

REDUCES INTERREGIONAL MEETING SOFIA 10-11 DECEMBER 2020

TITLE: Circular Economy Business Model - Shared Platforms

OBJECTIVES: The fourth REDUCES interregional meeting will be virtual and it will be hosted by the Bulgarian partners of the project – Euro Perspectives Foundation (EPF) and University of Mining and Geology (UMG). The overall objective of the meeting is to highlight the regional development issue in Bulgaria as reflected in the policy instrument. In addition all partner regions will learn from each other from case studies how shared platform business models are applied, their environmental impacts and their development potential in each region. In order to ensure a participatory approach, the participant number will be limited to 80 people.

AGENDA

Day 1 December, 10th, 2020 – MORNING SESSIONS

10.00-10.05	Opening of the meeting (Moderator)
10.05-10.30	Keynote Speech <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Official welcome by the Rector of UMG, Sofia• State of play of Circular Economy policy in Bulgaria (Ministry of Environment representative)
10.30-10.45	CE business model - shared platforms in Sofia City (Sofia Municipality representative)
10:45 -11.00	Q&A Session
11:00 - 11:15	Short break
11:15- 12:15	Region session – part 1

In this session the first two REDUCES partner regions will present a shared platform CE business model (one per region; 30 minutes per presentation and Q&A). Partners are invited to share their presentations as well as video materials, interviews, etc. if available. The aim is to give maximum input for the participants on the essence of the model presented. This exercise should be used as a substitute of the life site visits and workshops. In this way the partner regions might get better idea if the business models presented might be transferrable and can be implemented in their regions. This is step is important for the development of the Action Plan for each region.

- Region 1 – Turku, Finland
- Region 2 – Maramures, Romania

12:15 - 13:15 Break for lunch (local)

Day 1 December, 10th, 2020 - AFTERNOON SESSIONS

13:15 – 15:15 Region session - part 2

In this session the other four REDUCES partner regions will present a shared platform CE business model (one per region; 30 minutes per presentation and Q&A). Partners are invited to share their presentations as well as video materials, interviews, etc. if available. The aim is to give maximum input for the participants on the essence of the model presented. This exercise should be used as a substitute of the life site visits and workshops. In this way the partner regions might get better idea if the business models presented might be transferrable and can be implemented in their regions. This is step is important for the development of the Action Plan for each region.

- Region 3 - Valencia, Spain
- Region 4 - Utrecht, The Netherlands
- Region 5 - Manchester, United Kingdom
- Region 6 – Sofia, Bulgaria

15:15 – 15:30 Short break

15:30 – 16:15 Round up and discussions [Moderator]

In this session we look back at the sessions in the afternoon, and we will connect those lessons to the round-up of the morning session. The aim of this session to move forward on the local action plans and policy development. Views, opinions, and considerations from the participants, incl. stakeholders, policy makers and public authorities are welcome.

16:00 Closure

Day 2 December, 11th, 2020

Workshop on Action plan development

10:00 – 12:00

This session will be featured by a Euro Perspectives Foundation team that has already been through the process of development of an action plan.

Main points of discussions are:

1. Activation and stakeholder involvement
2. Determination of region's potential
3. Determination of region's priorities
4. Definition of the activities /measures, drafted in the Action plan/

Stakeholders and partners should attend to be able to discuss their experiences in their own regions, give views on deliverability of the ideas and be able to suggest ways that their own region might focus. The session will set aside time for each partner to start thinking about their own action plan. It will be recommendable that we involve local stakeholders as well as project partners which will help to be able to analyse the deliverability of the action plan. We need feedback from stakeholders on whether what is being discussed will improve the progress of developing community energy in their regions. If not possible at this point to have stakeholders involved in the discussion each region can replicate the exercise during a stakeholder meeting or other format.

The partners are invited to think already on cases transferable to their regions from the interregional meetings held so far. The workshop is intended to be interactive and to follow the 4 points shown above.

*Times in the agenda are CEST