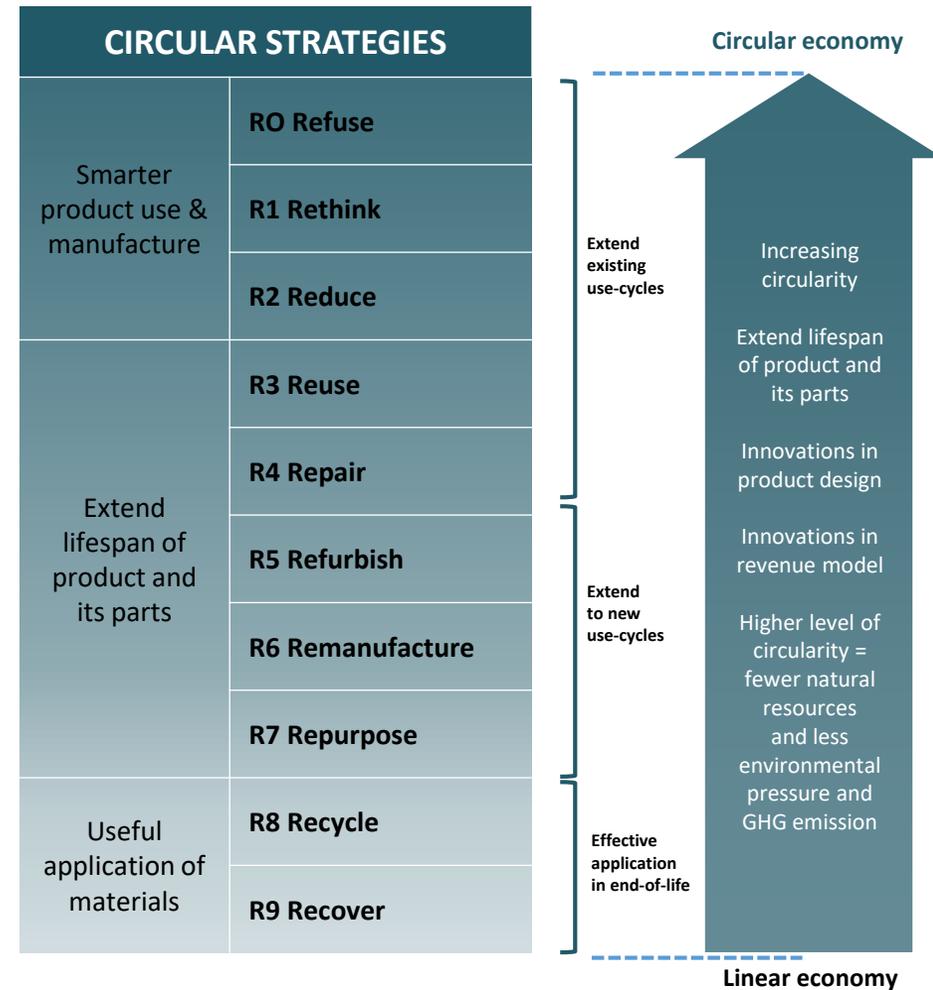


# WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?



# WHAT IS A **CIRCULAR** ECONOMY?

A circular economy is not recycling: Recycling plays an important role in waste management, but a circular economy offers a comprehensive approach. It addresses a product or service's entire lifecycle, striving to eradicate waste and prolong the use of resources, thereby decreasing the need for new, virgin resources.



# THE **SYSTEM** THINKING APPROACH

Circular economy is about the flow of resources, materials, nutrients, products and energy. The actions in the Strategy augment the City work through an expanded focus on these flows.

