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# Communities for Climate (C4C) Launch webinar

Call for applications for  
local community-led climate actions

29 February 2024



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## Introduction

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# WEBINAR OBJECTIVES



- To launch the Communities for Climate Call for local actions in response to climate change.
- To provide detailed information on the application process, deadline, application form
- To get ideas and hear some concrete examples related to the four thematic areas of expertise.
- To answer concrete various questions arising from participants

# AGENDA



- Welcome
- Why care about your community and climate? The rationale behind C4C
- What's in it for you, as potentially interested applicants?
- The C4C Call for applications and procedure explained
- Inspiring ideas toward achieving impacts in the four thematic areas of the Call
  - Renewable energy
  - Circular economy
  - Biodiversity
  - Water management
- Q&A
- Closing

# HOUSEKEEPING RULES

- Rename yourselves, so we know who you are!
  - Name + Surname – Organisation, Country
- We will use sli.do to interact with you : Manage questions, launch some polls and a short evaluation questionnaire
  - Join us in [www.slido.com](https://www.slido.com) | #C4C (or scan the QR code or follow the link)
- Limit the use of the Zoom chat (only in case you cannot join on sli.do, if you notice technical issues, etc.)



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Why care about your community and climate? The rationale behind C4C

*Sławomir Tokarski, Director for European Territorial Cooperation,  
Macro-regions, Interreg and Programme Implementation I*

*DG REGIO (European Commission)*



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What's in it for you as potential applicants?

*Laura Kaestele, Network Weaver at ECOLISE*

*Experts Pool Coordinator for C4C*

## WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?

### Benefits for the 50 selected local communities

A tailored package of on-the-ground support, such as:

- Around 20 expert-days, over to 10 months, combining thematic advice and community-led development facilitation and preparation
- A 1000€ lump sum to participate in a study visit to a similar project; learning exchanges, and good practices that can be transferred to your own project;
- Networking and connecting to other initiatives; and
- Visibility of your project at different levels, in view of upscaling or replication.





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The C4C Call for applications and procedure explained

*Shannon Pfohman, AEIDL*

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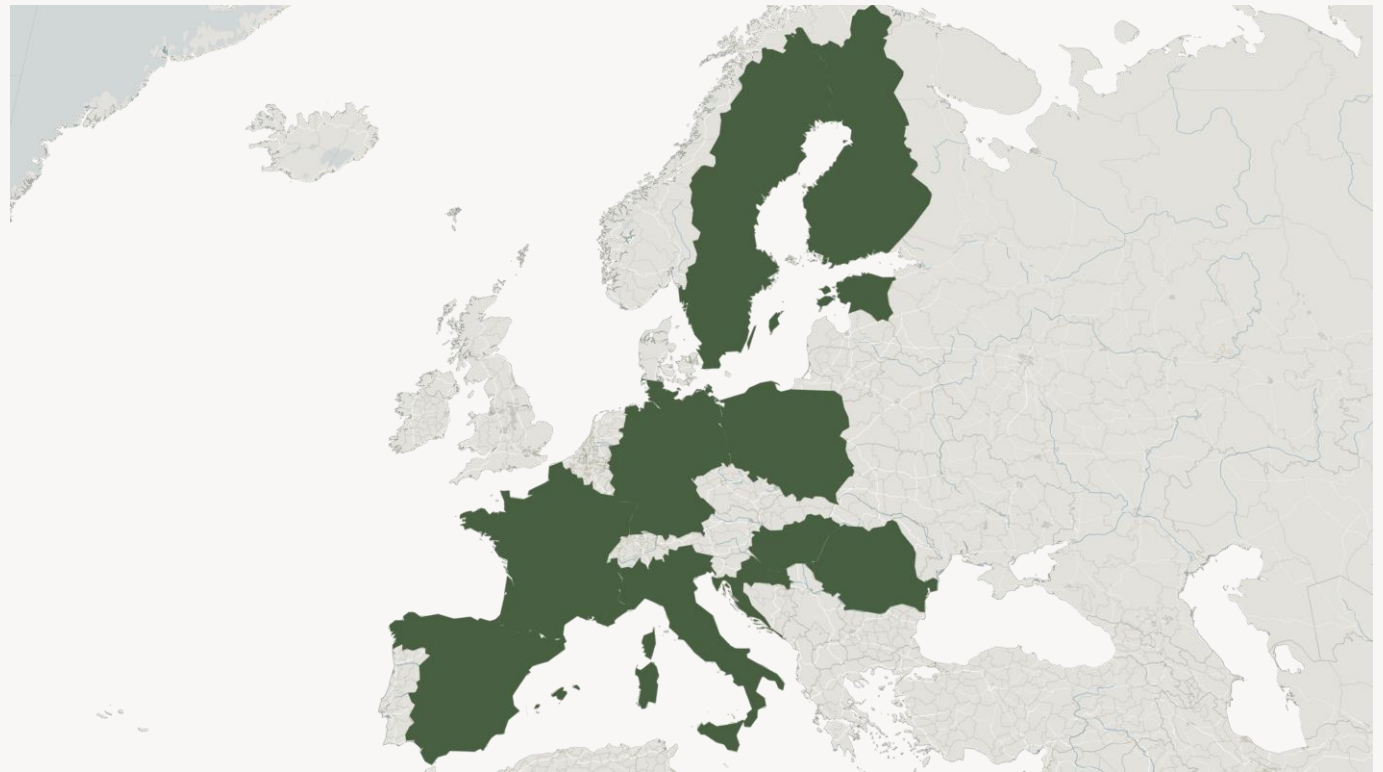
# WHO CAN BENEFIT FROM THE C4C INITIATIVE?

