# **Policy Situation in CECI Regions**

# **ARAGÓN, Government of Aragón**

# State of art in regional circular economy policy

**How is circular economy currently promoted on strategical level in your country and region?**

### Aragon ERDF 2014-2020

**Objetive 1:** Strengthening research, technological development and innovation.

**Objetive 2:** Enhancing access to, and use and quality of, information and communication technologies.

**Objetive 3:** Enhancing the competitiveness of SMEs.

**Objetive 4: Supporting the shift towards a low-carbon economy**

**Objetive 6:** Preserving and protecting the environment and promoting resource efficiency.

**Objetive 9:** Promoting sustainable transport and improving network infrastructures.

**PI 4.B:** Promotion of energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy by SMEs.

**PI 4.C:** Support the energy and use of renewable energies in public infraestructura, including public buildings and housing

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Aragonese Strategy for Sustainable Development.

Climate Change Aragonese Strategy 2030 (EACC-2030)

Environmental Education Aragonese Strategy (EAREA-2030)

Biodiversity & Natura 2000 Aragonese Strategy (EABD-2030)

**GIRA Management Plan 2018-2022:** Global document on waste planning in Aragon.

Aragonese Economic and Industrial Promotion Strategy 2017-2019

Aragonese Research and Innovation Strategy for an Intelligent Specialization

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It allows administrations and social agents to have references:

- the **objectives**
- **action programs**
- necessary **tools**

to have environmentally friendly management waste and sustainable development.

**Where can we reconogize the circular economy (CE)?:**

- CE promotion is one of the plan **strategic objectives**.

- The **horizontal Prevention Program** includes measeures:

  - relates to the design,production and distribution

  - that may affect the consumption phase

- In others programs: EPRS, CDW, etc.

**Is citizen involvement in circular economy described in the policy instrument? How?**

**Not yet**, because that, this project will be very important in order to it.

**Do you have examples of regional, ongoing ERDF projects of citizen involvement in circular economy?**

- Aragón ERDF has programming on **Objetive 4** and, specifically, on **energy efficiency in public buildings**, to reduce energy consumption and GHG emissions. In addition, there are **renewable energy** installation projects for companies. All of these actions are part of the circular economy building.

- On the other hand, there are in Aragon ERDF **other objectives** related to technological innovation, improvement of ICT, improvement of competitiveness or support for social inclusion, which are actions that could be framed in what we understand by circular economy.
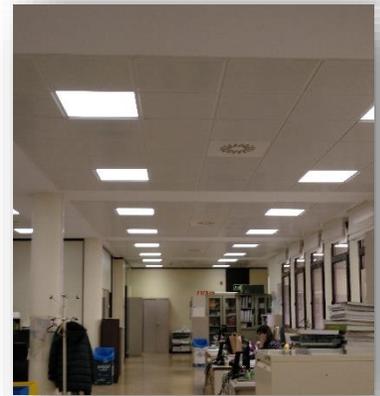
## How should the policy instrument be improved during CECI (focus, visions, development aims)?

At the time the Aragon ERDF 2014-20 OP was elaborated, **Circular Economy was not included as a specific action to be financed by this fund**. Adding it to the use of renewable energies and the improvement of the energy efficiency would close the loop towards the use of the natural resources and minimum production of waste and greenhouse emissions.

- Increase conscious citizen's demand on energy efficient (and at the same time, efficient material) products; involve citizens to be aware of extending the lifetime of goods e.g. repairs, second hand markets.

- Improve circular economy and energy efficiency in the life cycle of products and waste through involving Aragon enterprises.

After the CECI meeting with Aragon's stakeholders, the interest in promoting good practices in circular economy is confirmed, so it is understood that from the ERDF it would be reasonable **to incorporate a specific promotion action to circular economy projects:**

- **Focus:** how good practices of circular economy can be put in practice in people's daily lives
- **Visions:** increase, among the citizens, the culture of prevention in waste generation, preparation for reuse and recycling.
- **Development aims:** *we still have not answer….*

# Team & Stakeholders CECI Aragón.



## State of art in regional circular economy policy. Preliminary results.

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**21 participants:** stakeholders + *Gobierno de Aragón* Team

**Workshop by** *Lego Serious Play*.

### Contexts advantages

Existence of european regulations for circular economy.

Increased citizenship information and environmental education

Academic institutions working on research and training.

New business opportunities and emerging social economy.

### What would help to keep moving forward?

Transposition of waste regulations and their real integration in planning.

Reduce "*toxic information*" to citizens.

Make visible and reward existing good practices.

### What can we engage in?

Leadership of public administrations.

Improvement of transparency in information.

Networking to improve capabilities.

**Thank you!**