



ECO4ALL

EU Circular Economy Network for All
Consumer Protection through reducing, reusing, repairing

COST Action CA22124
EU Circular Economy Network for All: Consumer
Protection through reducing, reusing, repairing
(ECO4ALL)

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Overall scope ECO4ALL CA22124:

- contribute to the information, reflection and dissemination activities - for youth at large, academics, young researchers, staff of the public administration, business environment and for civil society as a whole
- regarding the circular economy that works for consumers

Status of the Action – Goals of ECO4ALL

Promote Understanding of Sustainable Consumption:

- Enhance awareness of resource conservation and waste prevention.

Bridge Separate Fields of Science:

- Create a multidisciplinary talent pool providing comprehensive knowledge across the value chain and entrepreneurial approaches to novel sustainable consumption solutions.

Develop and Implement Quantitative Methodologies:

- Compare systems of circular economy inefficiency across multiple countries to identify best practices, organizational structures, and economic policies for improving consumer protection in the circular economy.

Support EU Policy-making:

- Generate knowledge and insights that can bolster EU policy-making and reinforce the EU's role in promoting the circular economy.

Foster Dialogue between Academia and Society:

- Encourage communication between academia, local and state policy-makers, business environments, civil society actors, and the media regarding circular economy practices.

Disseminate Knowledge:

- Utilize a four-pillar dissemination approach to communicate key findings to policy-makers, justice operators, the scientific community, and the general public through various media channels.

Research Coordination Objectives

R1. Analyse the state of the art, evidence gaps and opportunities for change in the current supply chains, and re-think current best practices to optimize their circularity

R2. Coordinate the current common policies and identify those which can act as opportunities/barriers to EC policies implementation in circular economy and consumer safety

R3. Develop recommendations, based on strong measures of sustainability, on improving the circularity (reducing, reusing, repairing) for businesses and consumers

R4. Create strategies to link interdisciplinary fundamental research to applications, engaging industry stakeholders to test new solutions and to understand the main challenges

R5. Understand the role played by the various actors, including the business and consumers, in the implementation of the new solutions focused on circularity

R6. Boosting the knowledge of the academia, youths, researchers, SMS, staff of the public administration, or the business environment and generating knowledge and insights in support of policymaking



Capacity Building Objectives

- C1. Bridge separate fields of science** to create a strong talent pool, providing knowledge throughout the value chain, and entrepreneurial approaches towards novel solutions in sustainable consumption
- C2. Develop and implement state-of-the-art** quantitative methodologies for comparing systems of circular economy inefficiency in a multi-country setting
- C3. Generate knowledge and insights** in the field of the circular economy that can support the EU policymaking and strengthen the role of the EU
- C4. Foster the dialogue in the field** of the circular economy between the academia and the society, including local and state level policy-makers, business environment, civil society actors, representatives of education and the media
- C5. Disseminate the knowledge produced**, with a four-pillar dissemination approach for communicating the key findings and by targeting policy-makers, justice operators, the scientific community, and the general public (through the media)



Review of MC1 meeting (Brussels Nov 2023)

During the 1st Management Committee Meeting of the COST Action (7 November 2023) the following decisions have been taken:

I. ELECTION OF THE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR AND SELECTION OF THE GRANT HOLDER (SCIENTIFIC REPRESENTATIVE)

- Olesea Plotnic was elected as Chair
- Noemia Bessa Vilela was elected as Vice Chair



The MC selected “Inštitut pravnih znanosti, raziskave in razvoj na področju prava” (OPHIZ), as Grant Holder Institution, represented at the MC by Noemia Bessa Vilela.



ECO4ALL Leadership



Marian
Blanco-Ruiz
Science Communication
Coordinator



Olesea Plotnic
Chair Action



Noemia Bessa
Vilela
Vice Chair Action



Andrius Puksas
Grant Awarding
Coordinator



Mihaela Tofan
Working Group 1
Leader



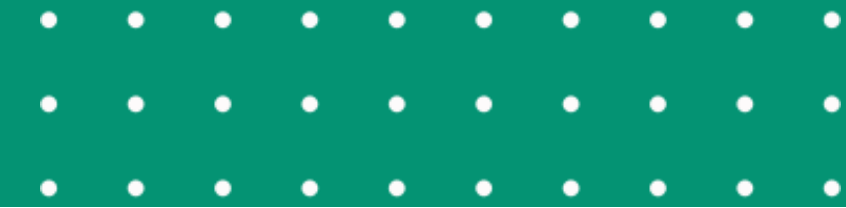
Isidora Milošević
Working Group 2
Leader



Radu Mârza
Working Group 3
Leader



Dimitria Manou
Working Group 4
Leader



Status of the Action CA22124 - Action participation

MC members:

- 59 members from 33 countries (22 ITC countries)
- Pending MC decision: DK, EE, SE (4 MC members)
- Pending acceptance: BE (1 MC member)

➤ We still need MC members from 5 (five) countries:
Austria, Hungary*, Iceland, Malta, and the Netherlands.

