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Call for Cities and Regions – join the CCRI Mentoring Programme



The Circular Cities and Regions Initiative (CCRI) opens a Call for Cities and Regions that would like to receive tailored support and mentorship in their transition towards circularity.



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The CCRI Knowledge Hub team provides essential support to cities and regions transitioning to a circular economy. To continue further extending its offerings, it is now launching the **CCRI mentoring program**.

As part of this new programme, selected cities and regions will benefit from tailored resources and expert guidance to navigate the complexities of their circular transition.

The programme will start with a comprehensive diagnostic assessment of their current circular transition readiness. Based on this assessment, the CCRI team will co-design – together with stakeholders from each city or region – highly-tailored support pathways so that the assistance provided well meets beneficiaries' needs and takes into consideration the specificities of their local context. The support pathways serve as a structured guide, developed in collaboration with local and regional stakeholders, to help cities and regions advance towards circularity. They are based on the needs identified during the initial assessment and will include tailored workshops, expert mentoring sessions on specific topics, and access to comprehensive materials such as guides, manuals, and other resources.

Beneficiary cities and regions will have the opportunity to receive **expert mentoring** focused on the four key areas of the **CCRI Knowledge Hub**: public engagement, innovation and technology, business models and financial support, and impact evaluation.

Joining the CCRI Mentoring Programme is an excellent opportunity for cities and regions that are eager to accelerate the implementation of circular economy practices.

How to apply

Interested cities and regions should express their interest in receiving tailored support and mentorship through this [online form](#). Deadline for submission: The expression of interest is to be submitted by 15th December 2024.

Who can apply

The call is open to any interested cities or regions, regardless their size, location, advancement in their circular transition, or previous involvement in the CCRI (newcomers welcome!).

Note: CCRI Pilots that are already supported by the CCRI Coordination and Support Office are not eligible to participate in this mentoring programme.

Download and read [the attached document](#) for further details on the CCRI mentoring programme. This programme is managed by the CCRI Knowledge Hub team.



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