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RETRACE

During the third semester, the Consortium of the RETRACE project has completed the *Exchange of Experience* part of the project, carrying out **7 Field Visits** in total —between April and October, the partners have been in Slovenia, Romania and Scotland— where more Good Practices have been shared, achieving the total number of 50. The reports of the Field Visits are collected in the videos available in the project's [library](#) and [YouTube channel](#).

In relation to the *Communication and Dissemination* activities of the project, the first publication **RETRACE Systemic Design for Policymaking: A Circular Europe on the Way** has been released and is available for [free download](#). Moreover, each region has celebrated the third stakeholder group meeting, with the participation of more than 50 people.

Besides, the partners of the project have participated in different conferences such as the "[Scottish Resource Conference](#)" (Edinburgh, Scotland), the "[Green Cycle Workshop](#)" (Trento, Italy), "[Ambiente, Economia, Territorio](#)" (Bologna, Italy), "[Ecodesign Meeting](#)" (Bilbao, Spain), the "[Relating Systems Thinking and Design Symposium 6](#)" (Oslo, Norway), the annual "[European Week of Regions and Cities](#)" (Brussels, Belgium) and the "[9th CIRP IPSS Conference - Circular Perspectives on PSS](#)" (Copenhagen, Denmark) to get inspired and disseminate the activities of RETRACE.

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Scotland.

Field Visit 5 took place in **Ljubljana, Slovenia**, on 4-5 May. The selected Good Practices were related to different sectors, as electronic/energy, renewable materials, construction, agrifood, plastic, recycling/upcycling or policy design and collected in a [video](#).

Field Visit 6 was celebrated in **Iasi, Romania**, on 15-16 June. The partners and stakeholders of the Retrace project had the opportunity to learn about different activities and business ideas related to different sectors and technologies, such as construction, textile, pet food, collaboration and social innovation spaces, water treatment technologies, cereal drying technology, automotive and the municipality strategy named Iasi Zero Waste, all of them based in the Circular Economy.

Field Visit 7, the last Field Visit of the **RETRACE Project**, held in **Edinburgh, Scotland**, on 25-26 September, was organized by the Lead Partner ([Politecnico di Torino](#)), with the collaboration of [Zero Waste Scotland](#). The Field Visit was held at the facilities of [The Edinburgh Remakery](#) and the visit was very oriented to show the policies that the Scotland Government has to develop the Circular Economy Strategy in the territory. In this sense, Zero Waste Scotland was funded to support delivery of the Scottish Government's Circular Economy strategy. As usual, the visit concluded with a Peer Review Workshop that all partners carry out after each Field Visit.

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5 STAKEHOLDER GROUP MEETINGS CELEBRATED IN EACH REGION



All regions have celebrated the third Stakeholders Group Meeting, a key action for the exchange of experience between partners and the stakeholders. These meetings serve to involve the stakeholders of each territory with the project.

STEERING GROUP MEETING 3



The Steering Group Meeting was celebrated before the Field Visit 6, in Romania. The partners gathered together to discuss the goals achieved so far and to plan the following steps. The development of the Regional Action Plans was a key theme during this meeting.

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FIELD VISIT VIDEOS



All the Field Visits are documented in Videos. So far, the available videos are:

- [Field Visit 1, Italy](#)
- [Field Visit 2, France](#)
- [Field Visit 3, Spain](#)
- [Field Visit 4, The Netherlands](#)
- [Field Visit 5, Slovenia](#)

SCOTTISH RESOURCES CONFERENCE



The [Scottish Resources Conference](#) was celebrated in Edinburgh on 27-28 September. It is the most important event for sustainability, resource and waste management professionals of Scotland. The two main thematic issues were Resource stream and Circular Economy stream. Some partners of Retrace had the opportunity to take part to the Conference.

RETRACE METHOD GUIDE

The last months saw Retrace partners particularly focused on the first publication of the project, Retrace Method Guide. This volume entitled ***RETRACE Systemic Design for Policymaking: A Circular Europe on the Way*** ([free download](#)) is addressed to regional policymakers and policy managers, and it is part of a series of three publications that the RETRACE project will be delivering during a four-year period (2016–2020). Its main purpose is to illustrate Systemic Design to policymakers as a tool to define sustainable activities, based on Circular Economy.