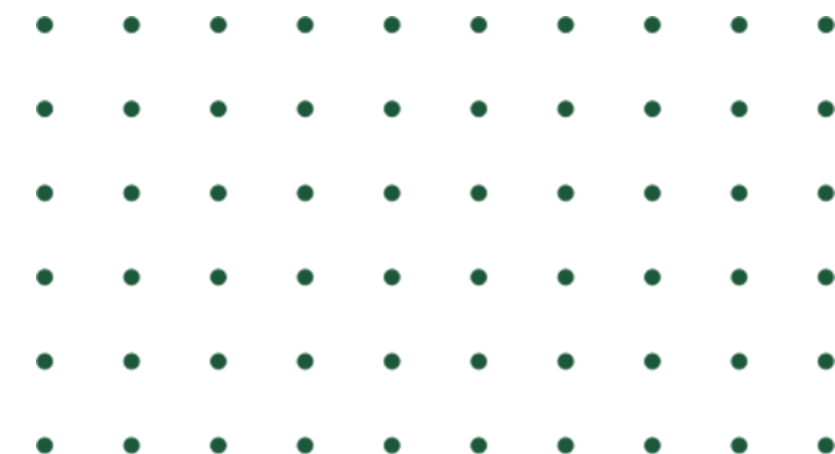
➤ Candidates from Austria, Hungary*, and Malta have submitted requests to the CNC

➤ We do not yet have any potential candidates from Iceland and the Netherlands.

WG members:

- 328 total members
- ITC 82%,
- Young Researchers 40,85%
- ✓ Man – 144 (43%);
- ✓ Women – 183 (55,7 %);
- ✓ Preferred not to say – 1 (1,3%)

- WG1 – 166 members
- WG2 – 61 members
- WG3 – 132 members
- WG4 – 59 members

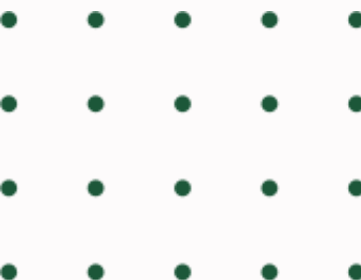


Statistics

Data reflects a well-participated and inclusive initiative, with significant engagement from both COST member countries and ITC countries, suggesting a strong and diverse collaborative effort towards the objectives of COST 22124

82%

ITC countries represented



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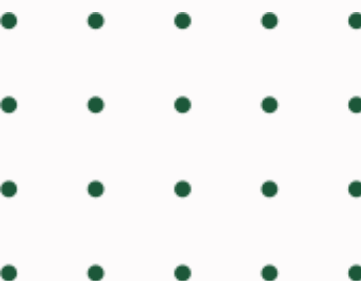


55%

Women members represented



Data reflects a well-participated and inclusive initiative, with balanced engagement of women represented in the action, suggesting a strong and diverse collaborative effort towards the objectives of COST 22124



Status of the Action – WorkPlan of ECO4ALL

Research Coordination Objectives

Capacity Building Objectives

Specific Deliverables:

- **D1: 1 (one) Communications Strategy:** Develop and implement a strategy for communication, dissemination, and networking.
- **D2: 3 (three) State-of-the-art Reports:** Produce multiple reports detailing the state-of-the-art in various aspects of the circular economy.
- **D3: 1 (one) List of variable needs for analysis,** for each participating country, to be shared among scientists for the following quantitative analysis
- **D4: 1 (one) Circular Design Strategy:** Create strategies for consumer protection and best practices in circular design.
- **D5: 3 (three) Technical Reports:** Share technical reports with stakeholders on relevant topics.
- **D6: 1 (one) Final Report:** Compile and distribute a final report summarizing the findings and recommendations.
- **D7: Scientific Publications:** Publish findings in scientific journals.
- **D8: 1 (one) Guidelines on Circular Economy:** Develop guidelines highlighting the advantages of reducing, reusing, and repairing without environmental damage.
- **D9: 3 (three) Newsletters and D10: 1 (one) Webpage:** Regular updates through newsletters and a dedicated webpage to share project results.

