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Circular Economy Implementation in Greece


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The 1st, two year, preparatory phase of LIFE-IP CEI-Greece was successfully completed on October 31, 2021. The project now proceeds with all necessary preparations for its forthcoming 3rd monitoring visit from the European Executive Agency for the Climate, Infrastructure and the Environment (CINEA) and the external monitoring team from NEEMO EEIG, to take place at the end of November, with an important number of Milestones and Deliverables. The dynamic initiation of Phase II will follow, of two years duration, until October 31, 2023.



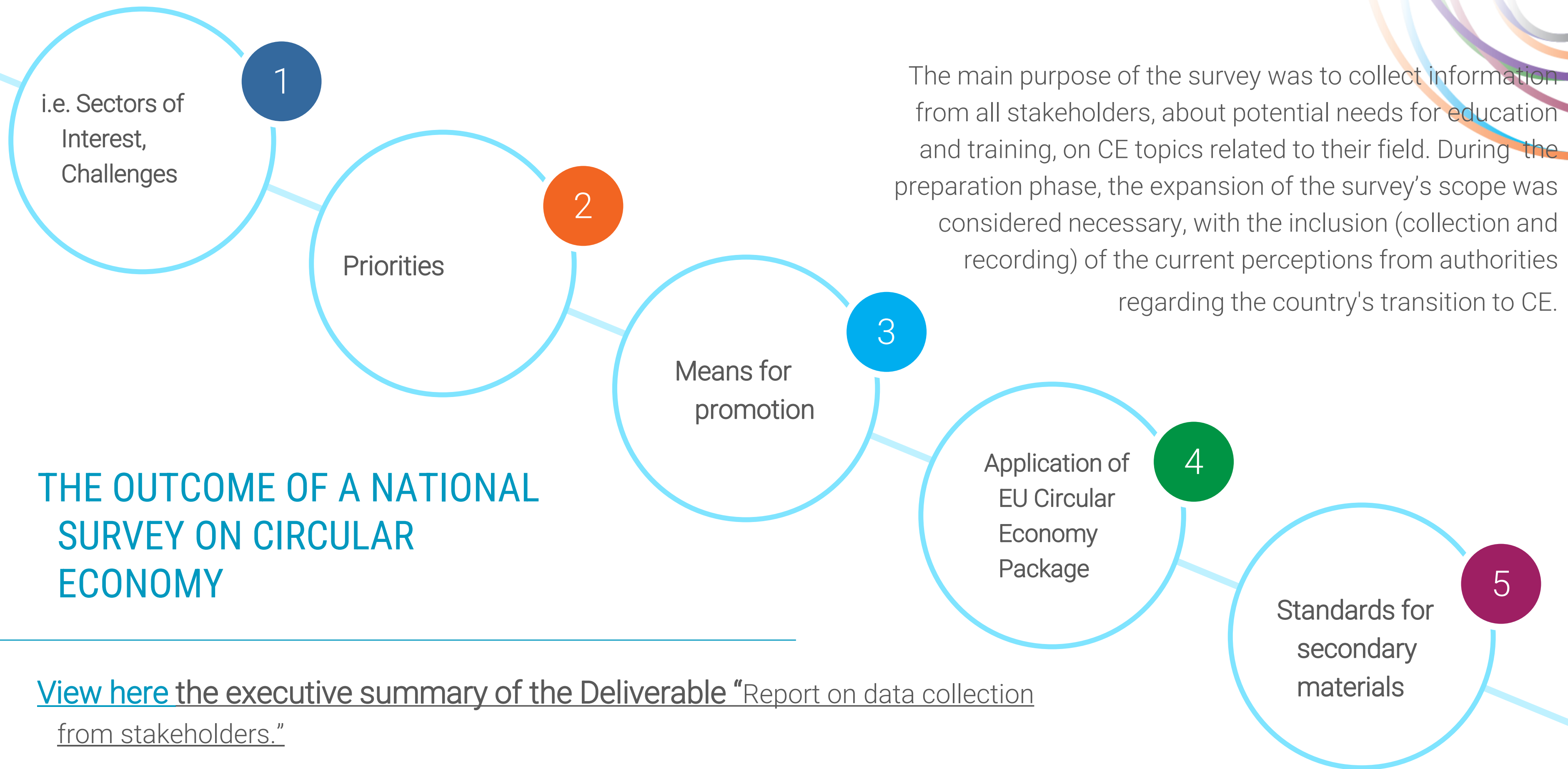
THE OUTCOME OF A NATIONAL SURVEY ON CIRCULAR ECONOMY

In the context of the preparatory action A1 entitled "Baseline assessment and inception studies at national scale & stakeholder mapping" a national survey was successfully completed, by LIFE-IP CEI-Greece, on Circular Economy, from November 2020 to January 2021.

