INCIRCULAR Final conference

Looping Circular Plastics Innovation Across Allied European Regions

INCIRCULAR will celebrate its final conference, "**Looping Circular Plastics Innovation Across Allied European Regions**", on **24 September 2026** in **Ljubljana, Slovenia**. The event will bring together **industry representatives**, **SMEs**, **research and technology organisations**, **policymakers**, **public authorities** and **European stakeholders** to explore the project's achievements and the future of circular plastics innovation, replication and investment across European regions. It will showcase experiences from the industrial pilot, regional replication activities and SME innovation projects, while providing an opportunity to exchange on how collaboration, innovation and investment can support the wider adoption of circular solutions across European value chains.

Event details

Date: Thursday, 24th September 2026
Venue: Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Slovenia (GZS), Dimičeva ulica 13, 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia
Format: Hybrid (in-person and online participation)
Registration: https://incircular-project.eu/incircular-final-conference

AGENDA

Time	Discussion topic	Presenter
09:00-09:30	Registration & coffee	—
Welcome and INCIRCULAR results		
09:30-10:00	Welcome remarks	Dr Aleš Hančič, TECOS, INCIRCULAR Coordinator, and Caterina Verde, EISMEA Project Officer
	INCIRCULAR as a Catalyst for Circular Innovation: Key Results, Impacts and Lessons Learnt	Dr Vesna Žepič Bogataj, TECOS

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Plastic Circularity in Europe: Strategic outlook		
10:00-11:30	Life After Plastic Waste: Ecodesign for the Full Product Life Cycle	Katarzyna Śliwa, CEO, Ergodesign
	ELV Regulations and the Future of Circular Plastics in Mobility	James Howson, Mechanical Design Engineer, Adria Mobil Ltd
	Digital Product Passports and Circular Consumer Goods	Urška Butolen, Head of Corporate Sustainability Management, Hisense Europe / Gorenje
Coffee break 11:30 - 12:00		
Transnational panel with policy recommendations		
12:00-13:30	Introductory Panel Presentation: The I3 Instrument – Support for Interregional Cooperation and Investment from a Circular Economy Perspective	Dr Aleš Hančič — TECOS, Slovenian Tool and Die Development Centre Caterina Verde — European Innovation Council and SMEs Executive Agency (EISMEA), I3 Instrument Tomislav Pinter — European Commission, DG REGIO Dr Draško Veselinovič — Slovenian Business & Research Association (SBRA) Dr. Aleš Mihelič — Hisense Europe / Gorenje Silvester Bolka (Faculty of Polymer Technology – UP FTPO) James Howson (ADRIA Mobil Ltd) Marko Omahen — OMAPLAST
Technology-driven and circular business models in less-developed EU regions		
13:30-15:00	Replication of best circular practices in Andalusia	Dr Raúl Carrillo Beltrán

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Replication of best circular practices in Slovenia	Dr Vesna Žepič Bogataj
Pilot Actions & Flagship Projects: Innovation Projects Funded by INCIRCULAR • WR-KNIVES • CLARA • MOIK • PLASTNIR • SMART-MOLD • PITS	• Luka Pušnik, TRO Cutting Tools • José Ramón Vilanova, Rovimatica • Alen Šapek, Additio • Guilherme Felipe, ISR • Ondřej Maršíček, Logix • Clara Spetebroodt, Plas'tri
Presentation I3 project INV1: DEREMCO (Demonstrating Innovative Circular Composite Technologies for Advanced Industrial Applications)	Silvester Bolka, MSc, Head of the Centre for Cooperation with Industry at the University of Primorska Faculty of Polymer Technology (UP FTPO)
Presentation I3 project INV2a: SICAPERMA (Catalysing investment in rare-earth magnet recycling)	Jorge Contreras Ubric, University of Jaén
Closing remarks and networking lunch	

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