

Project factsheet - Assessment grid

PROJECT OVERVIEW				
Project Ref. No.	DRP0200020			
Project title	Danube Region Programme			
Acronym	WE.Circular			
Priority axis	1 A more competitive and smarter Danube Region			
SO	1.2 - IndustrialTransition			
Lead partner	Regional Agency for Entrepreneurship and Innovations - Varna			
Lead partner country	Bulgaria (BG)			
Lead partner legal status	Public			
Project duration	30			
Total Interreg Funds	1919410.36			
Total Eligible Budget	2399262.97			

Project Summary

Even though efforts are put in supporting women entrepreneurs (WE) still only 25.6% of the founders in the Danube region (DR) are female. Gender divide exists in all sectors including those related to circular transition and sectors that underpin it. COVID-19 accelerated the digital transition but has accentuated the digital skills gap that already existed and new inequalities are emerging as many people do not have the required level of digital skills. Besides skills for business development and circular transition WE from the DR need to improve their digital skills in order to become more competitive. WE.Circular comes as a response of these specific needs of WE in the DR through project transnational activities focused on: identification of needs and challenges WE face in their digital and CE transition; exchange of knowledge; CE policy measures in the DR, policy improvement and S3s harmonization to be aligned to their needs through developed Transnational Strategy for WE Circular Transition; innovative training programme for development and improvement of digital and CE culture and skills delivered by Learning Network; innovative circular business models for recycling, reuse, and reduce developed and tested by WE.Circular Labs which will also facilitate increase of skills of stakeholders to harmonize S3s; capacity building of the public authorities regarding assessment of innovative circular business model and, design of a supportive WE policy framework via Transnational Policy Learning Centre. The consortium of 15 PPs, 11 ASPs from 12 DR countries brings together national & regional, public and private organizations and universities, whose specific thematic background guarantees a solid knowledge and necessary expertise by coming forward with appropriate innovative solutions. It will upgrade existing cooperation mechanisms between the target groups based on quadruple helix model. WE.Circular results will have strong economic & green impact.

LIST OF PROJECT PARTNERS					
No.	Institution name	Country	Total Interreg funds	Total eligible budget	
RAPIV	Regional Agency for Entrepreneurship and Innovations - Varna	Bulgaria (BG)	151256.80	189071.00	

VFU	Varna Free University "Chernorizets Hrabar"	Bulgaria (BG)	97269.16	121586.46
IRS	Innovation Region Styria LTD	Österreich (AT)	140777.00	175971.25
TECHPARK	Technology Park Varaždin Itd	Hrvatska (HR)	122124.00	152655.00
IREAS	IREAS, Institute for Structural Policy, o. p. s.	#esko (CZ)	131678.40	164598.00
BWCON	Bwcon GmbH	Deutschland (DE)	140988.44	176235.55
CCIS	Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Štajerska	Slovenija (SI)	124208.80	155261.00
PBN	Pannon Business Network Association	Magyarország (HU)	123668.80	154586.00
IFKA	IFKA Public Benefit Nonprofit Ltd.	Magyarország (HU)	140240.80	175301.00
Ropot Boutique	Ropot Boutique SRL	România (RO)	133080.00	166350.00
SBA	Slovak Business Agency	Slovensko (SK)	133788.80	167236.01
ODA	Organization for Entrepreneurship Development	Moldova (MD)	121440.00	151800.00
FTC BiH	Foreign Trade Chamber of Bosnia and Herzegovina	Bosnia and Herzegovina (BA)	102647.60	128309.50
UNSA	University of Sarajevo	Bosnia and Herzegovina (BA)	129728.00	162160.00
ABW	Association of Business Women in Serbia	Serbia (RS)	126513.76	158142.20
TOTAL (EUR)		1919410.36	2399262.97	

LIST OF ASSOCIATED PARTNERS				
No.	Institution name	Country		
CCIS	SPIRIT Slovenia, public agency	Slovenija (SI)		
RAPIV	Ministry of Economy and Industry	Bulgaria (BG)		
IFKA	Ministry of Innovation and Culture	Magyarország (HU)		
SBA	Circular Slovakia	Slovensko (SK)		
PBN	Female Entrepreneurs Club Association	Magyarország (HU)		
ODA	Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Moldova	Moldova (MD)		
UNSA	Ministry of Science, Higher Education and Youth	Bosnia and Herzegovina (BA)		
IRS	Economic Chamber of Styria – Dep. founder- and economic services	Österreich (AT)		
TECHPARK	City of Varaždin	Hrvatska (HR)		
ABW	Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Serbia	Serbia (RS)		

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