

Section A - General Part

A1. General information

Age	Country
18 -20	
20-30	
30-40	
40-50	
50-60	
Over 60	

A2. Gender: ☐ M ☐ F

A3. Education

Title	Area (e.g. Economics, Engineering, Biology, Political science,)
High School	
Bachelor	
Master	
PhD	

Section B – Awareness about Circular Economy

B1. What does Sustainable Development mean, for you? (max 2 replies)

- ☐ Economic, social, environmental equilibrium
☐ Meet the needs of the present without compromising the well-being of future generations
☐ Meet environmental integrity requirements
☐ Other meanings (please indicate some)

B2. How well do you understand Circular Economy ?

- ☐ Understand it well (Yes I knew what CE is)
☐ Had no idea of it
☐ Just heard of it
☐ Did not care

B3. What does Circular Economy mean, for you? (max 2 replies)

- ☐ A zero waste economy
☐ An economy able to regenerate itself
☐ Reduce, recycle, reuse
☐ A more sustainable way to produce and consume
☐ Other (please, suggest...)

B4. Which aspect/s is/are more important in Circular Economy? (max 2 replies)

- ☐ New product design
☐ Eco-industrial parks and Smart cities
☐ Sustainable supply chain/Reverse logistic
☐ Recycling phase
☐ New business models
☐ Other (please, suggest...)

B5. Which are the more important expectations from Circular Economy? (max 2 replies)

- ☐ Economic benefits
☐ Environmental benefits
☐ Employment opportunities
☐ New business opportunities

☐ Other (please, suggest...) _____

Section C – Drivers, Barriers and Change perception and awareness

C1. What are possible obstacles from engaging in Circular Economy?

(max 3 replies)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Unfavourable prices | <input type="checkbox"/> Resistance to change |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of finance support | <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of policies/regulations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of networks | <input type="checkbox"/> Current linear design of products |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Low awareness and know-how | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please, suggest) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of innovation/disrupting technology | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of infrastructure | |

C2. What do you think have to change in the circular economy process? (max 3 replies)

- ☐ Technical aspects (administrative, production techniques, collection techniques, others...)
- ☐ Unfavourable prices (promote incentives such as decreased taxes and subsidies to recycled materials, etc.)
- ☐ Favour creation of recovery networks and markets (new finance tools, ethical finance, etc.)
- ☐ Increase dissemination of circular concepts to overcome low awareness and know-how
- ☐ Invest in research to promote circular innovation/technology
- ☐ Invest in suitable circular infrastructure (to promote easy transport, storage, marketing...)
- ☐ Involve stakeholders and managers in decision making, provide transparent data, to overcome resistance to change
- ☐ Promote innovative, broad and long-run policies at national level (to overcome fear of instability) _
- ☐ Promote research and implementation of circular design of products
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- ☐ Other (please, suggest) _____

C3. If the transition from a linear economy to Circular economy is to become a success, who should be, in your opinion, responsible in taking the initiatives forward? (max 3 replies)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Policy maker | <input type="checkbox"/> Public administration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economic actors | <input type="checkbox"/> Public opinion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Citizens/Costumers | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please, suggest) _____ |

C4. What policy instruments do you think would be necessary for the drive towards Circular Economy?

(max 3 replies)

- ☐ Regulatory measures
- ☐ Harmonisation and advice existing policies (e.g. on circular economy, labelling, raw materials. etc.)
- ☐ Financial support for companies
- ☐ Selective tax system applied to consumption (e.g. plastic tax)
- ☐ Increase awareness of consumers
- ☐ Incentives for the consumption of selected products
- ☐ To develop a cultural approach favouring waste prevention
- ☐ Other (please, suggest) _____

1. ~~In your opinion, circular economy and green economy are the same?~~

- ~~-No, they are different~~
- ~~-They are somehow connected~~
- ~~-They are the same~~

2. ~~To what extent are circular economy and sustainability connected?~~

- ~~1 Not at all connected~~
- ~~5 Strongly connected~~

3. ~~According to your opinion is circular economy part of sustainable development?~~

- ~~1 Not at all~~
- ~~5 Absolutely yes~~

4. ~~Which of the following you think are the 3 main principals of circular economy?~~

- How we manage resources
- How to be more profitable on environmental issues
- What we do with the materials afterwards
- How to handle economic issues
- How we make and use products

5. In your opinion, which do you believe are the advantages of a circular economy?

- Extending the useful life of products through actions such as recycling.
- Allows for a change in consumption habits
- Presence of waste that is difficult to recycle and transform
- Technical skills and abilities that are not yet present in the workforce
- Creation of new jobs

6. In your opinion, which are the disadvantages of a circular economy?

- Lack of regulations governing legal competition among companies
- Lack of environmental awareness on the part of suppliers and clients.
- Economic barriers and access to financing
- Reduced consumption of fossil fuels.
- Decrease in waste generation
- Reduced extraction of raw materials

7. In your personal judgment green economy is an economy that is:

- Socially inclusive
- Depleting and overusing the world's natural resources
- An accumulation of waste

8. To what extent you believe you are informed about circular economy?

1 Not at all informed

5 To a great extent

Section D – Application of Circular Economy Principles in Entrepreneurship

D1. Do you believe that you have the skills to apply the circular economy principles in a business project you might have?

- ☐ Very Much ☐ Somewhat
☐ Undecided
☐ Not really
☐ Not at all

D2. In your opinion, receiving training in circular economy principles would encourage you to get involved in entrepreneurship?

- ☐ Totally Agree
☐ Agree
☐ I am not sure
☐ Disagree
☐ Totally Disagree

D3. In your opinion, are circular economy practices feasible to be applied in business in your area?

- ☐ Yes, they are
☐ No, they are not
☐ Maybe

D5. Please elaborate briefly your reply from the previous question?

D6. Would you be interested to get involved professionally into circular economy business in your area?

- ☐ Very interested
☐ Somewhat interested
☐ Neutral
☐ Not very interested
☐ Not at all interested

D7. Are you aware of the pre-incubation and incubation process of business ideas?

- ☐ Fully aware
- ☐ Aware
- ☐ Neither aware or not aware
- ☐ Not aware
- ☐ Fully not aware

D8. Would you be interested to take part in a pre-incubator and/or an incubator that could also guide you in circular economy matters?

- ☐ Yes, I would like to receive support for my business idea
- ☐ Maybe it would be helpful for my business idea
- ☐ No, I feel confident I can make it on my own