4.1.4. GANTT DIAGRAM

ECO4ALL Activities	Year 1				Year 2				Year 3				Year 4			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Management	[Green bar]															
MC meetings	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]
WG meetings	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]
Dissemination	[Green bar]															
Participation in Conferences/Webinars	min. 1				min. 1				min. 1				min. 1			
Short live presentations					min. 1				min. 1				min. 1			
Web page and media channels	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]
Newsletter	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]
Organisation of seminars / Webinars	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]
Mid-term and final conference	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]
Research and Education	[Orange bar]															
A1. Workshops	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]
A2. Training Schools	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]
A3. STSMs	min. 4				min. 4				min. 4				min. 4			
A4. Scientific publications and research papers	min. 2				min. 2				min. 2				min. 2			
ECO4ALL Deliverables	[Blue bar]															
D1. Communications, dissemination and networking strategy (1 (one) Strategy) (T4.1 in WG4)	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]
D2. State-of-the-art reports (3 (three) States throughout the action) (T1.1, T1.2, T1.3, T1.4 in WG1, T2.1, T2.2, T2.3 in WG2, T3.1 in WG3)	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]
D3. List of variable needs (1 (one) List throughout the action) for analysis, for each participating country, to be shared among scientists for the following quantitative analysis (T1.4 in WG1)	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]
D4. Circular design strategy for consumer protection & best practices (1 (one) Strategy) (T3.3, T3.4, T3.5 in WG3)	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]
D5. Technical report(s) to be shared with stakeholders on related topics of WGs (3 (three) tech reports throughout the action) (T1.5 in WG1, T2.6 in WG2, T3.5 in WG3)	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]
D6. Final report to be shared with stakeholders (1 (one) Final report): (T4.7 in WG4)	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]
D7. Scientific publications (T2.4, T2.5 in WG2, T3.2, T3.5 in WG3, T4.7 in WG4)	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]
D8. Guideline on circular economy advantages through reducing, reusing, repairing without damage environment (1 (one) Document) (T2.6, T2.7 in WG2)	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]
D9. Newsletters (4 (four) throughout the action) (T1.4, T1.5 in WG1; T2.6, T2.7 in WG2, T3.5 in WG3, T4.2 in WG4)	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]
D10. Webpage with main results from the analytical stage of the project (1 (one) webpage for all WGs) (T1.4, T1.5 in WG1, T2.6, T2.7 in WG2, T3.5 in WG3, T4.2 in WG4)	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]
ECO4ALL Milestones	[Red bar]															
M1. Obtaining homogeneous data collected	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]
M2. Having robust estimates of the inefficiency of the circular economy	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]
M3. Identify conditions of comparability of responsible institutions for circular economy strategy across Europe	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]
M4. Identifying sources of inefficiency towards best practices across European countries, potential benefits and costs	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]
M5. Produce a document containing country-specific policy suggestions, as well as European policy suggestions	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]
M6. Closing event and final conference	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]	[Orange]

Timeline

ECO4ALL Milestones



1st GP
M1. Obtaining homogeneous data collected



2nd GP
M2. Having robust estimates of the inefficiency of the circular economy



3rd GP
M3. Identify conditions of comparability of responsible institutions & **M4 sources of inefficiency 2wards best practices**



4th GP
M5. Produce a document country policy suggestions, **M6.** Closing event and final conference



Next activities and deliverables (Grant Period / GP2)

Next events planned for 2nd Grant Period (GP2): 1st Nov 2024 – 31st October 2025

- Webinar, 24th September 2024 (GP1) – WG2
- Workshop for PhD students I – online 29th October (GP1) – WG1
- CG5, - online, 29th November 2024
- CG6, 15th February, 2024 and International Conference, co-organiser ECO4ALL: Athens, February 14-16, 2025 - WG4
- Training school, synergy with CA2110 LIAISE: 12th-14th February, 2025: Athens – WG1&WG2
- MC2 and International Conference, organiser ECO4ALL: May 16-17, 2025: lais, Romania – WG1

Tasks and deliverables for WG2 for next Grant Period (GP2)

D3. List of variable needs (1 (one) List throughout the action) for analysis, for each participating country, to be shared among scientists for the following quantitative analysis (T1.4 in **WG1**)

D4. Circular design strategy for consumer protection & best practices (1 (one) Strategy) (T3.3, T3.4, T3.5 in **WG3**): **draft version**

D5. Technical report(s) to be shared with stakeholders on related topics of WGs (3 (three) tech reports throughout the action) (T1.5 in **WG1**, T2.6 in **WG2**, T.3.5 in **WG3**)

D7. Scientific publications (T2.4, T2.5 in **WG2**, T3.2, T3.5 in **WG3**, T.4.7 in **WG4**)

D8. Guideline on circular economy advantages through reducing, reusing, repairing without damage environment (1 (one) Document) (T2.6, T2.7 in **WG2**): **draft version**

D9. Newsletters (1 (one) (T.4.2 in **WG4**))

D10. Webpage with main results from the analytical stage of the project (1 (one) webpage (T1.4, T1.5 in **WG1**, T2.6, T2.7 in **WG2**, T3.5 in **WG3**, T.4.2 in **WG4**))



Future goals

01

To include MC members from COST countries that are currently unrepresented

02

To increase the number of members, especially in Working Groups 2 and 4

03


To ensure timely delivery of D2 at the end of GP1

04

To enhance cross-disciplinary collaboration and innovation





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