## Geographic scope

Applicants must be **legal entities** in one of the **eleven countries**, that present a specific project idea in one of the **four thematic areas**.

Propose a local community-led initiative towards achieving the call's objectives that will demonstrate a **citizen-driven nature**.

The call invites **organised** local communities, but also **emerging** cross-border communities, operating and experimenting joint approaches.



# WHO CAN BENEFIT FROM THE C4C INITIATIVE?

## Thematic priorities

**BIODIVERSITY, NATURE BASED**



**CIRCULAR ECONOMY**



**RENEWABLE ENERGY**



**ACCESS TO WATER**

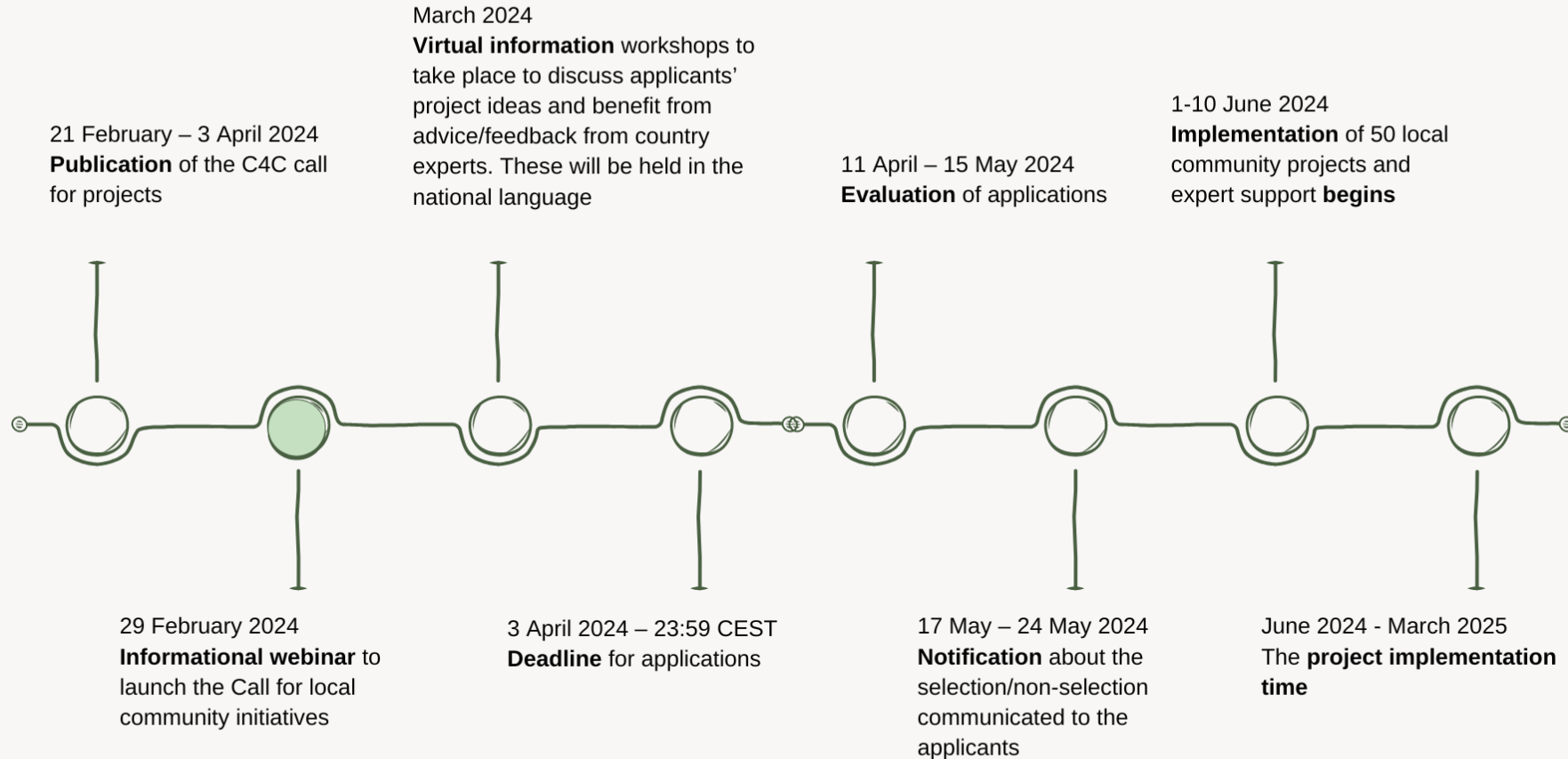


# WHO CAN BENEFIT FROM THE C4C INITIATIVE?

## Types of organisations:

- Civil society organisations (CSOs) and/or non-governmental organisations (NGOs)
- Local authorities, local development agencies and local financial institutions
- Public-private-community partnerships, such as a Local Action Group (LAG)
- Organisations behind the Climate Pact Ambassadors
- Energy communities, smart villages, eco-villages, etc.
- Organisations representing indigenous communities, migrants or minorities
- Local collaborative networks and intermediary organisations that focus on social innovation and social economy