- 3 5-Year Tourism Plan
- 2 Agricultural Viability Strategy
- 1 Barn Owls Nest Box Program
- 1 Bat Friendly Community Recognition
- 6 Biweekly Garbage Cart Program
- 6 Blue Box/Blue Cart Programs
- 3 Business Resilience Program
- 4 City Centre Transportation Vision 2007
- 4 5 Community Energy & Emissions Plan 2050
- 1 2 3 4 5 6 Cultural Harmony Plan
- 2 3 Farming First Strategy
- 1 Ecological Network Management Strategy
- 1 Enhanced Pesticide Management Program
- 6 Green Cart Program
- 3 5 6 House Moving and Salvage Program
- 3 5 Industrial Land Intensification Initiative
- 1 5 Integrated Rainwater Resources Strategy
- 1 2 Invasive Species Action Plan
- 6 Litter Collection Program
- 6 Large Item Pick Up Program
- 3 5 Resilient Economy Strategy
- Official Community Plan 1 2 3 4 5 6
- Park and Open Spaces Strategy 1 2 5
- Partners for Beautification 1 5
- Poverty Reduction Plan 2 3 4 5
- Public Spaces Recycling Program, Event Recycling, Facilities Recycling 6
- Procurement Policy 3
- Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement Pilot Project 5 6
- Richmond Business Development Program 3
- Richmond Food System Action Team 2
- Richmond Food System Assessment 2006 2
- Richmond Foodland Report 2013 1 2
- Richmond Garden Club 2
- Richmond Local Food Map 2
- Richmond Nectar Trail 1 2
- Richmond Pesticide Management 1
- Riparian Areas Regulation Response Strategy 1 5
- Single-Use Plastic and Other Items Bylaw No. 10000 3 6
- Tree Management Strategy 1 2 5
- Wellness Strategy 1 2 4 5

# THE CITY'S VISION FOR A **CIRCULAR** ECONOMY

The City of Richmond's vision for circular economy is to **maximize the value of resources**, by design, through responsible consumption, minimizing waste and reimagining how resources flow in a sustainable, equitable, low-carbon economy.

**Upside-down approach to complexity**



# CITY'S **CIRCULAR** PRINCIPLES

The City has started using circular economy criteria in various ways, guided by the following 5 principles:

- Design clean
- Keep using
- Collaborate to co-create
- Regenerate
- Maximize value



# RICHMOND **CIRCULAR** CITY STRATEGY



# THE STRATEGY OUTLINES A FRAMEWORK THAT WILL GUIDE RICHMOND'S TRANSITION TO A CIRCULAR ECONOMY



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## DIRECTIONS

Maximizing ecosystem services; Regenerative food systems; Resilient and innovative economy; Shared mobility; Adaptive built environment; Products and materials management.

## GOALS

30 directional goals, outcome focused.

