

# NEWSLETTER



We have finished the first evaluation questionnaire with companies that help CIRCVET partners to assess the topics chosen, meet your requirements or consider further aspects.

In order to develop a European course on "circular economy", it is necessary to analyse what the market really needs.

Although all project partners from the 6 participating EU countries are close to the industry and very experienced, the only objective way to determine the needs is to directly interview the potential target groups.

Thus, it was already foreseen in the project application that **40 companies, 30 teachers and 5 target groups** would be interviewed about the planned content of the CIRCVET course. For this purpose, a list of questions was developed, which all project partners worked on with their contacts in their respective countries. This was done by personal visits, online interviews or by sending and filling in the question list.

The results provided important insights for the development of the CIRCVET course and the priorities to be set for the content. More than **75 questionnaires** were available for evaluation.

**44%** WAS "VERY SMALL" COMPANIES (1-50 EMPLOYEES)

**33%** WAS "SMALL" COMPANIES (51-250 EMPLOYEES)



Considering the EU definition of "SME" (<250 employees) and "Small" (<50 employees), according to the survey results, 77% of the companies are in the range of less than 250 employees, which corresponds to the EU-category "small" and "SME".

Clearly this achieves the goal of addressing small and medium-sized enterprises in particular. Still 18% saw themselves in the medium range (251 to 500 employees).

This category was introduced in addition to the EU-definition for finer grading because the EU classifies all companies with more than 250 employees as "large".

Accordingly, 23% of the companies were classified as "large" in the EU sense.

The questionnaire then asked about the respondents' interest in the topics. This showed that the manufacturing process, with an average of about 80%, and the needs of users, also about 80%, were clearly the most frequently mentioned aspects.

*Remembering that the Topics of the course will be:*

SYSTEMIC STRATEGIES

DIGITAL SKILLS

RECYCLING – UPCYCLING – DOWNCYCLING

SUPPLY OF MATERIALS – BIOMATERIALS

ENTREPRENEURSHIP

ECO-DESIGN AND LCA

MANUFACTURING PROCESSES

USERS AND USAGES

RECOVERY

and going more into detail of them, points such as "Material Science" and "Quality Management", as well as "Usability of Recycled Products" were mentioned as important more frequently than average, each with over 80%.

Although there were some outstanding mentions, none of the contents mentioned by the project group was irrelevant, as all aspects reached at least 60% of the mentions.

The focus of the survey results is clearly on the practical application of circular processes and the materials, and this homogeneously across all participating countries.

The detailed evaluation was sent to the project sponsor and now serves as a guideline for the group to prioritize and detail the individual training topics.

The general message that could be reported to the project group is: *"CIRCVET is on the right track!"*

*Our first video!*

IT'S NOW AVAILABLE OUR FIRST PROJECT VIDEO IN WHICH PARTNERS SHOW THE MOST IMPORTANT TOPICS AND GOALS OF OUR PROJECT. TO SEE IT, CLICK THE BOTTOM!

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