

Upcycling mineral and timber-based waste from construction & manufacturing process industries through eco-design, advanced logistics, quality control and digital solutions



Construction and demolition waste (C&DW) accounts for more than 30% of all waste generated in the EU, reaching approximately 450-500 million tonnes annually: in terms of volume, it is the largest waste stream in the EU across all industrial sectors.



Timber material generates a tremendous amount of waste annually from building element manufacturing, construction, demolition, and renovation, while only part of it is currently being recovered, with high variability per country.

CIRCULess aims on fostering circularity in the construction and manufacturing process industries, by minimizing Construction and Demolition waste as well as Manufacturing waste, with focus on mineral and timber-based material streams, by developing new processes for circularity of secondary materials from wastes/residues for all industrial processes, without compromising quality and performance as well as sustainable-by-design circular products.

CIRCULess project will experiment new circular products and processing techniques to improve quality and performances of secondary materials up to industry standards and improve environmental friend-liness. These actions will be supported by a tailored digital platform for waste management, orienting decision making & operation, while recommendations for standards updates and relevant training material for both upskilling and training will be created.

CIRCULess Targets

- Construction value chain models & market trends
- CIRCULess microservices platform
- Secondary raw material passport
- Characterization approaches for mineral and bio-based materials
- Processing techniques for mineral and bio-based materials
- Sorting, storage and logistic optimization solution
- Collaborative design approaches

- Alternative ways to reuse/ repurpose EoL waste
- Performance envelope
- Prototype of new secondary materials /products
- Costumer perception for market acceptance
- Reskilling & training for circularity
- Guidelines for digitalization for circular-construction
 & eco-design
- Contribution to standardization



Contribute to certification, scale up, uptake and business case of recycled products for the construction industry

Demonstrate technical, ecological and economic performances of secondary raw materials prototypes

Construction value chain & materials modelling

> **CIRCULess Objectives**

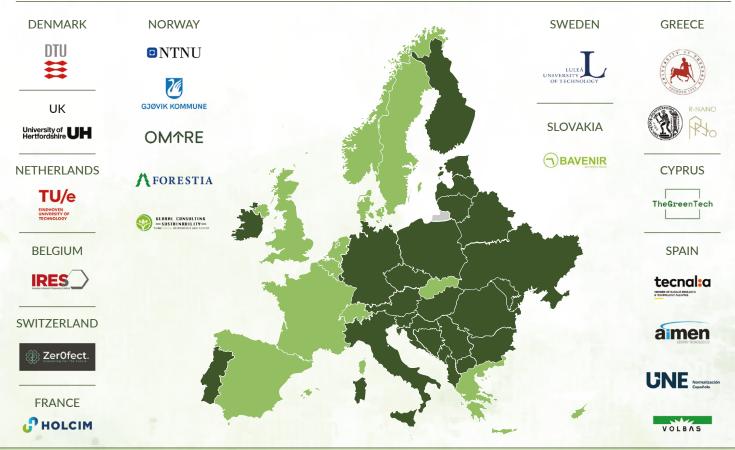
Create digital tools to support eco-design, sorting, recycling & processing

Define eco-circular design and waste reduction approaches for the construction industry

Foster upcycling of C&DMW through a digital waste management platform for efficient circularity



12 DIFFERENT EU MEMBER STATES



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