## ACTIONS

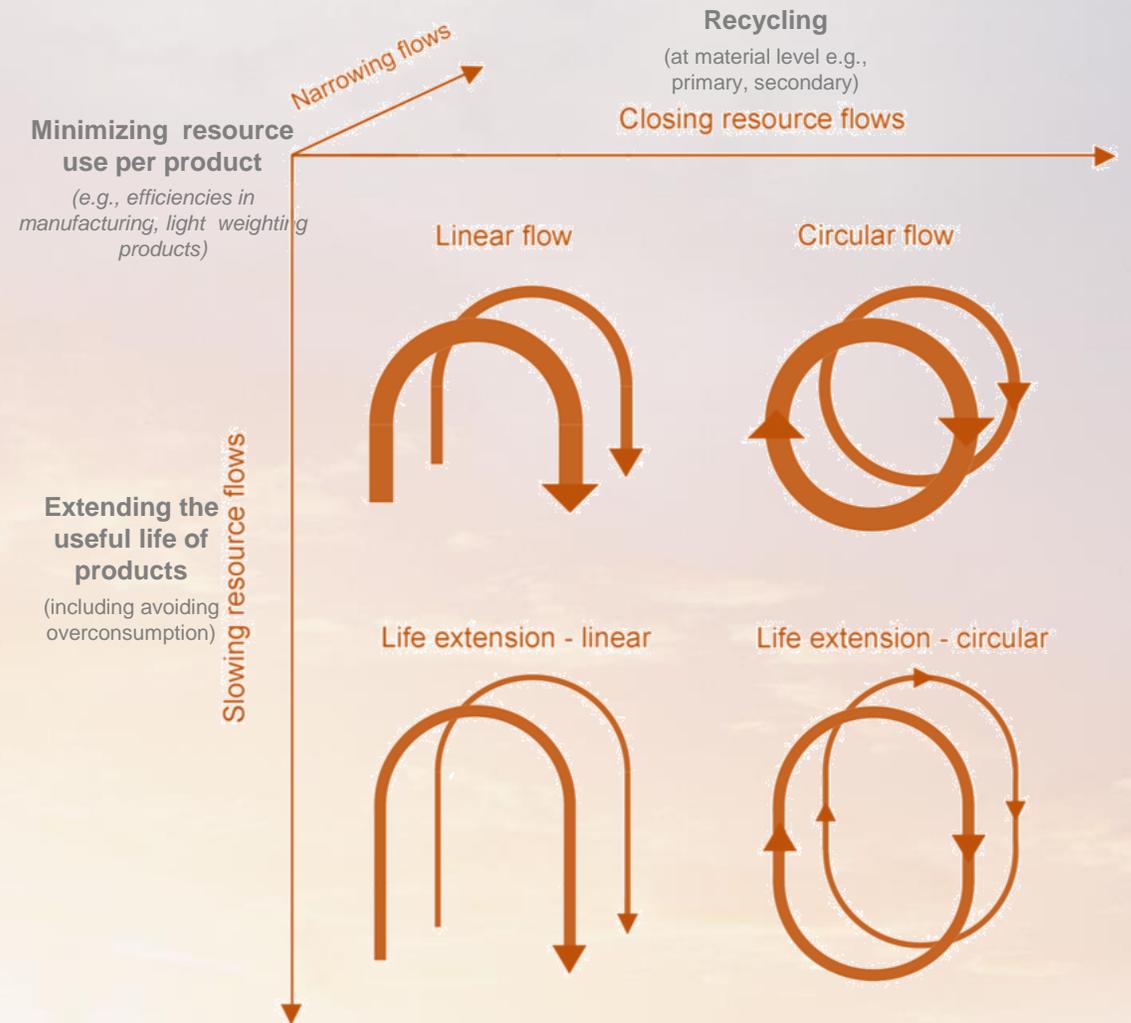
84 actions that will set Richmond on a path to achieve 100% circularity.

## RESULTS

The Strategy makes room for other organizations to co-create, test and implement circular practices as partners with the City or within their respective context, fostering the transition towards a regenerative and circular city.

# NARROWING THE FLOW

		Resource strategy		
		Narrowing Loops	Slowing Loops	Closing Loops
Innovation strategy	Open	<p><b>Value proposition:</b> Reduce waste and resources in design and production processes</p> <p><b>Value creation &amp; delivery:</b> Reduce cost and negative impact through new technologies and processes in collaboration with suppliers, customers and others</p> <p><b>Value capture logic:</b> Save cost and resources</p>	<p><b>Value proposition:</b> Reuse resources to broaden the offerings to the customer (e.g. vintage, second-hand)</p> <p><b>Value creation &amp; delivery:</b> Create value by connecting internal and external resource flows via generative models</p> <p><b>Value capture logic:</b> Increase the number of transactions in an ecosystem via reuse of products</p>	<p><b>Value proposition:</b> A circular offering which involves lower environmental footprint and resource burden</p> <p><b>Value creation &amp; delivery:</b> Combine resource flows from external ecosystem into customer offerings</p> <p><b>Value capture logic:</b> Lower the cost of resources used in customer offerings, improve brand/corporate image</p>
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Source: Bocken, N.M.P., de Pauw, I., van der Grinten, B., Bakker, C. 2016. Product design and business model strategies for a circular economy. J. Industrial & Production Engineering, 32 (1), 67-81.

# Circular Project Models

System level	Supplier level	Product level
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Product service system</li><li>• Public Private Partnership</li><li>• Cooperation with other organizations on sharing and reuse</li><li>• Rent/lease</li><li>• Supplier take-back systems including reuse, recycling, refurbishment and remanufacturing</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Supplier take-back system</li><li>• Design to disassembly</li><li>• Reparability of standard products</li><li>• External reuse/ sale of products</li><li>• Internal reuse of products</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Materials in the product can be identified</li><li>• Products can be disassembled after use</li><li>• Recyclable materials</li><li>• Resource efficiency and Total Cost of Ownership</li><li>• Recycled materials</li></ul>

(Source: SPP Regions Best Practice Report)

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# ONE BITE AT A TIME

## WHERE TO PLAY

The aim of this tool is to identify circular opportunities

There are three parts to this tool.

