



Report: REPLACE 1st Learning Event

Report of REPLACE 3rd of December 2019

REPLACE first learning event was organized by Fryslan Province in Leeuwarden on the 3rd and 4th of December 2019, it was structured as follow:

3rd of December 2019: first day of the learning event from 8:30 until 12:30

1st REPLACE Circularity Tour: on the 3rd of December from 13:30 until 17:30

4th of December 2019: second day of the learning event from 8:30 until 15:30

Agenda

Tuesday 3rd of December, Province of Fryslan, Tweebaksmarkt 52, 8911 KZ, Leeuwarden

08:30-09:00	Arrival and Coffee
09:00-09:15	Welcome and opening speech (Bart Volkers & Sander Bos – Province of Friesland)
09:15-09:30	Introductions on REPLACE (Ferdinando Rossi – Lazio)
09:30-10:30	Best practices (Philippe Holstein – Nexa)
10:30-11:00	Coffee Break
11:00-12:30	Local Analysis and SCREEN Mapping Tool – Presentation & Workshop (Carlo Polidori – Veltha)
12:30-13:30	Light Lunch
13:30-17:30	Circularity Tour Friesland (Organised by Sander Bos – Province of Friesland)
19:00	Light Dinner*

**Dinner at own expense – location Post Plaza.*

The morning session of the REPLACE learning event on the 3rd of December was held at the premise of the Province of Friesland (Tweebaksmarkt 52, 8911KZ, Leeuwarden).

To greet the audience; Sander Bos and Bart Volkers (Province of Friesland) presented the agenda for the 1st learning event and 1st Circularity tour, while Ferdinando Rossi (Lazio Region REPLACE project manager) introduced the overall objectives of the projects and the expected learning outcomes for this 1st learning event.





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Philippe Holstein (NEXA) held the discussion about the catalogue of best practices in the field of circular economy to be developed, underlining the importance of such exercise because of the lack of understanding on which actions led to success story and which strategies led to unsuccessful examples. He highlighted the centrality of this collection in order to enable a smarter use of ERDF and to prove, through the presentation of best practices and failures, that change is possible and it can be stimulated through experiences and knowledge sharing. The catalogue represents also a way to collect and show the encountered barriers and how regional and managing authorities overcome them.

Carlos Silveira (CCDRC) showcased Centro Region best practice: a simple voucher scheme targeted at SMEs to be employed for the organization of the circular economy transition; for example, the voucher could be used to seek the support of consultancies for supporting the development of a new circular business plan. The simplicity of application and the support of the central government were two crucial points for the success story.

Maria Kandilogiannaki (Crete Region) added how SCREEN started the talk about circular economy in Greece: it was only applied in the agri-food sector with the launch of 2 calls for proposals.

Sander Bos (Friesland) demonstrated how both the ambition and the practical application of circular economy have boosted in the Province: the new economic model is, in fact, at the heart of both RIS3 and ERDF through the Circular Friesland operative framework. As a best practice, he presented a subsidy for 10 projects, while explaining how they are used to involve stakeholders all along the programming process; even in the *post* evaluation of phase. Bart closed by presenting the definition that the province gave to circular economy, tailored to their specific needs.

After the coffee break, Carlo Polidori (Veltha) introduced SCREEN www.screen-lab.eu Local Analysis and Mapping Tool explaining the connection with the Vanguard initiative. Then, he instructed how to conduct the local analysis and how to fill in the mapping tool: two main data types are needed: statistical inputs and potential for new ideas. For the latter, the involvement of local stakeholders is needed; therefore, Carlo shared handouts on how to interview them.

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Report of REPLACE 4th of December 2019

The second day of the REPLACE learning event took place at the 'Kanselarij', Turfmarkt 11 in Leeuwarden. The day was scheduled from 8:30 until 15:30.