# C4C APPLICATION TIMELINE



# C4C APPLICATION PROCEDURE



- The Call text can be found on the [C4C website](#) in the 11 different languages.
  - More information about the selection procedure can be found in the Q&A section of the Call text, which will be regularly updated.
- You can also complete the [checklist](#) to help you to assess your eligibility.
- If you wish to join the Communities for Climate, complete the [short application form](#)
  - You can download the PDF version as to prepare the application process (or save it online as a draft).
- If you have a specific question that are not addressed in the webinar today or in the Call text, you can send an email to [c4c@aeidl.eu](mailto:c4c@aeidl.eu)

# ELIGIBILITY CHECK

## 5 eligibility criteria

1. Your project's hosting organisation must be a **legal entity**
2. Your project idea has the **main focus on climate action**, covering at least one of the four thematic priorities.
3. Includes a **realistic project idea** that can be implemented between June 2024 and March 2025 and is embedded within the local community.
4. Includes mechanisms for **citizens'/residents' engagement**, spanning the project's design and implementation.
5. Is within the specified **geographical scope, operating within one of the 11 selected countries**. These include Croatia, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Romania, Spain, and Sweden.  
**Cross-border project ideas** are also welcome - and will be given particular attention - if the applying entity is located in one of the 11 selected countries.

# SELECTION CRITERIA

## 6 selection criteria

1. Thematic quality and focus
2. Innovative character at the local level
3. Well-formulated need and potential impact
4. Diversity & mobilisation capacity
5. Projects' exit & sustainability (and potential for further funding)
6. Implementation capacity

The selection will seek to achieve a **balanced geographic distribution** among the selected project applications across the 11 participating countries.

A **balanced** distribution between the **four thematic areas** will also need to be achieved.





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Inspiring ideas toward achieving impacts in renewable energy

*Antonia Proka, Energy Transition Expert and Project Manager at REScoop.eu*

*C4C's lead expert on Renewable Energy*

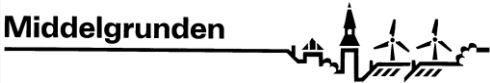












# WHO IS RESCOOP.EU?

- European Federation of Citizen Energy Cooperatives
  - Established in 2013
  - Based in Brussels, Belgium
  - Not-for-profit association
- Represent the voice of citizens and citizen energy cooperatives to European policy makers
  - Support the start-up of new REScoops and provide them with trainings, useful tools and contacts
  - Facilitate international exchanges and cooperation between energy cooperatives
  - Promote the REScoop business model throughout Europe
  - Provide services for the European REScoops

*Citizen energy cooperatives are groups of citizens who cooperate in energy transition projects*



# WHAT DO RESCOOPS DO?

<b>Production</b> electricity/heating	 
<b>Supply</b> electricity/heating	  
<b>Distribution</b> electricity/heating	
<b>IT services</b>	
<b>EV-sharing</b>	 
<b>Financing</b>	
<b>Citizen-led renovation</b>	  



# LET'S ZOOM AT ONE COMMUNITY...

## Energia Bonita, Spain

- La Palma Renewable was funded by the local municipality
- Island-wide collaborative development of the island's decarbonisation strategy
- Emerging energy community Energia Bonita develops solar energy & energy efficiency projects across the island





# WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU REALISE YOUR PROJECT IDEA!

- Do you wish to produce, store, consume or sell renewable energy?
- Do you want to develop an energy community?
- Do you need some support to develop your energy community statute?
- Do you want us to take a look at your business model?
- Do you want to be connected to same minded neighbouring communities?
- We are here to work with you!



# ENERGY COMMUNITIES REPOSITORY



A supportive EU legal framework for energy communities in energy efficiency

POLICY PAPER

In this position paper, REScoop.eu presents recommendations for amending the EED so that it properly acknowledges and support energy communities, in particular



Community Energy: A practical guide to reclaiming power (Greek edition)

BOOK

Greek

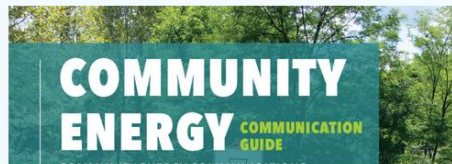
ΚΟΙΝΟΤΙΚΗ ΕΝΕΡΓΕΙΑ: ΕΝΑΣ ΠΡΑΚΤΙΚΟΣ ΟΔΗΓΟΣ ΓΙΑ ΕΝΑ ΔΗΜΟΚΡΑΤΙΚΟ ΕΝΕΡΓΕΙΑΚΟ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΑ



COMPILE Toolkit: Stakeholder Engagement Guide

REPORT

The COMPILE Stakeholder Engagement Guide provides ideas on how to start and structure an energy community, i.e. a group of citizens who want to develop an act



Community energy: Community energy communications at the local level

BOOK



Mapping the Social Impact of Energy Communities

REPORT

The present brief has been jointly prepared by the European federation of citizen energy