It considers the existing value in the department system, where value is lost and at risk, and opportunities to recover lost value and maximize existing values.

Two circular concepts will help you complete this step:

- the power of circularity – which describes how to create economic value through looping of resources and products
- a categorization of typical circular business models that put these looping approaches into practice.

### A. Map existing value flow

#### Objective

Identify the existing flow of value within your system, what kind of value it is and how it is measured

#### Focus on

- What value do we provide?
- What part of the value chain do we manage?

### B. Consider lost value and value at risk

#### Objective

Identify where value is lost within your system and what value is potentially at future risk

#### Focus on

- Where is this value being lost? Where are there broken or incomplete loops? Why is it not being captured?
- What future customer, supply or policy changes may put current value creation at risk?

### C. Identify circular value opportunities

#### Objective

Based on the insights from A and B, identify ways of creating and/or closing loops to recover lost value, maximize existing value or conserve value at risk

#### Focus on

- What opportunities are there to recover or create new value? Could any of the typical circular business models help?
- Who benefits from this value?

*Adapted from Circular Business Model Design Guide – Ellen MacArthur Foundation*



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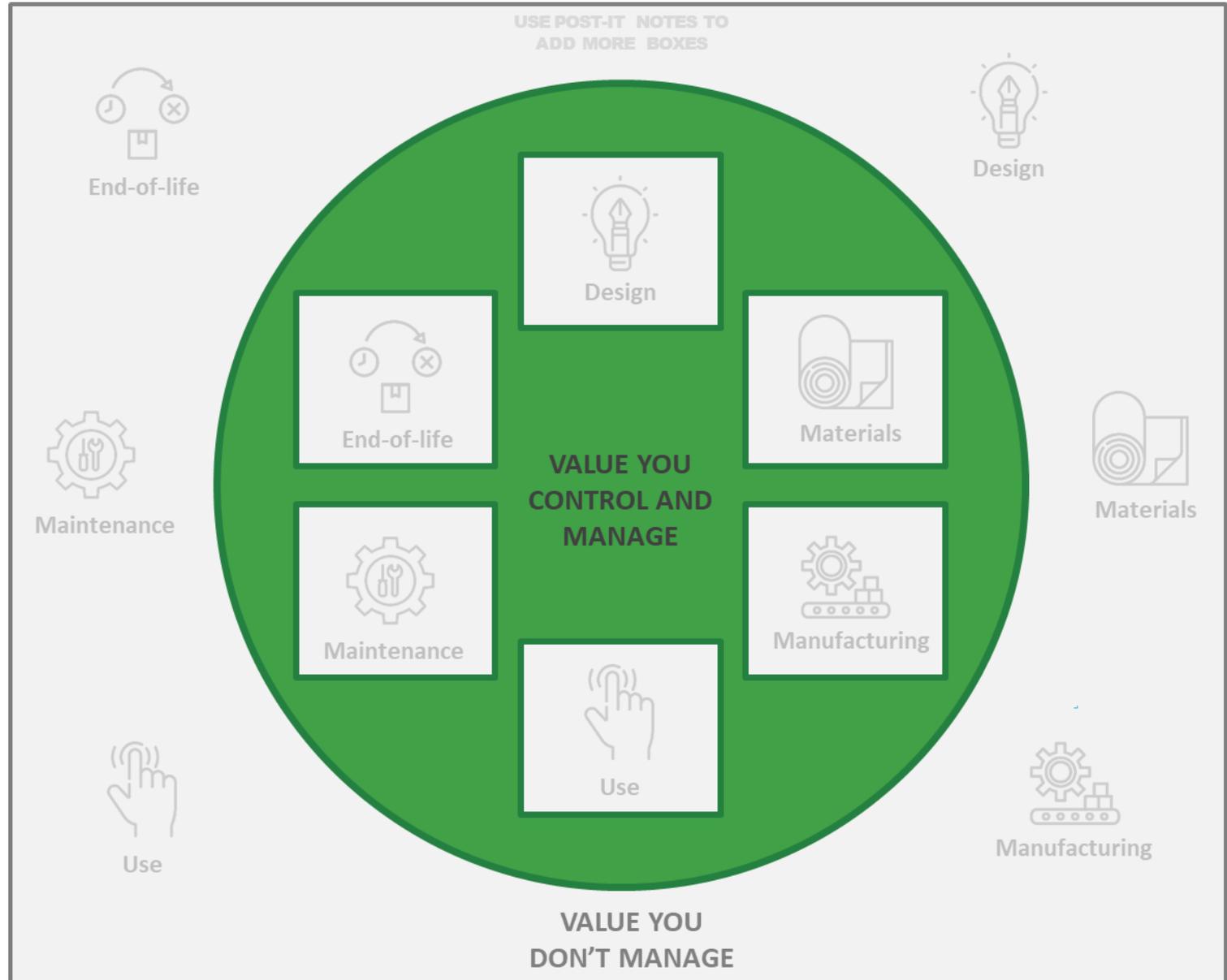
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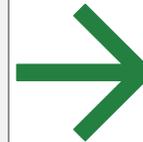
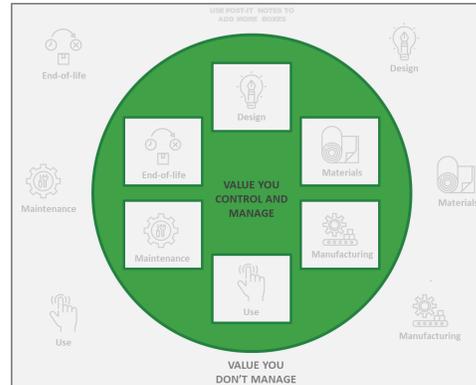
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# ONE BITE AT A TIME