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Wednesday 4th of December, De Kanselarij, Turfmarkt 11, 8911 KS, Leeuwarden

08:30-09:00	Arrival and Coffee
09:00-09:15	Welcome and opening speech Friesland Vice Governor (Province of Friesland – Sander de Rouwe)
09:15-10:00	Best practices (Philippe Holstein – Nexa) – part 2
10:00-10:15	Coffee Break
10:15-12:00	Introduction and workshop on the Benchmark Tool (Sander Bos – Province of Friesland)
12:00-13:00	Light Lunch
13:00-13:30	Assessment criteria (Carlo Polidori – Veltha)
13:30-14:00	Follow-up actions (Ferdinando Rossi – Lazio)
14:00-14:30	Financials (Veltha/ Lazio)
14:30-14:45	Break
14:45-15:30	Steering committee (Ferdinando Rossi – Lazio)
15:30	Closing

The regional minister and vice governor of the Province of Friesland Mr. Sander de Rouwe kicked off the day by giving a short speech on the regional vision on circular economy and emphasizing the importance of the seamless collaboration among governments, companies, education and citizens. Afterwards, Bart Volkers (Province of Fryslan) asked the REPLACE partners to reflect on yesterday's presentations and activities: each partner wrote two inspiring or helpful notes on post-its, which were collected and sorted in three categories; 'best practices', 'local analysis' and 'circularity tour' (results are shown in a separate document in the Google Drive folder shared among the partners). Philippe Holstein (NEXA) introduced the presentations about best practices to improve specific funding schemes for fostering circular economy, that will be collected in REPLACE catalogue. Gabriela Bobeanu (NERDA - North East Romania Regional Development Agency) explained that NERDA just obtained the management of the entire ROP for the next programming period, stressing on the importance of best practice sharing for the achievement of efficient results.

Marie Finke (City of Hamburg) exhibited other circular economy ongoing projects in which the city is participating, drawing possible synergies with REPLACE work.



Sander Bos (Province of Friesland) presented the Benchmark on Circularity Excellence level, showcasing also the efforts of the Netherlands National Government and the Statistical Office on the development of a statistical framework for circular economy. The debate continued on the indicators and the measures to be used with inputs from the partners about the funding sources.

Carlos Silveira (CCDR) exposed his work on the circularity index, proposing measures for each indicator of the assessment method. The project consortium decided on the indicators to be used in the benchmark: Province of Friesland will prepare a document explaining the rationale of the benchmark and the indicators to be used. Based on this, a first draft of the benchmark will be developed. During the next partner meeting (Rome, March 2020) the draft will be discussed, focussing on how to measure the different indicators.

After the lunch break, Carlo Polidori (Veltha) started the presentation about the assessment criteria for circular economy projects developed within SCREEN, highlighting the centrality of production, consumption, disposal, environmental and social criteria to assess circular projects. In order to review the assessment criteria in depth, the following reference can be consulted:

<http://www.screen-lab.eu/deliverables/Table-rev4.pdf>

Afterwards, the table discussion focused on comparing each region's assessment criteria for circular projects, taking into account that each participating region have to assess at least one call for proposal by experimenting with the SCREEN criteria. This means assessing the projects through the existing criteria normally employed in the region and add (as possible, and following internal requirements) one or more of the proposed criteria adapted to the regional context.

Emanuele Rotili (REPLACE financial manager - Lazio Region) reviewed with the partners the state of the art regarding the access to the iolf platform and the FLC procedures.

Ferdinando Rossi (REPLACE project manager - Lazio Region) and Sara Bergamin (REPLACE communication manager - VELTHA) elaborated on the coming deadlines and next steps. The steering committee decided to shift the 1st learning output validation event to June 2019, thus, in March REPLACE 2nd learning event will take place in Rome.

Important points

- the partner stressed the need for a wider learning initiative targeting all those department of the public administration dealing with circular economy
- the deadline to perform the local analysis is moved to June 2020
- the 2nd learning event will take place in Rome on the 5th and 6th March 2020 focusing on Assessment Criteria and the Benchmark on Circularity Excellence
- the 1st semester ends the 31st of January
- deadlines for the reporting procedures (financial and narrative) **6th of April for internal check to be submitted to Lazio Region**
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