Community Energy: A practical guide to reclaiming power (Portuguese edition)

BOOK



# ENERGY COMMUNITY PLATFORM

- Tools and resources for developing energy communities
- For citizens
- More than 100 resources from various European projects
  - Practical guides
  - Reports
  - Online tools
  - Good practices
  - ...
- Search criteria for identification



[www.energycommunityplatform.eu](http://www.energycommunityplatform.eu)



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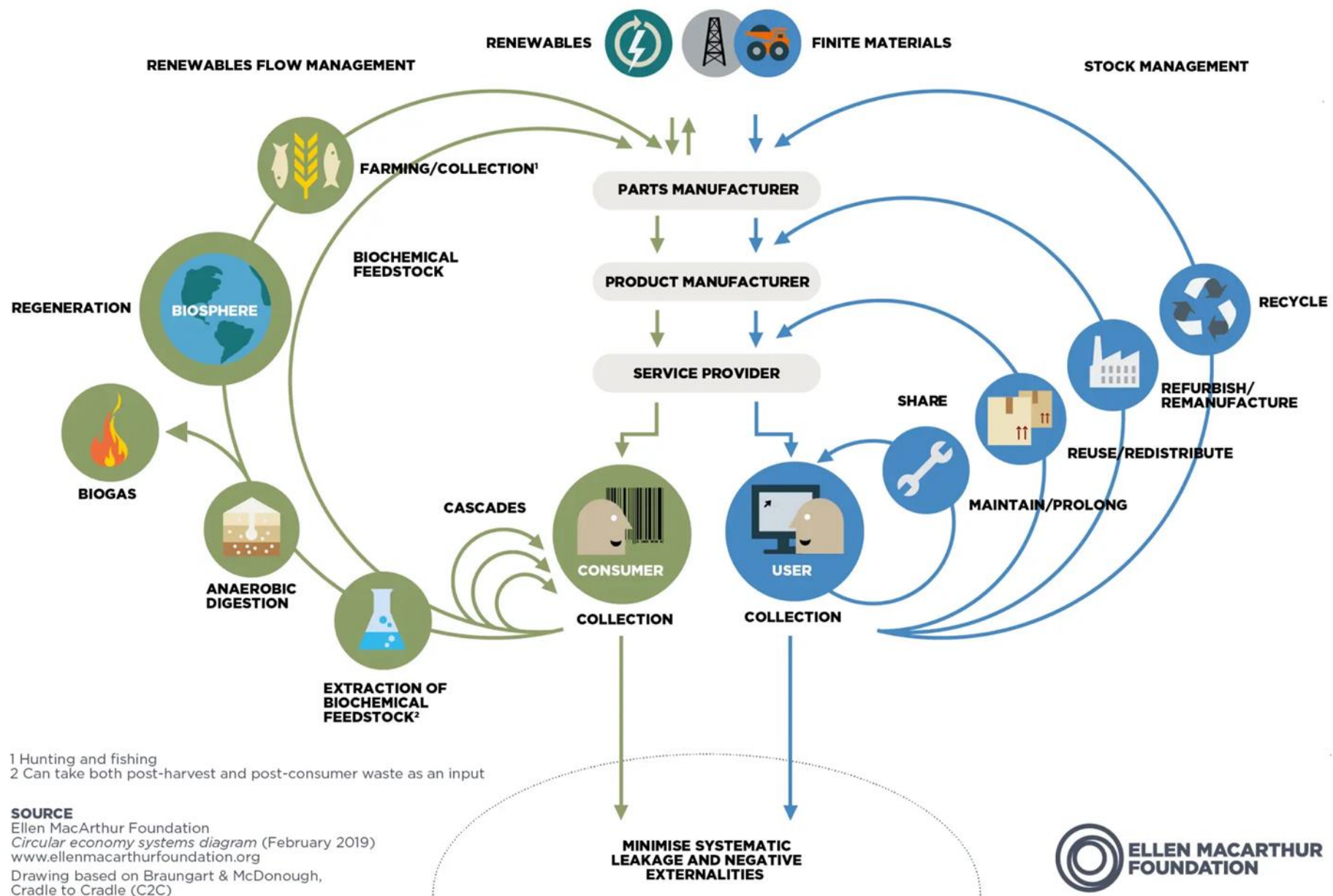
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Inspiring ideas toward achieving impacts in circular economy

*Jack McQuibban, Head of Local Zero Waste Implementation at Zero Waste Europe*

*C4C expert on Circular Economy*



1 Hunting and fishing  
 2 Can take both post-harvest and post-consumer waste as an input

**SOURCE**  
 Ellen MacArthur Foundation  
*Circular economy systems diagram* (February 2019)  
[www.ellenmacarthurfoundation.org](http://www.ellenmacarthurfoundation.org)  
 Drawing based on Braungart & McDonough,  
 Cradle to Cradle (C2C)