## WHERE TO PLAY

### C. Identify circular value opportunities

**Objective: Identify opportunities to create or close loops to recover lost value, maximise existing value or conserve value at risk.**

- What opportunities are there to close loops? Where could you deploy typical circular business models?
- Who benefits from this value?

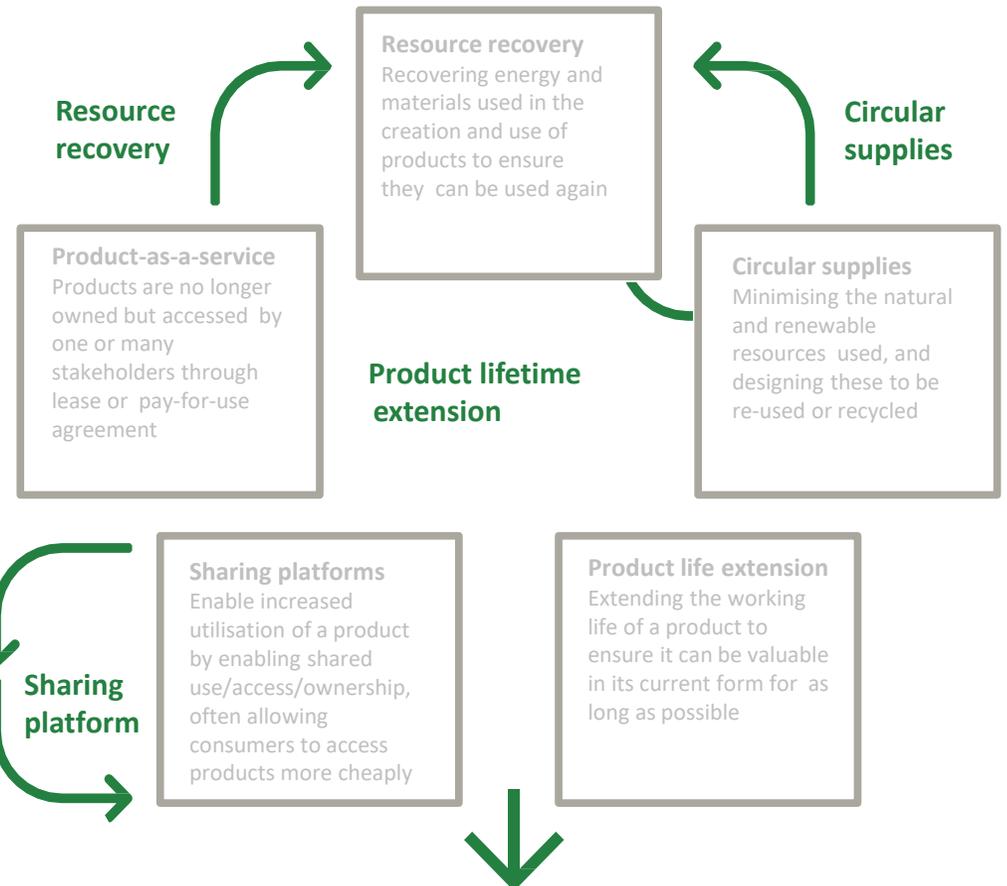
### CAPTURE CIRCULAR IDEAS

Idea description:	Idea description:	Idea description:	Idea description:
Type of value generated & who benefits:			

**Value that is lost or at risk:**

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# ONE BITE AT A TIME

WHERE TO PLAY

