

CEMforSMEs

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Circular Economy Research Findings

Obstacles such as lack of Awareness, lack of funds, lack of infrastructures and use and abuse of legal bottlenecks, but also many Good Practices that inspire and show us that the enterprises that are changing their views and operational ways in favor of a more sustainable future are increasing in number every day.

In the first step of the Project “CEMforSMEs” the state of art of Circular Economy related to small and medium enterprises was brought to light by the research that each partner ran in its home country. A wide spectrum of methods was applied while investigating current ups and downs of C.E., including digital inquiries and face to face interviews with representatives of Businesses that have been encouraging sustainability as a tool to empower new economic models.

The following elements were underlined in the Summary Needs Analysis Report:

- SWOT analysis on the implementation of CE in each country
 - The importance of the existence of the figure of manager of CE
 - Profile and Skills of a CEM according to the view of the interviewed individuals
 - Training needs in terms of skills and knowledge for a CEM in each national context
 - Best practices of Circular Economy management in the partner countries
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Different needs, common solutions.



The Needs Analysis Report created by the consortium collected the views and findings within the 6 countries of the partnerships: Portugal, Spain, Cyprus, Belgium, Greece and Italy.

Common needs identified by the partners:

- ♦ Development and hiring of professionals with a set of competences and education to support the management of such processes in SMEs
- ♦ Overcoming obstacles such as lack of trust and resources
- ♦ Finding relevant support by the institutions (local, national and European) to provide a good policy context

What's in store for the future?



While the CEMforSMEs project's Needs Analysis Report was completed in the past months, we worked on more actions and publications during the following ones, and more is yet to come!

Educational resources, pilot programmes and policy recommendations will be soon developed in our project.

Keep following us to get to know the developments of our outputs and all the news related to the CEMforSMEs!