BRIEFING

# Capturing the climate change mitigation benefits of circular economy and waste sector policies and measures

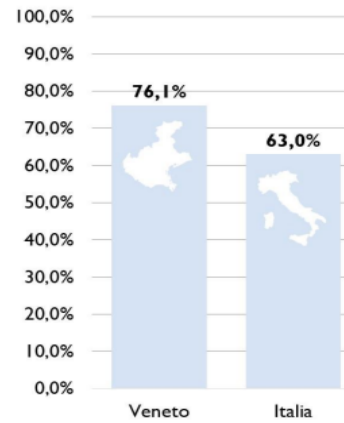
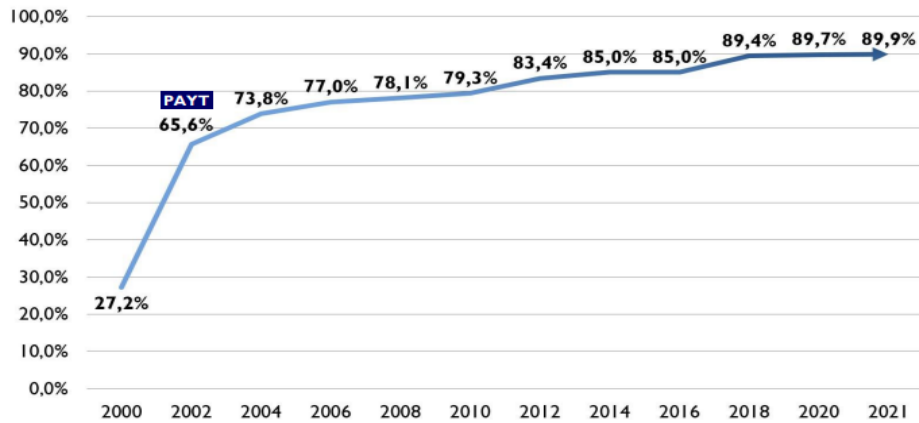


Whitepaper

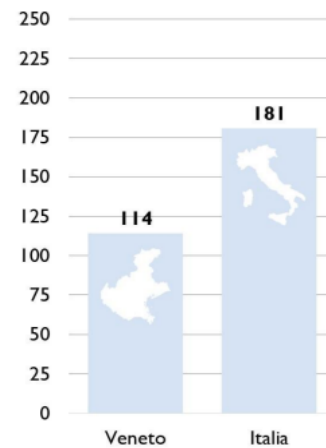
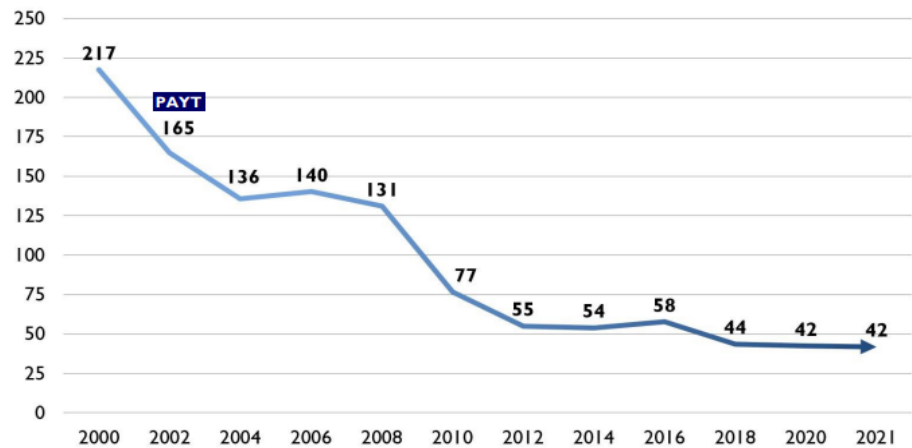
## Reimagining the Waste Framework Directive

An EU Regulatory Framework for a Circular Economy consistent with 1.5 degrees

# POTENTIAL CE MEASURES TO CONSIDER (TREVISO REGION, IT)



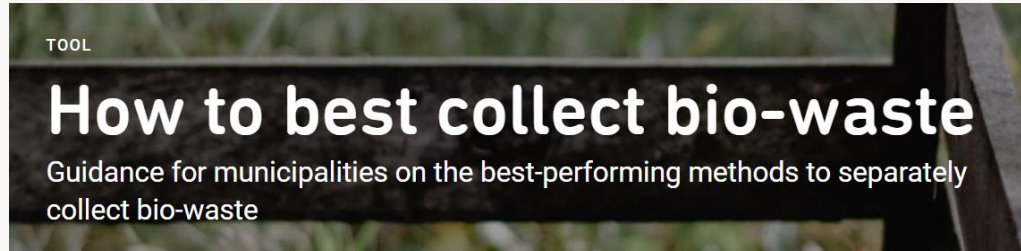
**Separate collection  
rate**



**Residual waste per  
capita (kgs)**



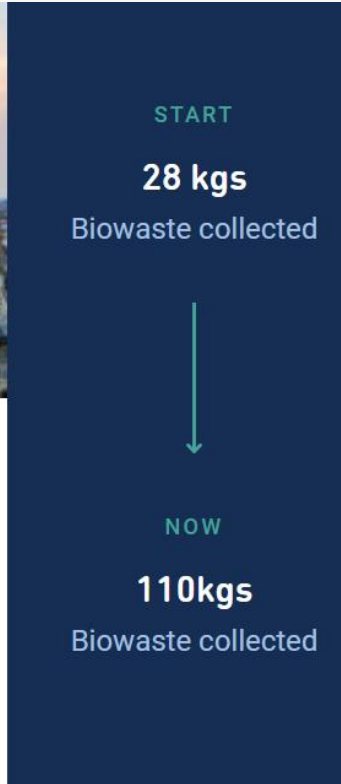
# POTENTIAL CE MEASURES TO CONSIDER



## The Story of Milan

MILAN/ITALY

Milan's case shows that successful biowaste collection schemes can be implemented in densely populated areas, allowing for reduced emissions and costs.



