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Dear reader,

Here we are with the first edition of SYMBI project newsletter.

SYMBI project will contribute to improve the implementation of regional development policies and programmes related to the promotion and dissemination of industrial symbiosis and circular economy from 7 participating countries faced to policies alignment with the circular economy package of the European Commission to transform Europe into a more competitive resource-efficient economy.

In the next pages, you will find an editorial, provided by our partner Chamber of Commerce of Molise from Italy, describing objectives and actions of the project. It will be dedicated specifically to past and upcoming related events involving the theme of the project.



SUMMARY

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SYMBI Aims

SYMBI aims at supporting the transition towards a resource efficient economy through industrial symbiosis, establishing territorial synergies to manage waste and exchange energy and secondary raw resources.



The SYMBI project

SYMBI Project is financed under the Interreg Europe Programme. The object of this programme is to support regional and local governments to build and deliver better policies through the exchange of experiences and good practices, leveraging the technical expertise already identified at European level to answer to the common

challenges.

The project SYMBI will contribute to improve the implementation of regional development policies and programs concerning the promotion and dissemination of industrial symbiosis and circular economy. The project involves seven participating countries committed to align their policies with the Circular Economy strategy of the European

Commission in order to transform Europe into a more competitive resource-efficient economy. In fact, on 2 December 2015, the European Commission adopted a new circular economy package. The package contains an action plan for the circular economy, mapping out a series of actions and target planned for the coming years.



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THEME

Environment and resource efficiency

Industrial Symbiosis

INDUSTRIAL SYMBIOSIS looks at interactions between the environment, the economy and industry, and promotes the sharing of materials to minimize waste, following the example of a natural ecosystem, where everything is reused.

Industrial symbiosis strengthens regional growth and competitiveness fostering:

- Material and energy savings, reusing waste and energy by-products of industrial processes.

- New business models with secondary raw resources trading and innovative waste management services.
- Mitigation of external volatility risks, reducing dependencies on imported materials and fossil fuel.



Project Objectives

SYMBI General objective is to empower regions to build sustainable economies, resilient to environmental pressures and climate change.

The project will support the implementation of policy instruments and measures for the diffusion of industrial symbiosis, to add value, reduce production costs and relieve environmental pressures and reduce green

house gas emissions through increasing resource efficiency.

Furthermore, through the development of the activities, SYMBI will get:

- Encourage regional and national waste transformation systems;
- Promote the use of secondary raw materials and the emergence of regional secondary raw materials

market.

- Prioritize green public procurement.
- Unlock investments by regional and local financial actors.
- Explore, assess, expand, and enhance current practices in ecosystems of industrial innovation.
- Raise public awareness on industrial symbiosis and circular economy.



What will SYMBI do



Different exchange of experiences activities between regional and national authorities from the participating regions and key stakeholders will be carried out to achieve the objectives.

Main activities will be:

- Comparative study of existing policies at regional and national levels related to industrial symbiosis and circular economy.
- Analysis of potential investments in industrial symbiosis.
- Identification of good practices and benchmarking of eco-systems of by-products and energy exchanges.
- Prescribing green public

procurement as an enabler of industrial symbiosis.

In particular, to guarantee and facilitate a deep Exchange of experiences and Public dialogue, both at an interregional and regional level, several Meetings and consultations within partner's organizations, regional authorities and the key stakeholders identified will be held. Also lessons learnt in the regional policies will be diffused at EU-level.



Project Events

The SYMBI project **Kick off Meeting** was held on the 11th and 12th of May 2016, in Badajoz, Spain, organized and hosted by the lead partner FUNDECYT PCTEX, in Scientific and Technological Park of Extremadura facilities. This meeting represented the beginning of five years cooperation among 9 partners representing regions / countries from the seven participating countries. Seventeen participants from all project partners attended the meeting that was the starting point of the project, so it was the occasion for partners to meet each other. The meeting started with a presentation of partners, its activities and the main projects and activities, it was an occasion to discuss and share their knowledge and experience in the implementation of regional policies related to Circular Economy.

During the meeting partners discussed about the challenges of the work plan and to fix the roadmap for the activities of the project. Participants delivered presentations in each session, addressing all

aspects of the activities described in the SYMBI Application Form. Discussion at the end of each session helped the consortium partners achieve a common understanding of the key issues and

Kick Off Meeting in Badajoz (ES)



Next Project Events

Pannon Novum West of SYMBI is going to organize the 1st policy workshop and 2nd steering group meeting of the Project. The event will take place in Győr, Hungary, from the 15th till the 17th of November 2016.

Regarding the 1st policy workshop, the event will host several stakeholders, with the aim to bring together regional/national actors who play a key role in supporting the process of transition to a resource-efficient economy policy, leading to an industrial symbiosis in Europe.

Gyor Center (HU)



About to the 2nd steering group meeting, it deals with the management and coordination of the Project tasks realized or to be implemented by the partnership.



Upcoming Thematic Event

Next **November 15th** will be held in **Barcelona, Spain**, the Circular Economy European Summit, it will bring together global industry

experts and professionals from different backgrounds, for keynotes, panel sessions and stakeholder

dialogues delivering much needed constructive discussion and provocative debate.



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