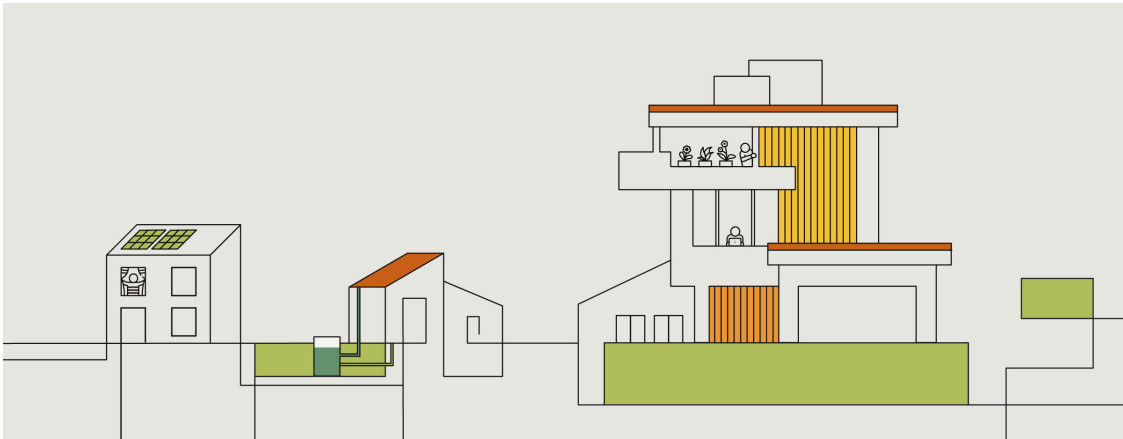




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Welcome to SIRCULAR!

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Welcome to the first edition of the SIRCULAR newsletter!
Together, we are setting the foundation for a circular and sustainable building sector.

SIRCULAR, coordinated by RINA-C, brings together 22 partners from six European countries—universities, SMEs, NGOs, and industries—all united by a common vision: to decarbonise the built environment while prioritising people and communities.

Over the next three years, we will test and demonstrate innovative technologies and services across four regional clusters. Starting in Estonia and Spain, and later expanding to Germany and Greece, we will directly involve construction companies, housing providers, local authorities, and universities.

What sets SIRCULAR apart is our commitment to ensuring that this transition is not only sustainable but also just and affordable. By focusing also on buildings occupied by vulnerable populations, we aim to create tangible benefits for communities while driving systemic change in the construction sector.

This newsletter will serve as your gateway to the latest updates, insights, and breakthroughs from the SIRCULAR project. Stay tuned as we share progress from our regional clusters, highlight innovative solutions, and explore how collaboration is shaping the future of circular construction.

Join us as we build a better, more sustainable future!



SIRCULAR objectives

Whether it's making sustainable choices easier, reducing emissions, or creating new business opportunities, our project is designed to remove barriers and accelerate the transition to circularity. In this first edition of our newsletter, we'll walk you through our core objectives and how they're shaping the future of construction.



Simplifying sustainable building for everyone

SIRCULAR will develop user-friendly digital tools to guide both non-experts and professionals through sustainable construction processes, making circularity accessible to all.



Expanding decarbonisation options for zero-emission buildings

The project will increase the range of decarbonisation options by developing tools to assess building circularity and key performance indicators (KPIs) that support zero-emission structures.



Strengthening value chain engagement in local innovation clusters

SIRCULAR will enhance engagement across the construction value chain through innovative contract models and create regional innovation clusters in Spain, Estonia, Greece, and Germany.



Accelerating the adoption of sustainable renovation methods

The project will speed up the market adoption of sustainable renovation solutions by improving understanding of investment risks and supporting faster, bottom-up adoption of circular practices.



Creating low-risk business opportunities in the circular economy

SIRCULAR will develop new business opportunities with reduced investment risks in the circular economy by analysing financial, ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance), and regulatory risks to guide better decision-making.



Boosting stakeholder engagement across the construction industry

The project will increase involvement from communities, businesses, authorities, and the broader construction value chain through user-centric design and social innovation activities.

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MARGHERITA FABBRI
RINA-C

"Bridging **both administrative and technical responsibilities**, allows us to ensure that SIRCULAR remains on track, **delivering high-impact results** that contribute to the decarbonization and circular transformation of the built environment."


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SIRCULAR Insights: Coordinating a Horizon Europe Project

Coordinating a Horizon Europe project like SIRCULAR is both a challenging and rewarding endeavour. As the project coordinator, our role extends beyond administrative oversight...

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LAURA SILVA
ITeC - The Catalonia Institute of Construction Technology

"Imagine a space where the construction sector can experiment with **new ideas**, materials, and technologies without the usual regulatory hurdles. That's the idea behind **regulatory sandboxes!**"

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Regulatory Sandboxes: A Testing Ground for Innovation in Construction

Imagine a space where construction sector can experiment with new ideas, materials, and technologies without the usual regulatory hurdles. That's the idea behind regulatory sandboxes!

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Managing Innovation with IP & Patent Training

In January, the SIRCULAR project took another step forward with a focused online training session on intellectual property (IP) management and patenting, delivered by our Irish partner Inlecom Commercial Pathways (ICP).

SIRCULAR visits the Lela Karagiannis Primary School of Athens

In February, SIRCULAR partner Hellenic Passive House Institute (HPHI) visited the project's Greek demo site "Lela Karagiannis", the 21st Primary School of Athens.

The SIRCULAR team spoke with the headmistress, teachers, and kids...

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SIRCULAR partners meet in Barcelona to advance Sustainable Solutions

In July, the SIRCULAR partners for the Spanish demo site, including the Instituto de Tecnología de la Construcción (ITeC), the Agència de l'Habitatge de Catalunya, the Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya (UPC), and Hormipresa, met in Barcelona.

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SIRCULAR at the Estonian Annual Conference of Apartment Associations

On 11 October 2024, SIRCULAR project was introduced at the Annual Conference of Apartment Associations in Tallinn, Estonia, organised by our partner EKYL. The event brought together over 150 participants...

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Events



RECUWASTE

May 20 - May 21, 2025

Mataró, Spain



CONSTRUMAT

May 20 - May 22, 2025

Barcelona, Spain



CENTRAL EUROPE TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE BUILDING

Sep 16 - Sep 19, 2025

Prague, Czech Republic



Smart Cities EXPO 2025

Nov 4 - Nov 6, 2025

Barcelona, Spain

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Beyond SIRCULAR

At SIRCULAR Project, we know that meaningful change happens when we work together. That's why we're proud to collaborate with a diverse network of organisations, initiatives, and innovators who share our commitment to a circular and sustainable future.

We're proud to present the first member of our network, IWG5.



The Implementation Working Group on Energy Efficiency in Buildings (IWG5) works to unlock the energy savings potential of the building sector. This includes boosting the potential of existing and new buildings. IWG5 is composed of representatives of EU and associated countries, industrial stakeholders, non-governmental organisations and research institutes.

Interested in joining our network? We're always open to new partnerships!

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