# WHAT CAN CITIES DO TO PREVENT WASTE?

- Urban and spatial planning
- Regulations and legislation
- Circular Public Procurement
- Business support via economic and financial incentives
- Awareness and education with the community







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Inspiring ideas toward achieving impacts in biodiversity

*Csaba Mezei, General Secretary at CEEweb for Biodiversity*

*Expert for Biodiversity for C4C*

# INTRODUCTION TO CEEWEB FOR BIODIVERSITY

Since 1994  
35 members  
10 thematic areas  
12 current projects









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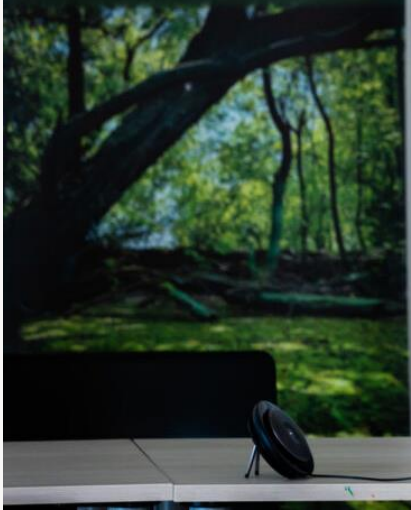
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**CEEweb**  
for Biodiversity

Tata – THE CITY OF LIVING WATERS  
AND WILDLIFE



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GROUP 1

① What are the bottlenecks or weakest points in your country's current peatland related policies?

- no political will (ambition is lower than reality)
- No targeted peatland related policy
- lack of distinction between peatlands and mire
- No env. department
- bottleneck: government (EU)
- policy incoherence
- lack of data
- We don't know what we are doing in exactly → need help and to be supported!
- no land use strategy
- Nobody understands what is peatland and why they are important
- lack of coherence in funds

② Can you mention any best practices, innovative approaches in peatland policy and governance?

- Small scale Local (Municipal) projects eg: Vindarnyogót
- Community (Peatland Wetland Forum (UK))
- European Landscape Strategy (in force)
- PENTACARBON Project - LAT, LITH, GER, EST, POL
- Ecosystem services mapping approach
- N2k EU projects
- N2k management plans
- EUK1 Peatlands projects
- Nature Connect (H2020)
- Crossborder initiatives
- LIFE projects

