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#### REPLACE 5th-semester newsletter

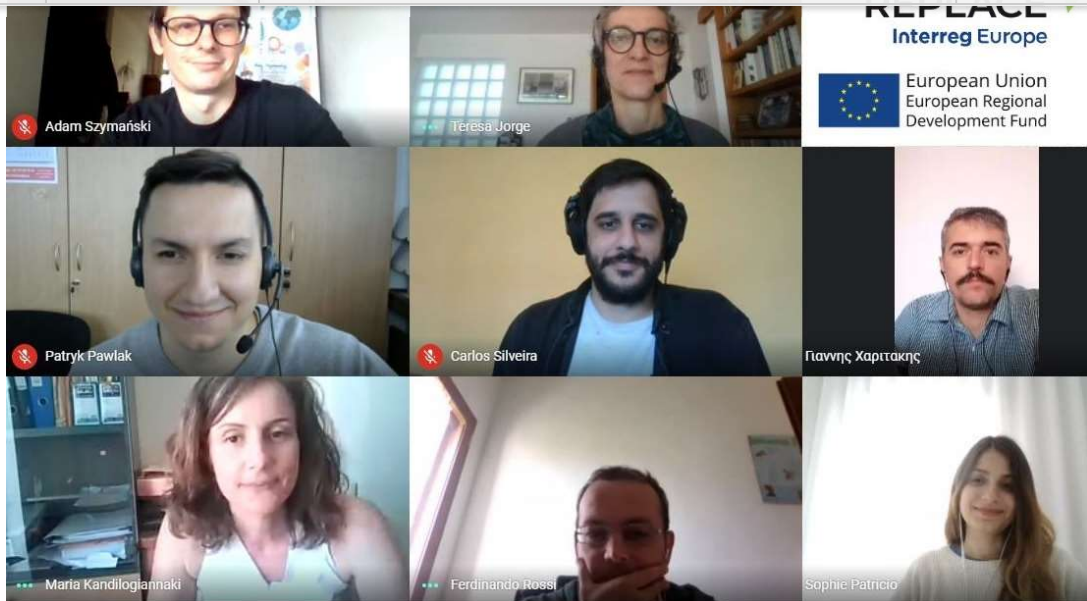
*[REPLACE partnership](#) would like to take this opportunity to express and demonstrate its support to all people and organizations that are facing hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic.*

The 5th Semester started on the 1st of August 2021 and ended on the 31st of January 2022.

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**As the pandemic continues, provoking enormous constraints on international travel,**

**REPLACE partnership managed to keep up with the planned activities by arranging several web meetings to proceed with the project commitment; most of the partners were able to travel to Crete in October 2021.**



## REPLACE Activities

### August 2021

- August 24, 2021 > **Info Session - Circular Benchmark Tool**

Before the official launch of the Circular Benchmark Tool (CBT), REPLACE partners met online to discuss the proceedings and the structure of the official event of presentation, organized within the European Week of Regions and Cities.

<http://www.interregeurope.eu/replace/events/event/4669/info-session-circular-benchmark-tool/>

### September 2021

- September 13, 2021 > **REPLACE 13th web-meeting**

The team gathered to arrange the upcoming activities and the travel schedule; as well as to prepare for the European Week of Regions and Cities events.

<http://www.interregeurope.eu/replace/events/event/4702/replace-13th-web-meeting/>

- September 24, 2021 > **REPLACE 14th web-meeting**

The meeting focused on the upcoming travel to Crete, a learning session was dedicated to the potential cross-regional synergies, offering the partnership an initial overview of the possible circular economy links among regions, to be discussed more in detail in a workshop session in Crete.

<http://www.interregeurope.eu/replace/events/event/4739/replace-14th-web-meeting/>

## October 2021

- October 06, 2021 > **REPLACE in Crete; Learning and Exchange Event**

<http://www.interregeurope.eu/replace/events/event/4739/replace-14th-web-meeting/>

- October 07, 2021 > **REPLACE in Crete; Circularity Tour**

<http://www.interregeurope.eu/replace/news/news-article/13802/replace-3rd-learning-and-exchange-event-in-crete/>

- October 08, 2021 > **REPLACE in Crete; Public Stakeholder event, Interregional Learning and Exchange**

<http://www.interregeurope.eu/replace/news/news-article/13802/replace-3rd-learning-and-exchange-event-in-crete/>

- October 12, 2021 > **EURegionsWeek - Launching the Circular Benchmark**

REPLACE informative session at the European Week of Regions and Cities.

<http://www.interregeurope.eu/replace/events/event/4598/launching-the-circular-benchmark-tool/>

- October 12, 2021 > **EURegionsWeek => Regional Policy Action for the Circular Economy Transition**

REPLACE informative session at the European Week of Regions and Cities.

<http://www.interregeurope.eu/replace/events/event/4599/replace-info-session/>

- October 13, 2021 > **A four-step approach to building a regional strategy for the circular economy transition**

REPLACE pitch at the European Week of Regions and Cities.

## November 2021

- November 06, 2021 > **REPLACE organized an official event at the historic summit on Climate Change COP26**

["Between Adaptation and Mitigation: the Role of Circular Economy in tackling Climate Change"](#)

REPLACE organized a session dedicated to exploring interregional collaboration opportunities in the field of circular economy, namely a Brainstorming session

<http://www.interregeurope.eu/replace/events/event/4901/brainstorming-session-at-eu-let-s-cooperate/>

## December 2021

- December 16, 2021 > **REPLACE was showcased as an example of successful cross-regional cooperation in the [December session of the Policy Lab](#), a participatory laboratory focusing on policy, projects, proposals and cooperation between regions.**
- December 23, 2021: **Plastic Value Chain Exploration meeting**

REPLACE partners met online to explore possible areas of cooperation in the field of plastic to understand how to support the transition toward circular economy in this important value chain.

## January 2021

- **January 11, 2022: REPLACE [Plastic Value Chain 2nd meeting](#)**
  - **January 27, /2022: [REPLACE 15th online event](#)**; to arrange upcoming activities and the finalization of the semester.
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## REPLACE in CRETE

A 3 days event in Crete, hosted by the Region of Crete, allowed REPLACE partnership to finalize in person several activities that were performed only through online meetings: the learning outputs concerning the Local Analysis and the Assessment Criteria for Circular Economy were validated.

The 2nd day was dedicated to the Circularity Tour: REPLACE team visited 2 successful examples of circular business model in the region, one dealing with the agri-food sector and the other with waste-treatment to generate power in a sustainable manner.

The 3rd day an open and public dissemination event allowed the partnership to discover many circular initiatives active in the region

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