The survey addressed in a thorough manner, all stakeholders that can potentially contribute towards the implementation of Circular Economy in Greece.

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[View here](#) the executive summary of the Deliverable “Report on data collection from stakeholders.”



Report on the results of the 1st Public Opinion Survey

Deliverable E1.D2

Completion of a telephone survey with the use of a questionnaire. A total of 427 citizens participated, reached through 5.854 phone calls, with multistage sampling according to gender, age, educational background and geographical distribution (urban or peripheral areas, nationwide).





Mapping of the current situation

The 1st round of the public opinion survey includes a quantitative assessment and a qualitative analysis of the perceived values and expectations, at focus group level. During the implementation of the survey the new European legal framework was considered with regard to Waste Management, the National Waste Prevention Programme, the National Strategy and the European framework on Circular Economy and finally the parameters of the project LIFE-IP CEI-Greece.

INDICATIVE CONCLUSIONS

1

Circular Economy

Citizens are not aware of the concept of Circular Economy and hence they are not familiar with its implementation.

2

Recycling Systems

A large percentage of citizens are informed about recycling systems such as composting or green centres and actively take part in waste separation.

3

Recycling and Bins

The lack of bins or overflowing bins is a registered obstacle in the minds/consciousness of citizens. A number of them does not believe that recycling truly takes place. Citizens are familiar with recycling bins and consider them as an effective tool/method for recycling waste.

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Separate Waste Streams – Green Centres

The Greek households are willing to collect more streams separately such as food waste and to hand in recycled and used objects to green centres.

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Reuse

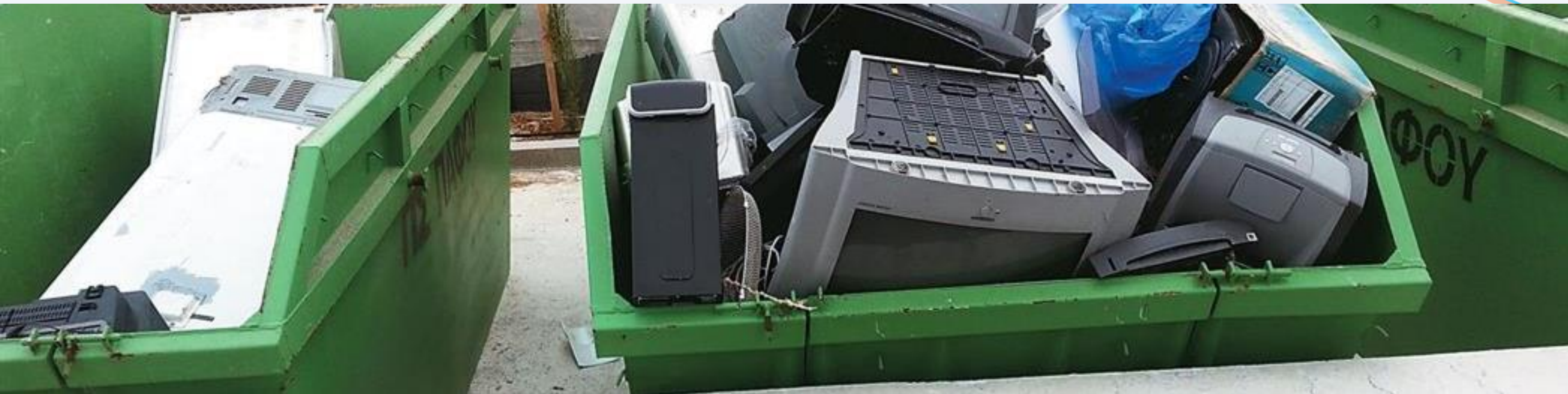
Consumers of the Greek market are familiar with the concept of using repaired products instead of buying new and prefer to donate instead of throwing away.