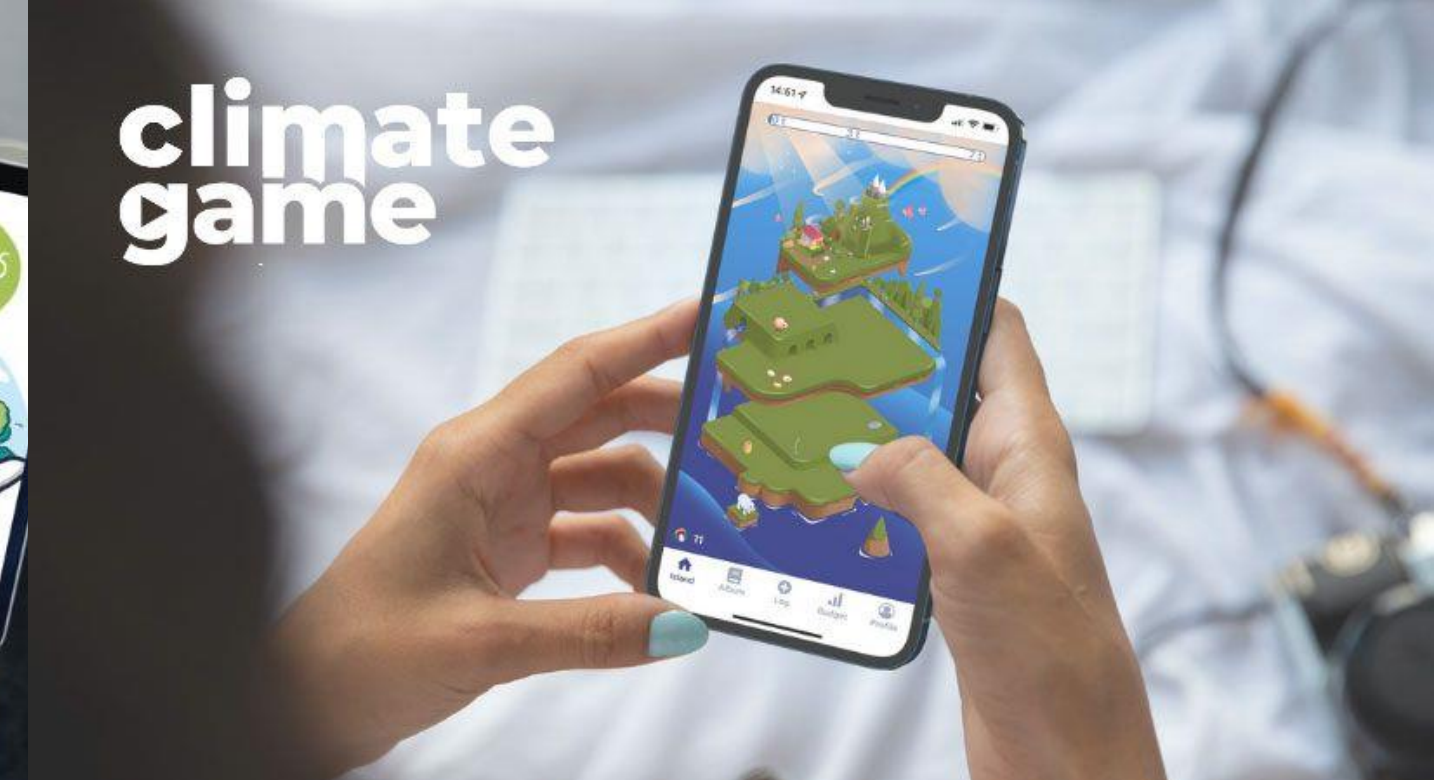








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Inspiring ideas toward achieving impacts in water management

*Simon Chevalking, Researcher at MetaMeta*

*C4C's expert on water management*

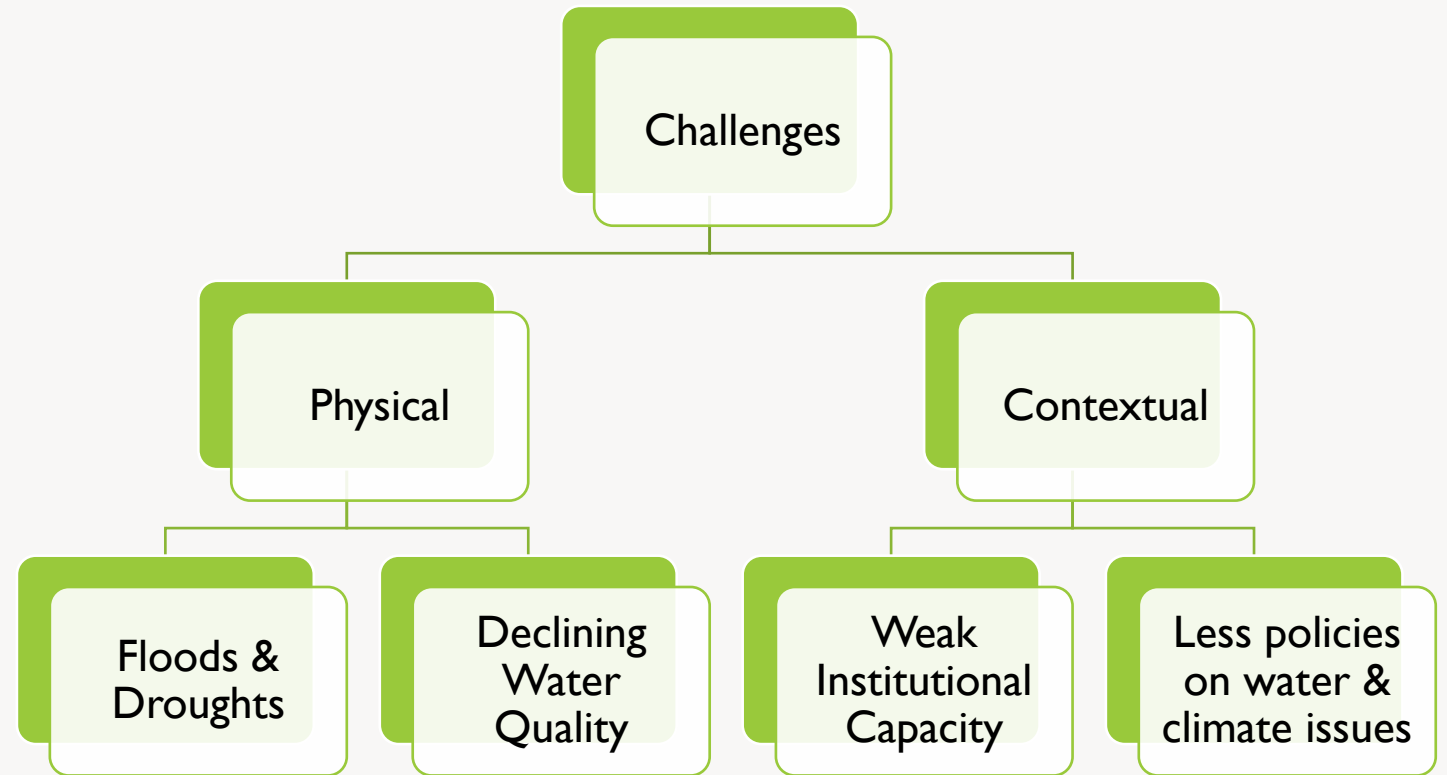
# INTRODUCTION TO METAMETA

- MetaMeta is a **social enterprise**, established in 2004, with registered country offices in the **Netherlands, Ethiopia, Kenya, Turkey, Yemen, Nepal and Sudan** and more than 35 staff
- Our mission is to **contribute with practical solutions and introduce them at scale**
- We **bring the practice in key water, agriculture and climate themes to a higher level** by implementing projects on the ground, by research and learning and by developing capacity and engaging in policies and system change



# C4C – WATER

Water = All Around Us  
ground, soil, on the surface  
(rivers, lakes, ponds, ice-caps,  
snow, glaciers, etc.) or in the air  
(vapour, rain, snow, etc.)



