

# Co-Creating Circular Ecosystems: Stakeholder Innovation in Action

A joint webinar from the United Circles & Hurricane projects



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Circular economy transitions don't succeed without the people they affect. But how do you engage communities, industry, and policymakers in complex industrial symbiosis decisions — and make that engagement meaningful?

This joint webinar brings together two EU-funded projects tackling this challenge from complementary angles.



United Circles is a Horizon Europe project (46 partners, 16 countries) demonstrating three novel

circular economy value chains — upcycling urban food waste, wastewater solids, and construction and demolition waste — through regional Hubs for Circularity. Central to its approach is a community-led Social Impact Assessment framework that puts affected communities at the centre of measuring and improving the social benefits of circular economy hubs.



Hurricane (Sector-coupling hub for circular use of thermal and industrial waste) is recovering waste heat from steel production to supply affordable district heating via a large-scale heat grid. Its partner DBFZ has developed innovative gamification approaches — including a purpose-built board game — to make stakeholder participation in these complex value chains accessible and engaging.

In this session, you'll hear how both projects are putting stakeholder engagement into practice: from UC's structured four-tier Community of Practice model and operational SIA toolkit, to Hurricane's PESTEL analysis and Pipes and Furnaces board game, where participants take on stakeholder roles to collaboratively explore circular economy challenges.

Both sessions include dedicated Q&A, with a joint round-up of shared takeaways.

**This session is for you if you work on: industrial symbiosis, circular economy hubs, stakeholder and community engagement, social impact assessment, or sustainability transitions.**

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