



Newsletter April 2018



## Welcome

Welcome to the first CIRCULAR newsletter. The aim of the newsletter is to communicate with stakeholders of the project, inform them of progress and activities and contribute to the ongoing discussion about Circular Economy (CE).

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## About CIRCULAR: Challenges for the implementation of Circular Economy policies: practices, institutions and hybrid intersections

CIRCULAR is a three year research project funded by the Fonds National de la Recherche Luxembourg (FNR).



Reclaimed building materials for sale in Gothenburg

Changing from the current linear model to Circular Economy is a challenging process of change at all levels of society, including Governments, businesses, social actors and private individuals. The research is focusing on the dynamics between Circular Economy policies and activities of firms, business

associations, and civil organizations. This will include how firms are responding to Circular Economy policies, possible challenges and potential they accouter and the circular activities and practices in firms or under development. We will also investigate the role of civil organizations and social enterprises in the development towards a circular society, especially how they influence public behavior and firm activities.

CIRCULAR will consider two case regions, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the region of Västra Götaland in Sweden. In both regions, we will be focusing on the automotive supply industry and the building industry as well on civil society organizations and community initiatives such as food cycles, repair workshops and second hand markets.

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## CIRCULAR presented at conferences

Last September, Christian Schulz was one of the speakers at a conference organized by ESPON Contact Point Luxembourg together with the Government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. His talk titled, *'Concepts of Circular Economy and the fourth industrial revolution'*, focused on implementation of Circular Economy in Luxembourg. C. Schulz also introduced the CIRCULAR project.

The conference was a meeting point for actors from government and municipalities in Luxembourg, industrial organizations, cluster initiatives, planners and researchers.

CIRCULAR was also presented and discussed in the Green Economies Network, an association of researchers from the UK, Japan, Norway, Sweden, Germany and



Luxembourg. It held its recent workshop in Norrköping Sweden.

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## Thank you

During the first year of CIRCULAR we have reached out to multiple actors in government, industry, community initiatives and academia in both case regions. The aim of these meetings was to introduce the project and to gather information about Circular Economy activities and initiatives in the regions.

Since the start of the 2018, we have also been conducting interviews in firms, both in the automotive supply industry and the building industry in both regions.

We would like to thank all the participants for their valuable cooperation and help.

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