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Citizens declare that they encourage their friends and relatives to participate in reuse, repair and recycling activities. In order for them to understand and implement the concept of CE, they believe that the role of enhanced dissemination and awareness raising campaigns is critical.

ENHANCED GREEN CENTRES



Action A2.1 – Preparation of the Enhanced Green Centres (EGCs)

The locations of the 3 EGCs to be built as part of LIFE-IP CEI-Greece have been finalized. A new partner participates in action A2.1, along with the Municipalities of Athens and Thessaloniki, the Municipality of Vari Voula Vouliagmeni with one of the 3 EGCs to be created in MoVVV. The relevant preparatory studies are in their final stage, with 2 EGCs planned in the wider area of Attica (MoA and MoVVV) and one in the Municipality of Thessaloniki. The updated plan will cover the needs of the southern and eastern suburbs of Attica, as well as the centre of Athens, facilitating the connection of citizens and businesses to the Green Centres through easily accessible roadways.

The formation of national indicators and the establishment of a national Circular Economy observatory

The formation of national indicators in order to monitor the transition of the country to a circular economy, is a prime target of the National Strategy for CE, being specified in its operational plan through two actions:

➤ The formation of national indicators



➤ The establishment of a national observatory

These actions, implemented through LIFE-IP CEI-Greece (Action D1, Development of CE indicators at national scale and for key economic sectors and value chains) are now horizontal actions of the new Circular Economy Action Plan for the period 2021-2025, approved by the cabinet in November 2021.

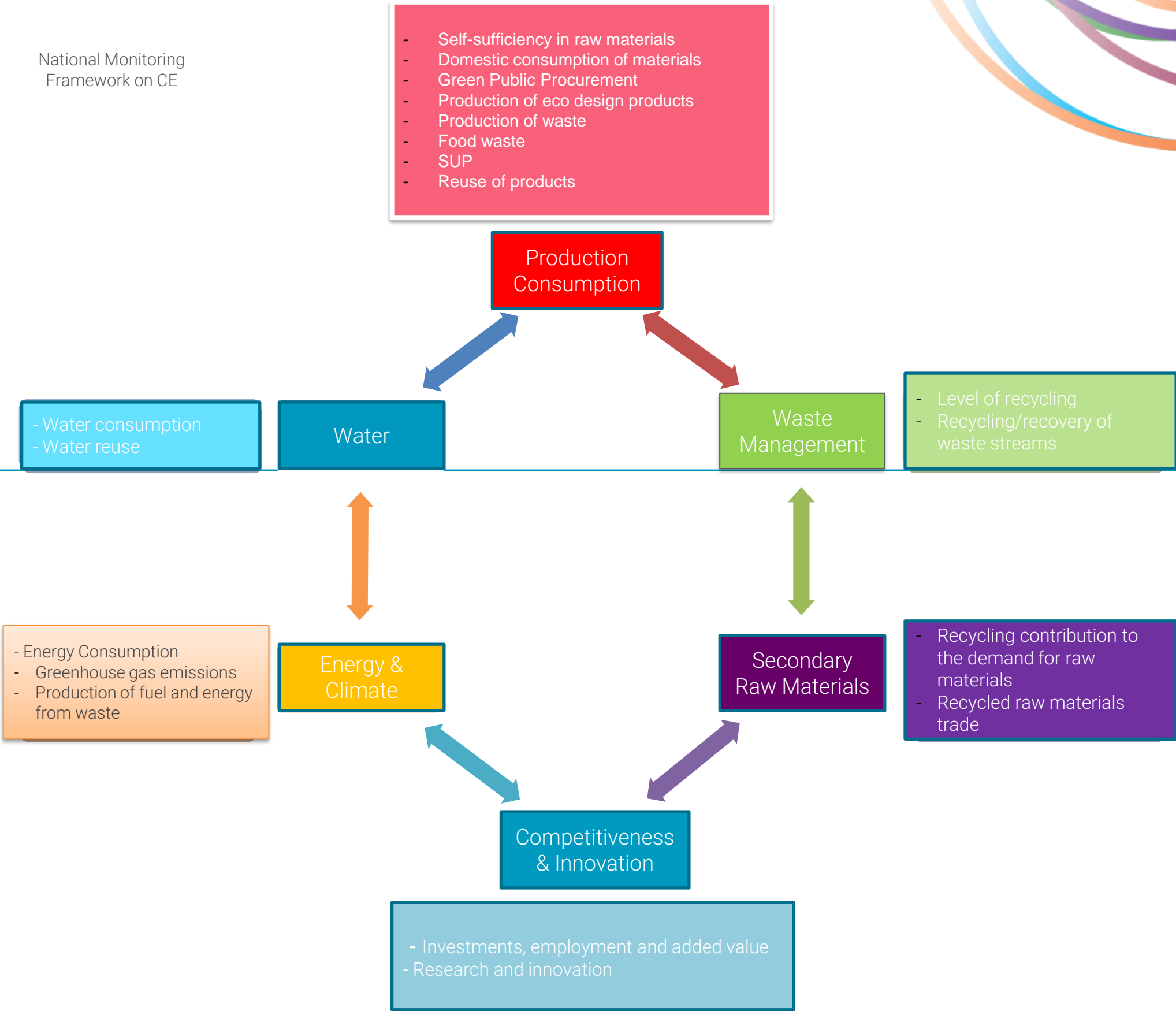
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In October 2021 a proposed national framework has been defined and finalized, for the continuous monitoring of the implementation progress of national policies and targets, that are consistent with the transition of our country to a Circular Economy. The suggested national framework is primarily based on the EU monitoring framework. It was also enriched with topics and indicators for the maximum possible ‘capture’ of essential CE elements that are interlinked with forecasts and targets of the national legal framework, as well as the national plans that contribute to the transition of our country to a CE; such as, in addition to the National Plan of action for CE 2021-2025, the National Plan for Waste Prevention 2020-2030, the National Plan for Green Procurement 2021-2023 and the National Plan for Energy and the Climate, up to 2030. The national framework includes 56 CE national indicators, grouped in 19 categories, classified into 6 axes – monitoring topics: production and consumption, waste management, secondary raw materials, innovation and competitiveness, energy-climate and water. The national monitoring framework, has been communicated to the Inter-ministerial committee and the National Circular Economy Council for their comments, before it becomes completely finalized.

