



## Circular economy - a new concept of environmental protection and development opportunity for the Republic of Serbia

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## Sustainable development



- UN Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development sets out 17 goals
- Circular economy –a tool assisting countries to achieve sustainable development goals
- 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13 and 17-directly related to circular economy



## Circular economy in Serbia

- Currently, linear economy generates waste recycled at a rate of 3%
- The CE concept was recognized in Serbia in 2016
- Promotional campaign organized in 6 cities across the country
- Publication: "Circular economy – a development opportunity for Serbia"
- Good media coverage of the events



## Transition to a circular economy-benefits for Serbia

- ✓ opportunity for accelerating development
- ✓ better competitiveness and creation of new jobs (development of start ups, small and medium-size businesses)
- ✓ raising awareness, shifting to new behavioral patterns and business models
- ✓ contribution to less environmental pollution
- ✓ better quality of life for citizens
- ✓ more secure future



## Circular economy in Serbia - current status

- November 2018 - Group for Circular and Green Economy was established within the Ministry of Environmental Protection - institutional setup supporting circular economy
- April 2019 - Multisectoral Working Group for Circular Economy – strategic framework for CE
- Members constitute representatives from 17 different institutions, ministries and other relevant organizations
- Meetings aim to coordinate ongoing and planned activities, create synergies



## Ongoing projects supporting the transition to CE in Serbia

- **UNDP:** *Platform for Circular Economy for Sustainable Development in Serbia, 2018- 2019 (preparation of the platform for circular economy; Road Map for Serbia; logo and website for CE)*
- **GIZ:** *Climate Sensitive Waste Management, 2018-2020 (supporting municipalities, companies and CSOs in CE implementation)*
- **PLAC:** *Preparation of an ex-ante assessment for circular economy in accordance with the new RS Law on Planning*



## Ongoing activities towards transitioning to CE

- ✓ Developing a detailed analysis of sectors relevant to strengthening circular economy (waste management, energy efficiency, RE, public procurement, standards, technological innovation, economy, urban development, chemical management, etc.)
- ✓ Drafting a comparative legal analysis of EU and national legislation relevant to CE;
- ✓ Development of a digital Platform for circular economy
- ✓ Drafting a National Circular Economy Road Map



## Ongoing activities towards CE



- ✓ Developing an ex-ante impact assesment for circular economy
- ✓ Designing a logo and website for circular economy;
- ✓ Harmonizing national regulations in line with requirements and principles of circular economy;
- ✓ Reviewing economic instruments and available European funds to promote circular economy;
- ✓ Fostering innovation and a creative industry, developing digital platforms.

Thank you for your attention!



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