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# TOWARDS A CIRCULAR ECONOMY WITH ZERO WASTE II Edition

International Workshop  
From Theory to Practice  
Sharing best practices

April 8 2016 Syracuse

Palazzo Vermexio, Sala Borsellino / piazza Duomo  
Impact HUB / via V. Mirabella, 29

## Towards a Circular Economy with Zero Waste - II edition

### A shared model of Circular Economy in Europe and Italy

We currently hear more and more about the theme of Circular Economy and although the first documents that could describe the contents and the concept dates back to the seventies, only recently this definition took hold in the international and national debates.

Svi.Med Ragusa, European Centre for Sustainable Development, joined the debate on the possible transition from a linear to a circular economy, from the beginning, from the Roadmap to a Resource Efficient Europe, COM(2011) 571), that is part of the Resource Efficiency Flagship of the Europe 2020 Strategy until the European Commission Communication in 2014 „Towards a circular economy: a program for a zero waste Europe” (COM (2014) 398).

After more than one year from the successful 2014 first Edition “Towards a Circular Economy with Zero Waste”, which was attended by numerous experts from all over Italy, Svi.med promotes the second edition with the aim to bring in Sicily not just a debate, but concrete proposals in line with the new European Commission Communication „EU Action Plan for the Circular Economy” (COM (2015) 614), that establishes a concrete and ambitious programme of action, with measures covering the whole product cycle: from production and consumption to waste management and the market for secondary raw materials.

During the 2016 edition, in addition to a first part that focuses on the comparison between the European and national strategies on the applications of circular economy, the works will continue with a second workshops phase aimed at stimulate an open and constructive debate on actions and case studies in the national context.

This year, those two workshops are inspired by the topics covered by the European project “CENSE” and by “ECOGDO”, a project funded by the Italian Ministry of Environment, which directly involves the areas around the Municipalities of Ragusa and Syracuse, the Union of Municipalities of “Valle degli Iblei” and Svi.med Ragusa.

**CENSE** project aims to create a network of transition towns towards economic and environmental sustainability models through local forums and sharing laboratories with the active participation of citizens, in order to share the proposed actions.

The **ECOGDO** project intends to support the implementation of the National Program of Waste Prevention in the South Italy, in the province of Ragusa and Syracuse, by involving the Mass Retail, taking more care of communication and education activities, addressed to a new concept of responsible consumption.



# AGENDA / 8<sup>th</sup> of April

10:00 **Registration and welcome coffee**

10:15 **Greetings and Welcome Speech**

10:30 **Round table**

**A shared model of Circular Economy in Europe and Italy**

**Moderator:**

Pietro Raitano, *Director Altreconomia*

**Intervening:**

Françoise Bonnet, *Director ACR+*

**Guidelines on Circular Economy**

Roberto Cavallo, *President AICA*

**Best Practices of Circular Economy in Italy: some stories**

Raimondo Orsini, *Director Foundation for Sustainable Development*

**Proposals for a successful implementation of the EU Circular Economy directives**

Marisa Meli, *Professor of Private Law, University of Catania*

**The legal principles governing the circular economy**

12:30 **Debate**

**Conclusions:**

Giovanni La Via, *President of the European Commission for Environment, public health and food safety of the European Parliament*

13:15 **Presentation of laboratories**

Barbara Sarnari, *Svimed*

13:30 **Light lunch**

14:30 **Sharing labs: Now, the Circular Economy!**

*2 contemporary sharing labs are organized at the offices of Impact hub*

17:00 **Eco-aperitif and conclusions from the sharing LABS**

## Circular Economy in the food value chain

**Moderator:** Orsola Bolognani, *Ambiente Italia*

### Case studies invited:

Reggio Emilia Municipality, NOWA project  
CAUTO, NOW project - No More Organic Waste  
University of Messina, SAVE project  
Myfoody, network against foodwaste  
Augusta Municipality, "Do with less" project

**ECOGDO project:** Svimed will propose themes with Siracusa and Ragusa Municipality and the mass retails involved

### Main issues addressed in the debate:

According to FAO, approximately one third of the world food production for human consumption gets lost or wasted every year along the food chain. This involves significant environmental impacts associated with the necessary waste of resources (water, soil, energy, etc.), together with the impacts generated by the related waste management. This represents an unacceptable contradiction if compared to the growing number of people assisted by the charities associations and, at the same time, a lost opportunity for the creation of new economic activities enhancement of waste and discards.

Therefore, it's mostly important to develop at local level circular economy strategies in the food value chain that foreseen actions along the entire life cycle of agri-food products: from agricultural production, to the logistics of grocery goods supply, food discards prevention in trade and catering, citizens' consumption choices, prevention, collection, recycling and valorization of organic waste and the restitution of organic nutrient to the soil.

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## New circular economy opportunities: eco-design, reuse, repair and sharing initiatives

**Moderator:** Francoise Bonnet, *ACR+*

**Case studies invited:**

Faculty of Architecture of Syracuse

ERICA sooc. Cop.

Association Zero Waste Syracuse

IKEA spa

**CENSE project:** Svimed, Unione Valle degli Iblei and the other partner from Malta, Croatia, Holland, Romania, Sweden and Greece share good practices on the opportunities of Circular Economy

### Main issues addressed in the debate:

Among all the concepts for a new economy, that one related to the “circular economy” is increasingly becoming a major potential source of solutions to the current systemic crisis. The traditional linear model must be replaced with a circular economy model aiming at closing the loop of resources and reducing the environmental impact of the product life cycle at all stages of the process (production, distribution, consumption). This transition needs to be supported not only by European Institutions (as illustrated with the last communication from the European Commission COM (2015) 614) but also by public authorities at local and regional levels that have a key role to play in facilitating actions from both the Demand side (Production actors) and the Supply side (Consumption actors).

ACR+ wants to support local and regional authorities in being ambitious with regard to circular economy and wishes, therefore, to help them to adopt aspiring circular economy strategies. This is why ACR+ developed general guidelines which includes an evolutive and collaborative database of case studies and good practices allowing users to find information about circular economy strategies implemented at local and regional level.



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## WORKSHOP E LABORATORI

- 1 Palazzo Vermexio, Sala Borsellino - *piazza Duomo, 4*
- 2 Hub Siracusa - *via Vincenzo Mirabella, 29*
- 3 Ex Chiesa Cavalieri di Malta - *via Tommaso Gargallo*

## HOTEL

- 4 Hotel Domus Mariae Benessere - *via Vittorio Veneto, 89*
- 5 Hotel Le Muse - *via Malta, 17*
- 6 Hotel Mediterraneo - *via Tripoli, 40*

## LUOGHI DI INTERESSE

- 7 Museo Arkimedeion - *piazza Archimede*
- 8 Duomo - *piazza Duomo*
- 9 Galleria Civica - Montevergini  
*via Santa Lucia alla Badia*
- 10 Museo Viaggio tra le macchine  
di Leonardo da Vinci  
Ex Convento del Ritiro  
*via Vincenzo Mirabella, 31*
- 11 Castello Maniace - *via Maniace*
- 12 Municipio - *piazza Duomo, 4*

## PARCHEGGIO

- 12 Parcheggio Talete - *via Lungomare Vittorini*



## GO BIKE

- Tabaccheria di Armieri Giuseppina - *piazza E. Pancali, 16* **A**  
Antico Caffè Centrale - *piazza Archimede, 22* **B**  
Arch Shop di Schiavone Davide - *piazza Federico di Svevia, 3* **C**

## SOLARIUM

- Forte Vigliena - *via Nizza* **D**

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