## THE SOUTH DIKE UPGRADE PROJECT

The South Dike Upgrade project improved the dike structure from No.3 Road to 400m west of No.4 Road.

Circular criteria involved a focus on reusing excavated materials, recycling raw materials and low-carbon transportation.

Criteria was selected in consultation with the project team and **based on the nature of the project.**

The expected impacts included a greater emphasis on keeping materials onsite and reusing them.

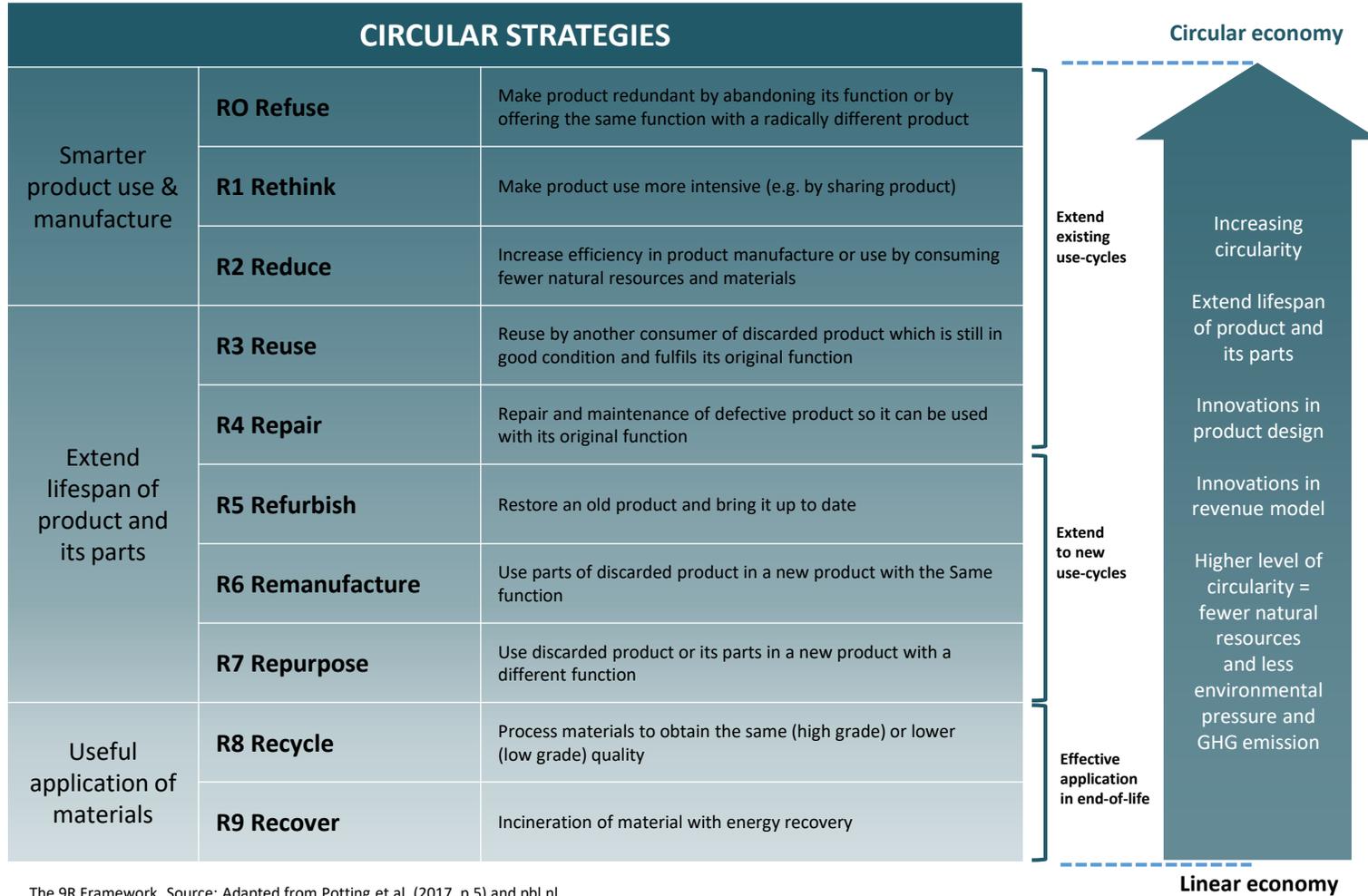
Key learnings from the project include the importance of clear communication and understanding of circular economy principles during the design process.

