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







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

Specific Objectives

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.

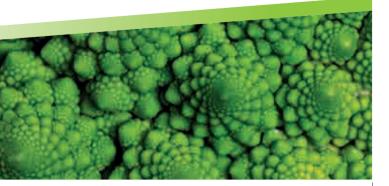
It seeks to improve the policies and capacities of EU regions to adopt systemic approaches leading to a further identification of synergistic opportunities and to an increased capacity of companies in their development.



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

- ▼ 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



Project Partners

















Politecnico di Torino (IT) (Lead Partner)

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Higher School of Advanced Industrial Technology. ESTIA (FR)

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