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Introducing CEM for SMEs

“Empowering the new Circular Economy Managers”

ERASMUS + KA2 project in the field of Vocational Education and Training



Circular Economy Managers for SMEs in the Agrifood sector



CEMforSMEs is an Erasmus + project financed by the Portuguese National Agency under the KA2 action in the field of Vocational Education and Training, involving 7 partners from 6 EU countries and running for 24 months.

It aims to create new job opportunities and improve skills for current employees, especially in SMEs in the Agrifood sector, through the circular economy model.

The project has four main objectives:

1. To support the professional development of managers in SMEs to facilitate the transition from the linear to the circular economy
2. To foster the development of VET students' competences and the integration of skills needed for the circular economy
3. To develop the professional profile of the circular economy manager and define their role, increasing the quality of job opportunities
4. To develop an innovative curriculum with the use of gamification elements to increase skills and establish the certification process of the Circular Economy Manager.

Seven entities, six countries, one common aim




The partnership of CEMforSMEs is composed by a diverse range of entities that are expert in the fields of Circular Economy, Sustainable Development, Education and Training, Project Management and Communication.

The 7 partners are:

- [GLOBAZ S.A. from Portugal - Coordinator](#)
- [SYAJ - ASSOCIACAO JUVENIL SYNERGIA from Portugal](#)
- [MEUS - MARKEUT SKILLS SOCIEDAD LIMITADA from Spain](#)
- [IED - A.B. INSTITUTE OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT LTD from Cyprus](#)
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What's in store for the future of Circular Economy Management

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The CEMforSMEs project is made up by four main phases which foresee research, design and creation of publications, curriculums, educational resources and policy recommendation

- The first phase is the state-of-the-art research on the circular economy in all participating countries in the Food and Agriculture sector, with a needs analysis divided into desk and field research.
- The second phase focused on developing the Circular Economy Manager profile and curriculum.
- The third phase is the design of the VET CE training model and contents, as well as the design of the pilot program.
- Finally, the fourth phase is focusing on developing CEM mini-games and creating a policy handbook and multiplier events, with emphasis on the transferability of the curriculum to other fields.

Keep following us to get to know the developments of our outputs and all the news related to the project!

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