A wrap-up meeting with the contractor and engineer also provided valuable insights for improving the efficiency and effectiveness of future projects in achieving circular economy goals.





# CREATE A STRATEGY FOR SUCCESS



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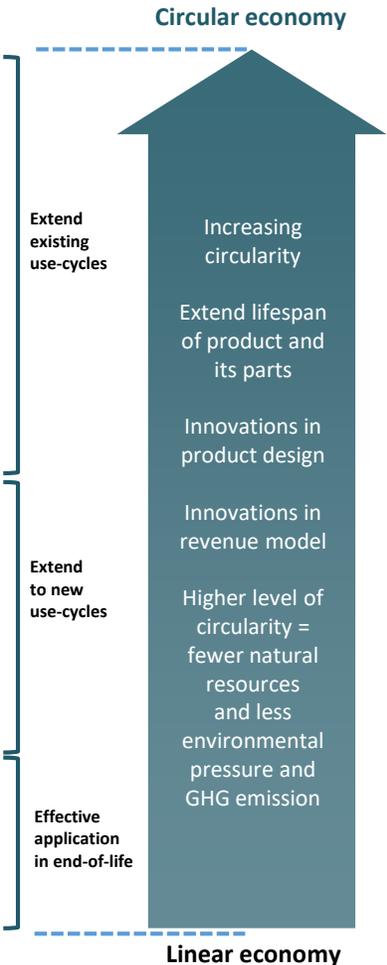
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REPLACE  
Technology paradigm

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Improve circularity potential and efficient

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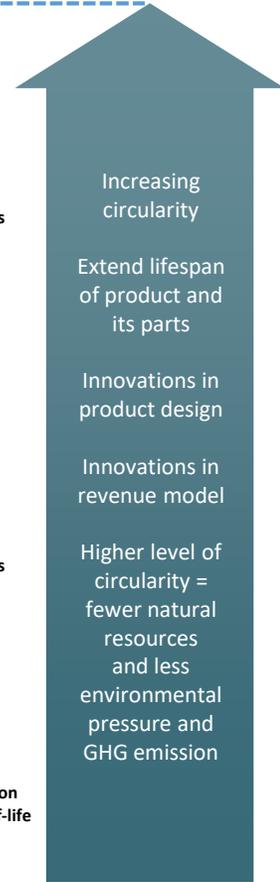
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Effective application in end-of-life

Circular economy



Linear economy



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## KING GEORGE PARK SYNTHETIC TURF REPLACEMENT

The project involved the removal, disposal, and recycling of materials from the existing infilled synthetic turf system, and the supply and installation of a new thermoplastic elastomer infilled synthetic turf and underlayment shock-pad system.

The artificial turf field at King George Park has exceeded its expected lifespan and now requires replacement to maintain minimum safety levels for operation.

AstroTurf West uses a fuel-efficient fleet from 2018 and employs new equipment and technologies to clean and reuse existing turf infill.

