

Circular STEP

Stakeholder engagement platform to accelerate the circular transition in the UNECE region

Areas of common interest with other UNECE bodies and international organizations

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What is Circular STEP?



Circular STEP is a stakeholder engagement network, hosted in ECTD, launched in April 2022 in response to the 69th Commission Session request to “step-up” the circular economy transition, filling gaps and creating synergies among the many practical and value-creating initiatives in the sphere of the circular economy.

Objectives:

To develop and disseminate evidence-based international good policy practices and unite experts from national, regional, and local governments, businesses and academic community, civil society from the UNECE region.

25 countries
nominated official
focal points



Trade

Public Private
Partnerships

Financing

Agri-Food Sector

Innovations

Digital Solutions

Traceability of Value
Chains

Small and Medium
Enterprises



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Achievements & opportunities for collaboration



Policy Analysis

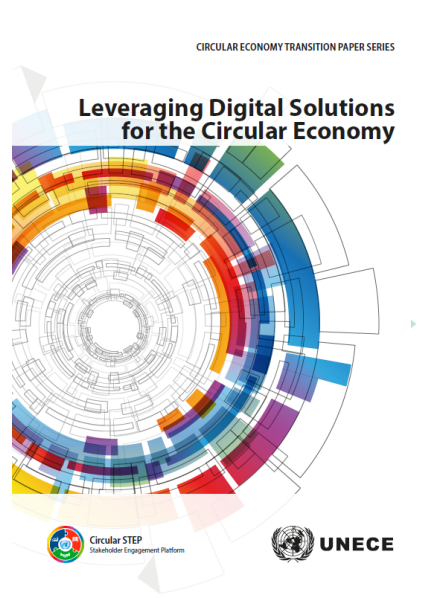
Circular Business Models

Regional Cooperation and Partnerships



Outreach and Awareness Raising

Pilot Projects (subject to funding)



SAVE THE DATE!



Circular STEP
Regional Policy Dialogue
Accelerating Circular Economy Transition

18-20 October 2023
Belgrade, Serbia



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**THANK
YOU**

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ECTD work linked to Circular STEP



Analysis and development of tools

- Development of standards and normative tools
- Policy research and analysis
- Sharing of experiences (e.g., exchange programs) for government officials and experts

Ongoing Circular STEP initiatives

- Creating a database of successful Circular Economy policies and practices in the UNECE region
- Showcasing successful regulatory frameworks, institutional approaches, and policy measures in transition economies
- Disseminating knowledge and maintaining a clear understanding of the definition and principles of the Circular Economy in the UNECE region





Policy Analysis

- Policy paper on Mobilizing Financing for the Circular Economy
- Policy paper on Sustainable and Innovation-enhancing Public Procurement
- Policy paper on Digital Solutions for the Circular Economy

Circular business models

- Launch of the UNECE capacity building programme on innovation for the circular economy in Uzbekistan (May 2023)

Regional cooperation and partnerships

- 16th session of the Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness, and Public-Private Partnerships: digital and green transformation (May 2023)
- Sixth session of the Working Party on Public-Private Partnerships (December 2022)
- 7th UNECE International PPP Forum (May 2023)

Outreach and awareness raising

- Study tour for Ukrainian officials (November 2022)
- UNDA funded Regional Policy Dialogue on Sustainable and Innovation-enhancing Public Procurement (November 2022)



TO SUPPORT THE CIRCULAR TRANSITION IN THE UNECE REGION

UNECE Regional Policy Dialogue
Organized in the framework of 13th tranche UNDA SCOPES
"Accelerating transition towards a circular economy in UNECE region" (2021-2024)

Geneva, 15 Nov 2022 | 8:00 - 9:45 am | Online & In-person

Associate Professor at the Deusto Business School, University of Deusto in San Sebastian (Spain). His research has received numerous recognitions and awards, having had a strong policy impact.

At the meeting, Jon Mikel will share the first findings of a UNECE policy paper that he authored recently, exploring how innovations can be applied in public procurement to accelerate the transition to a circular economy.

Keynote speaker
JON MIKEL
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Register now

CIRCULAR ECONOMY TRANSITION PAPER SERIES

Mobilizing Financing for the Circular Economy

16th session
Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness, and Public-Private Partnerships
DIGITAL AND GREEN TRANSFORMATIONS
31 MAY 2023 | PALAIS DES NATIONS, GENEVA & ONLINE

International Policy Dialogue
Implementing UNECE PPPs for the SDGs guidelines to promote the circular economy in countries

WEDNESDAY, 3 MAY 2023 | TIME 15:00 - 16:00 CEST | GENEVA & ONLINE ROOM XXVI

Moderator	Speakers	Discussants
 ELISABETH TÜRK Director, ECTD, UNECE	 KONSTANTINOS ARAVOSSIS Secretary General for Forestry, Ministry of Environment and Energy, Greece	 DILSHOD SHARIFI Head, International Economic Department, Ministry of Economic Development and Trade, Tajikistan
	 DORIS CHEVALIER CEO, Infabooost	 ATHANASIOS BOURTSALAKIS Lecturer, Columbia University