National CE Observatory

In addition, the planning (blue print) for the creation of a CE National Observatory was completed, formed on the basis of the national monitoring framework. In the Observatory, following the organized collection and processing of official information sources, data and trends of the national CE indicators will be published, including tables, graphs and metadata, as well as descriptive texts in conjunction with the subject of the monitoring indicators and their connection to the national policies and targets. All the foreseen reference reports will also be publicized in the observatory , compiled biannually with aggregated data and findings about the progress of CE implementation in Greece.





Awareness
Event on
22.09.2021

Municipality of Vari Voula Vouliagmeni– Heading towards a zero waste society

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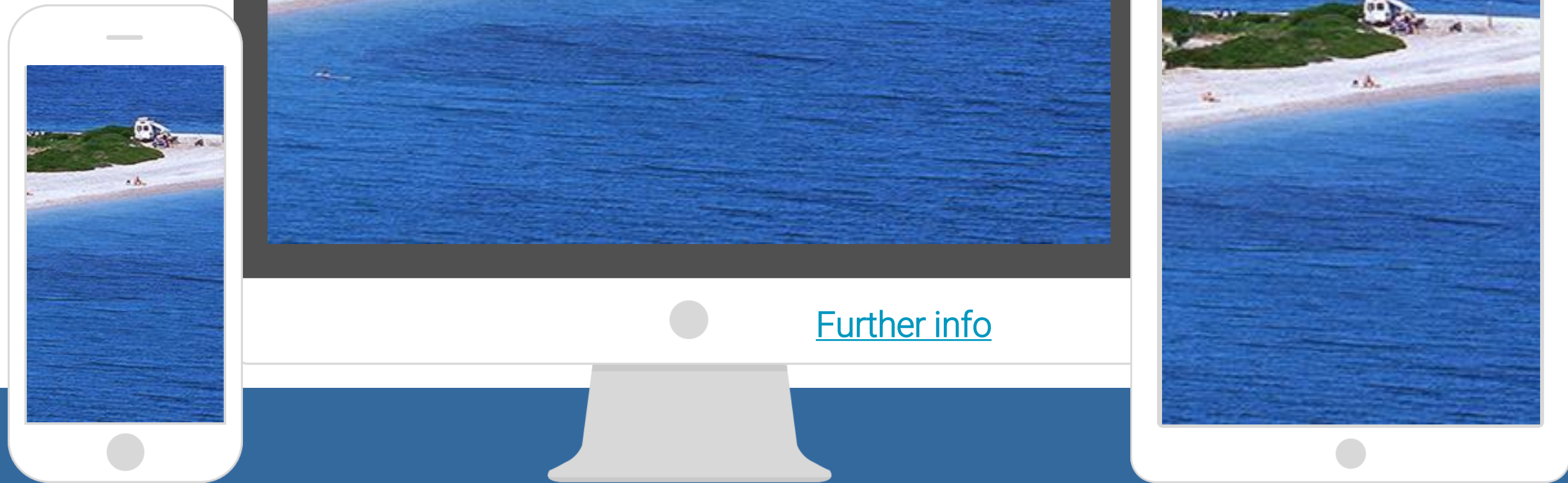
Awareness
Event on
11.10.2021