AstroTurf West recycled the existing artificial turf locally by partnering with Fernwood Recycling Ltd., in Victoria, BC.

The plastic-based turf fibers has be repurposed into composite fence posts for agricultural and landscaping applications.





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# GET SMARTER ABOUT CIRCULARITY

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**CITY OF RICHMOND DIVERSITY SYMPOSIUM**

**OCTOBER 23 – 27, 2023**

Building diverse, equitable and inclusive communities

[RICHMOND.CA/DIVERSITY](http://richmond.ca/diversity)

**Let's go back to recycling school!**

**H is for Harmful**

Some items are poisonous or may explode or cause fires. They can hurt people and animals or harm the environment.

**Take hazardous items to the Richmond Recycling Depot.**

[richmond.ca/depot](http://richmond.ca/depot)

**2024 Richmond City Grants**

Apply now!  
Deadline is Oct 18

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**Our Values**

Our organization's values are PELTI:

- People
- Excellence
- Leadership
- Team
- Innovation

[Learn more on the Org Dev website](#)

**Org Dev Challenge of the Week**

"Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence win championships." - Michael Jordan

Think about your current work projects. Identify one way that you can collaborate more to achieve excellent results.

### What's New

- Take Our Kids to Work 2023  
EVENT FULL - Waitlist Only  
2 hours ago
- Mug Club  
Mug Club - Register in advance by emailing [OrgDev@Richmond.ca](mailto:OrgDev@Richmond.ca)  
1 day ago
- Resilience at Work For Supervisors and Managers  
Time is running out to register for this very popular workshop. Deadline to register is end of today., October 4, 2023: 8:30AM - 4:30PM  
1 day ago

Cozy up with your fall favourites at the Time Out Cafe  
Fall is here and with that comes pumpkin season

### Organizational Development Success Story

**Staff Heroes in the Community**

This past summer, two staff members exemplified the City's values while acting compassionately and courageously to assist members of our community in times of need. Madhav Chhibbar demonstrated our values of Leadership and Team when he took charge of a medical situation to provide CPR to a patron of South Arm Community Centre and Dominic Tong from the Community Bylaws team demonstrated our values of People and Excellence to provide assistance and comfort at the scene of a significant car accident.

Madhav was working his regular shift at the front desk of South Arm Community Centre when two patrons came running from the facility's fitness centre to share that someone had collapsed. Madhav drew on his first responder training from school and jumped into action. He grabbed the centre's AED and, on his way to the fitness centre, called on a high school friend and fellow first responder for assistance. With the help of another staff member, the trio started CPR while 911 was called. Madhav noted that teamwork and a tight-knit staff culture helped the



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- Calendar of Events - Event Management
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- Council Referral System
- Customer Relationship Management - CRM Access and Training



# TALK WITH SUPPLIERS & VENDORS

## ARCHITECTS AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGERS SPARKS CIRCULAR IDEAS FOR COLLABORATION

*Q: What ideas does your firm have and how should the City change its specifications to reflect a practical and value-added transition to a circular economy?"*

The proponents were given time for internal discussions before providing their feedback and answers. This approach allowed the City to gauge the level of awareness, understanding, and market readiness for circular economy principles among the proponents.

The various responses showcased the proponents' ideas and suggestions for collaborating with the City to promote a circular economy.

A consultant shared valuable resources, such as research, tools, and insights on design for disassembly. As a result of this presentation, the architectural firm was connected with the staff to explore further collaboration and integration of circular economy principles into the City's projects.





# BREAK DOWN SILOS

## **FURNITURE CIRCULAR MANAGEMENT: IMPLEMENTING CIRCULAR BUSINESS MODELS FOR SUSTAINABLE AND COST-EFFECTIVE OPERATIONS**

PD implemented a circular business models to improve operations performance and reduce in the procurement and management of furniture.

The team utilized existing furniture in the inventory for most reconfigurations. While new materials were occasionally required due to project specifications or insufficient stock, the team also refurbished furniture items, such as chairs, filing cabinets, and panels.

The refurbished items proved to be significantly more cost-effective and required less lead time. For example, the average cost of a new upholstered chair was \$602.20 with a 3-4 week lead time, while a refurbished chair cost \$230.00 with only a 1-week lead time.



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