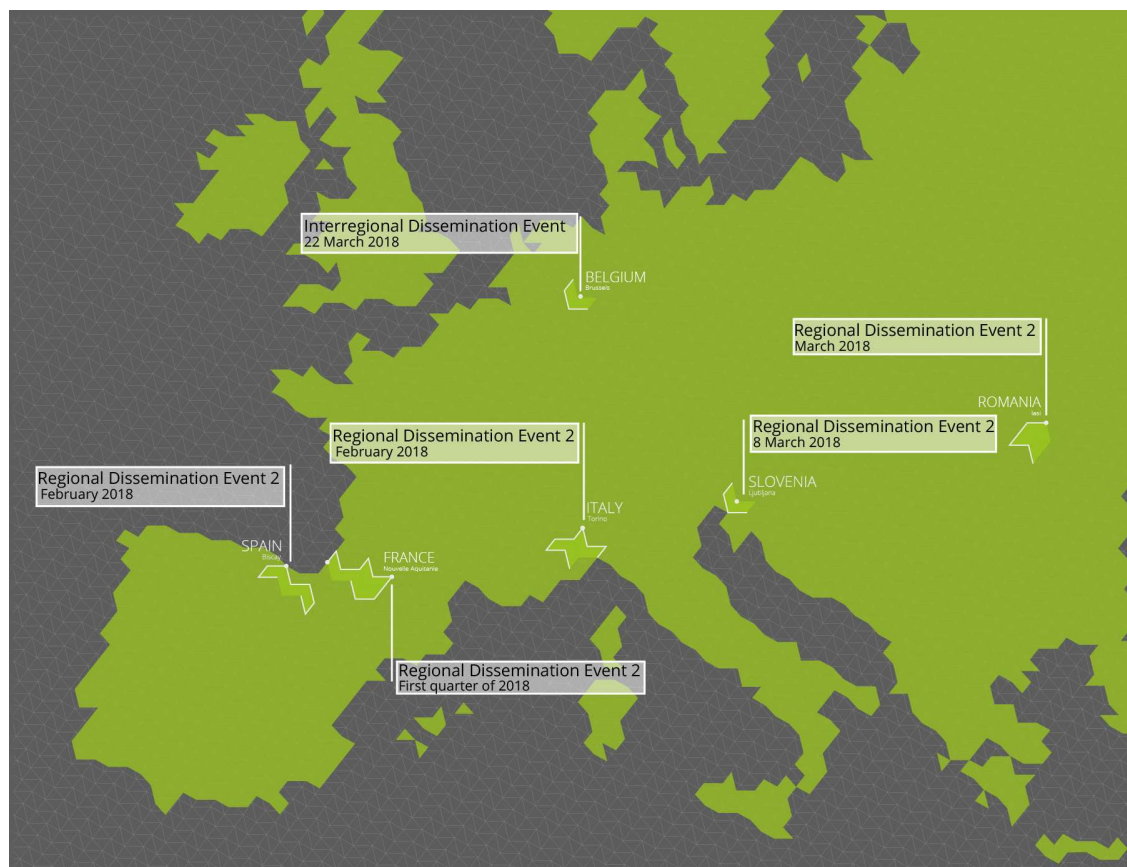
The Systemic Design methodology and the results achieved in this first phase of the project constitute the main focus of the book, which also offers a glimpse on what is expected in the years to come, especially when talking about the definition of five **Regional Action Plans** focused on the development of **Circular Economy policies** that will be implemented in partner regions. Eventually, the second phase of the project, that will last from 2018 to 2020, will be devoted to the implementation of these policies.

This publication has **four parts**. The first one is oriented to inform the reader about the definition and evolution of the concept of Circular Economy, with examples such as **the evolution of Interreg Europe projects on Circular Economy**. The second part refers to the **Systemic Design**, as a tool for an emerging sustainable future.

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phase, as well as the Communication and Dissemination Strategy of the project.

RETRACE next events



INTERREGIONAL DISSEMINATION EVENT

Date: 22 March 2018

Place: Brussels, Belgium

The Interregional Dissemination event is a European level Event that the consortium of the Retrace project aims to organize twice along the project. The first one will be celebrated on 22 March 2018, in Brussels, Belgium (coinciding with the finalization of the first phase).

This event will include a closed conference, targeting the politicians and policy-makers of the partner regions, EU policy-makers and MEPs in order to disseminate regional Policy Briefs and the Policy Road Map; and a second open conference targeting EU regions representatives, development agencies and stakeholders involved on the promotion of Circular Economy.

**GOOD PRACTICES GUIDE
PUBLICATION**

**POLICY ROAD MAP
PUBLICATION**

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It's one of the main outputs of the Retrace Project in the form of a communication and dissemination tool. It is a compilation of the most interesting Good Practices that the consortium has selected. It is aimed at policy-managers, companies, industries, NGOs and society.

The Policy Road Map for a Systemic Approach on Circular Economy will be delivered to share the benefits of adopting systemic approaches. It will collect general policy recommendations, making visible the benefits of adopting systemic approaches in their transition towards a Circular Economy. It is aimed at politicians and policymakers.



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