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Municipality of Tinos CE in the Cycladic Islands– The case of Tinos

The event will be
broadcasted in the
following link:
<https://meet.google.com/end-wzrk-dgk>



CE IN THE SPORADES ISLANDS– THE CASE OF ALONISSOS

Event on 26.11.2021 | The project LIFE-IP CEI-Greece participates in the European Week for Waste Reduction coordinated at national level by HRA, with an open hybrid event organized by the municipality of Alonissos and Dafni Network in collaboration with MEEN and HRA.



A new partner of LIFE-IP CEI-Greece



It is our great pleasure to welcome our new 20th partner in the project, the Central Market of Thessaloniki SA, that will take part in an number of actions (C – Concrete Implementation actions, D – Monitoring the impact of the project, E – Public awareness and dissemination of results, F – PM and Monitoring of project progress) with a specific focus in the Prevention of Food Waste (Action C4) and in particular action C4.3 «**Excess food and food waste prevention demonstration actions**».

E2 | Networking Actions

(MEEN) Networking meeting
- Glikos Planitis
- Polyeco Contemporary Arts Initiative
July 2021

(ERS) Participation in a networking event of
LIFE18 GIE/SI/000008
Turn to e-circular
June 2021

(MEEN) Networking meeting
Circula Mare
(Greece Demonstration Project) GIZ
June 2021

GRFU Project Presentation
Event: LIFE CIRCWASTE -
Boosting Circular Economy - CE
Advancements from Finland and around
the world
Sept 2021

LIFE-IP at the MEEN
Pavilion in the
International Exhibition
of Thessaloniki,
Sept 2021

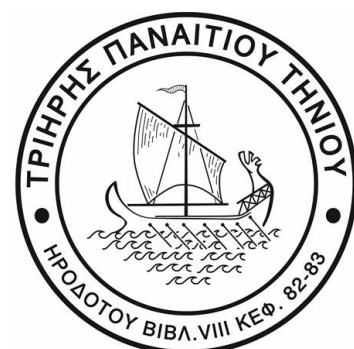
(GRFU) Project
Presentation CE
Integrated actions
and Zero Waste in
the Municipality of
Sparta, Nov 2021

(GRFU) Project
presentation at the
Circular Economy
Hybrid Workshop ,
Nov 2021

Project Partners



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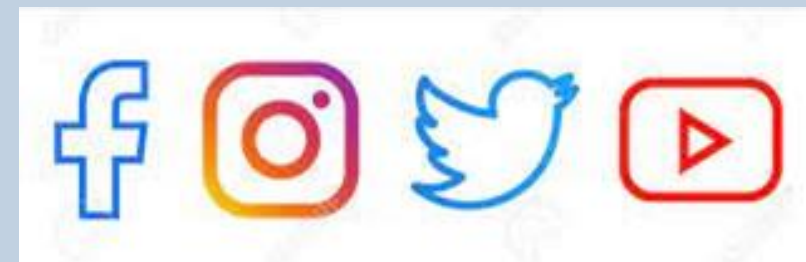
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