

# Timing

# Outputs and results

- The project lasts **4 years** and the activities are divided into two phases:

## Phase 1 (Apr 2016 - March 2018)

Exchange of experience and development of the Action Plans;

## Phase 2 (Apr 2018 - March 2020)

The implementation and monitoring of the project.



- Development of **5 regional/national Holistic Diagnosis** to identify policy gaps
- Identification and exchange of **30 Good Practices** in 5 target policy areas
- Holding of **7 interregional exchanges** of experience activities
- Outreach of **politicians** and **policy-makers**
- Definition and agreement of **5 Action Plans**
- Holding of **10 Regional Dissemination Events** (2 per country)
- Holding of **2 Interregional Dissemination Events** (Belgium, Slovenia)
- 3 publications:
  - *RETRACE Method for Systemic Approaches on Circular Economy* publication
  - *RETRACE Good Practices guide* publication
  - *RETRACE Policy Road map* publication



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## An interregional cooperation project for improving resource-efficient economic policies

**RETRACE - A Systemic Approach for Regions Transitioning towards a Circular Economy** aims at promoting systemic design as a method allowing local and regional policies move towards a circular economy when waste from one productive process becomes input in another, preventing waste being released into the environment.

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# Objective

Retrace's main goal is to foster and promote the adoption of Systemic Design as a method allowing regional and local policies in their transitions towards a Circular Economy.

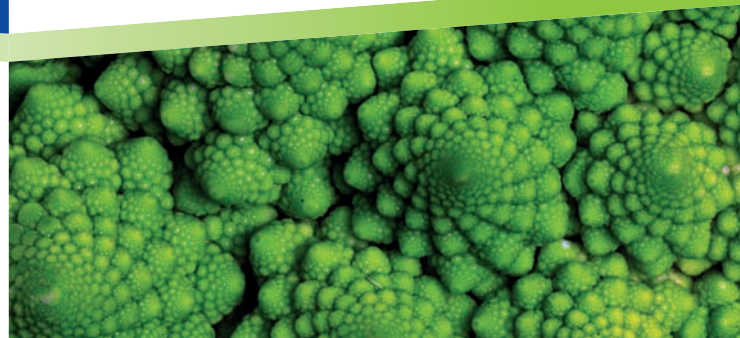
It seeks to improve the policies and capacities of EU regions to adopt systemic approaches leading to a further identification of synergistic opportunities and to an increased capacity of companies in their development.

# Specific Objectives

- To provide **methodological tools** for regions to adopt **Systemic Design** approaches at territory and cross-sectorial level
- To **exchange and disseminate good practices** in the field of Circular Economy
- To lead **strategic thinking processes with Stakeholder Groups** of each participant region, entailing the adoption of Action Plans to improve the existing regional policies, programs or instruments
- To **implement and evaluate the impact of Action Plans**
- To contribute to the regional smart specialization strategies of partner regions **identifying new business opportunities and models according to Systemic Design** approach
- To raise awareness among politicians and policymakers, delivering a **Policy Road Map and making visible the benefits** of adopting systemic approaches
- To contribute to the **Policy Learning Platform** on Environment and Resource Efficiency

# Involved actors

- 8 private and public PARTNERS** from 5 different countries including target Operational Programme's Managing Authorities
- 5 STAKEHOLDERS groups** (one per country) with about 70 local organizations



## Project Partners



**Politecnico di Torino (IT)** (*Lead Partner*)

**Piedmont Region** Directorate for regional system competitiveness (IT)

**Azaro Foundation (ES)** (*Communication Manager*)

**BEAZ (ES)**

**Higher School of Advanced Industrial Technology.** ESTIA (FR)

**Association for Environment and Safety in Aquitaine** APESA (FR)

**North-East Regional Development Agency (RO)**

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