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## 1. General information about the trainings on participative governance

Date of the training	23. 11. 2021
Location	Trg Svobode in Maribor
Project partner(s)	Poly4Eml/Anteja ECG d.o.o., Ministry of Education, Science and Sport, Styrian Technology Park
Format of the training	Physical
Topic of the training	Circular Bioeconomy
Guiding question of the training	How well the topics of the circular economy and participative governance are known in Slovenia
Number of participants	40
Type of participants (Target groups) <sup>1</sup>	local public authority (Municipality of Maribor), regional public authority (Regional Development Agency Podravje), national public authority (Ministry of Economic Development and Technology), infrastructure and (public) service provider, SMEs, general public
Cooperation with experts (i.e. speakers, external moderators, politician...)	The training was carried out by Slovenian project partners

## 2. Agenda of the training

TIME	ACTIVITY
10.00 – 10.30	presentation of the GoDanuBio project
10.30 – 11.00	discussion on the topic of the circular bioeconomy and participative governance
11.00 – 16.00	gathering information from the participants, networking

<sup>1</sup> Please group the target groups according to the ones listed in page 42 of the Application Form and include the names of the organisations

### 3. Was a methodology presented at the training and if so, which one?

The training was conducted orally, with the help of a poster with a simplified definition of the circular economy and a graph showing the circulation of biological materials (see the poster on the right). Information from the participants was collected using a questionnaire, which was used to get the insight on how familiar they are with the circular bioeconomy and participative governance. The questionnaire included four questions for the general public and additional six questions, which were addressed to the other stakeholders listed above in the section 1. Most of the questions were open-ended. In addition, general public was able to participate by answering two short questions related to circular bioeconomy, with pasting post-it notes/answers to the dedicated board.



### 4. How does this capacity building activity contribute to the upcoming co-creation workshops?

With this activity we wanted to gain as much information as possible about how much stakeholders and the local population of the city of Maribor knows about the circular bioeconomy. We will use these inputs in the following co-creation workshops.

### 5. Do you think the participants of the training are likely to attend in the co-creation workshops and why?

We believe that further workshops will be attended only by the relevant stakeholders identified by project partners, as they will be specifically invited. We don't intend to open the co-creation workshops to the general public.

## **6. Do you already have plans for the regional co-creation workshops?**

If Covid-19 situation will allow, future workshops will take place physically in Ljubljana, because most stakeholders are located in capital city. However, it is more likely that the co-creation workshops will take place online, due to the uncertain circumstances. We are planning to organize three co-creation workshops during march – june 2022.

We plan to acquaint the stakeholders with the results of the activity we carried out in Maribor. At the same time, we will invite external speakers from other countries/regions to present their good practices, which could be replicated in Slovenia. We will also invite representatives of some relevant projects from Slovenia, related to the theme of the GoDanuBio project. A discussion will follow, during which we will address the challenges of implementing circular economy in Slovenia and talk about what could be done to transform a linear economy into a circular one.

## **7. Did the region in which the training was organised have already a tradition/culture for participative governance? If so name an example.**

In the past participatory governance in the Podravje region could be detected to a lesser extent on certain areas. But in 2021, several municipalities decided to introduce the “participatory budgeting”. They have devoted part of their budget 2022 to the citizens’ initiatives, meaning citizens were invited to suggest their ideas. Then, a list of all ideas was made and citizens voted for the idea they liked best. The idea which collected the most votes will be realized in 2022. Such an example was also carried out by the Municipality of Maribor.

## **8. Do you think that the training can have any positive effect in regards to a bottom-up approach on policies and regulations related to the circular bioeconomy in your country / region? Please explain.**

We believe that the training could have positive consequences in terms of the impact on policies and regulations, as we will present the results of the training in co-creation workshops to a larger number of stakeholders from different fields, who are most likely to engage in bioeconomization.

## **9. Problems occurred and lessons learnt**

We did not detect any major problems, except for the challenges on how to attract and engage the most relevant stakeholders to participate in our events. If held physically (e.g. in Ljubljana) it's more likely that we won't be able to attract the stakeholders from other regions (e.g. Podravje), therefore it's expected to reach better attendance if the event is held online. Based on the questionnaire used in a training on November 2021, we found out that the general public is poorly familiar with the topic of the circular bioeconomy. However, after completing the questionnaire and after further conversations with the participants, we came to the conclusion that they are familiar with some examples or products of the circular bioeconomy, even if the concept itself was not clear to them at the beginning.

## **10. Annexes**

Including invitation of the training, pictures of your training (if possible) and press releases in your own language if published so far.

## Annex 1: Invitation to the event (in Slovenian)



### KROŽNO BIOGOSPODARSTVO

(delavnica v okviru projekta GoDanuBio)

Z delavnico, ki jo bomo izvedli v **torek, 23. 11. 2021**, želimo preliminarno anketirati prisotne o poznavanju krožnega gospodarstva. Analizo teh podatkov bomo uporabili januarja 2022, ko načrtujemo dogodek, na katerem bomo izbrane deležnike usposabljali o participativnem upravljanju. Pri zbiranju podatkov bomo sodelovali slovenski partnerji projekta GoDanuBio. Našli nas boste na Trgu Svobode v Mariboru. Točna lokacija je prikazana na spodnji karti.



vir: Google maps

ČAS	AKTIVNOST
10.00 – 10.30	predstavitve projekta
10.30 – 11.00	diskusija
11.00 – 16.00	zbiranje informacij s strani mimoidočih in prisotnih deležnikov, mreženje

**Vljudno vabljeni, da se nam pridružite in sodelujete!**



## Annex 2: Questionnaire (in Slovenian)



### ANKETNI VPRAŠALNIK

(Trg Svobode, Maribor – torek, 23. 11. 2021)

Spol: M      Ž

Oseba:      mimoidoči      deležnik

1. Kaj za vas predstavlja beseda krožno biogospodarstvo?

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2. Kaj bi po vašem mnenju pritegnilo mlade, da bi ostali na podeželju?

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3. Katere primere krožnega biogospodarstva poznate?

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4. Kje vidite največje izzive / ovire za razvoj biogospodarstva v Sloveniji?

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5. Kako bi se lahko mladi (na podeželju) zaposlili na področju, ki ga zajema biogospodarstvo?

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6. Ali bi vedeli pojasniti, kaj je bistvena razlika med krožnim gospodarstvom in krožnim biogospodarstvom?

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7. Kateri izdelki so lahko rezultat krožnega biogospodarstva?

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8. Ali menite, da se krožno biogospodarstvo pojavlja v Sloveniji; na katerih področjih/sektorjih?

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9. Kako bi ocenili sodelovanje med podeželjem in mestnimi območji?

Sodelovanje	Zelo šibko	Šibko	Zadovoljivo	Dobro	Zelo dobro
Podeželje/mesto					

10. Kako bi ocenili vključenost različnih deležnikov v proces upravljanja v vaši regiji (ali občini)?

Deležniki	Zelo šibko	Šibko	Zadovoljivo	Dobro	Zelo dobro
Civilne družbe					
Podjetniški sektor					
Akademski sektor					
Drugo:					

### Annex 3: Pictures from the event