# TECHNICAL EXPERTISE



# URBAN SETTING

## Microclimate

- Regreening and (drought resistant) Vegetation – rooftops, playgrounds, communal gardens, depaving

## Sponge Town

- Water retention: Rooftop water harvesting
- Water recharge: Neighborhood Wadi's (mind shallow groundwater)
- Water reuse: Water purifying ponds – helophyte filters

## Green Roads

### Info

- ✓ [How to create a sponge town](#)
- ✓ [The cities stripping out concrete for earth and plants](#)
- ✓ [Green Roads for Water](#)
- ✓ [+ Guidelines](#)
- ✓ [Sensing city heat from space](#)



## RURAL SETTING



Local climate and Landscape management

[Managing the local climate – a third way to respond to climate change](#)

Beneficial usage of floods (managing flood risks)

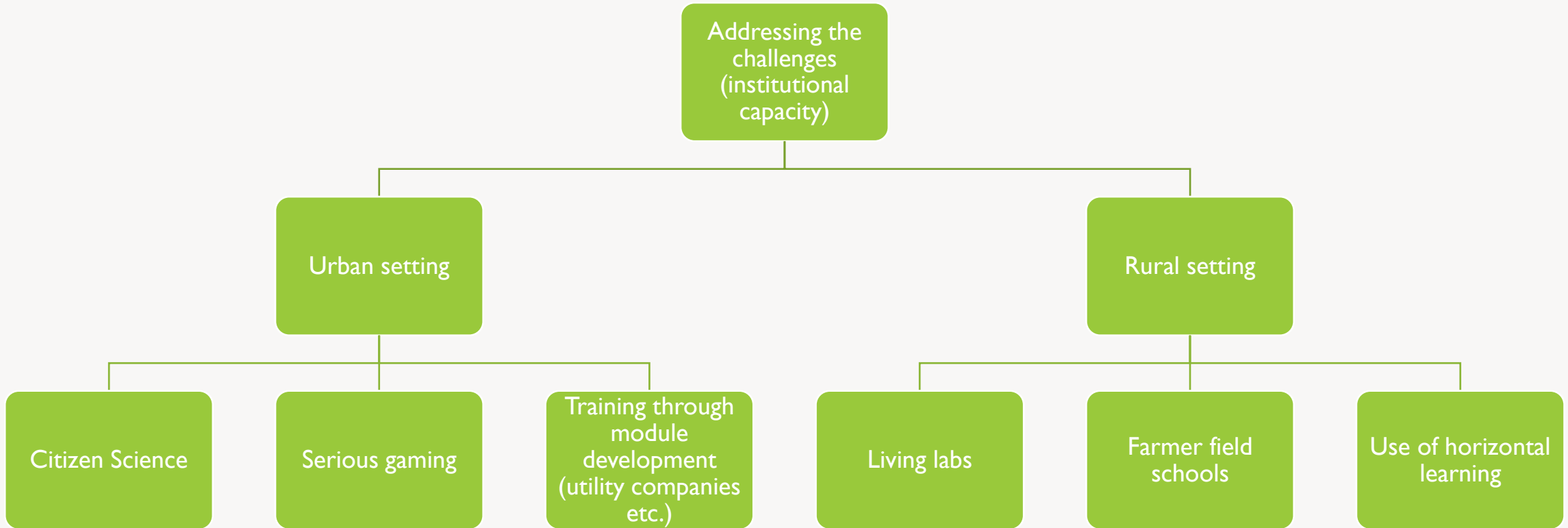
[Flood-Based Livelihoods Network](#)

[Flood risks and environmental vulnerability](#)

Retain, Recharge and Reuse (3R)

[www.bebuffered.com](http://www.bebuffered.com)

# INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY



# DEVELOPPING/SUPPORTING INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY

## Citizen Science

- Water Quality, Climate and Biodiversity Monitoring
- Water and data: [ICT4Water](#) ; [Water Footprint](#) ;

## Serious games

- Examples: [Games 4 Sustainability](#) ; [AgriLemma](#) ; [Sustainable Delta Game](#)

## Training

- Community water management; Landscape restoration; Local climate management/ monitoring
- Utilities; Water Resources agencies; ...

## Living Labs

- [European Network of Living Labs](#)

## Use of horizontal learning

- Peer to Peer learning and exchange visits

## (Re)Discovering / Appreciating (local) Knowledge on Water and Landscapes

- Restoring (ancient/traditional) water harvesting systems (a.o. [water and heritage](#))
- Distribution systems





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Water Management



Green Roads For Water



Flood-based Livelihoods



Regenerative Agriculture



Landscape Rehabilitation



Groundwater Management



Urban Water Resilience



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## Closing Remarks

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