



## What is new in the project?

### Partners kick-off the CirCLER project!

Partners of the EU funded CirCLER project met on the 21st and 22nd of February in Milan for the official kick-off of the project, hosted by FederLegnoArredo (FLA). The CirCLER project led by AMBIT has officially started. The project has been recently funded under the call Erasmus+, ERASMUS-EDU-2023-PI-ALL-INNO, and will run for three years.

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### Workshop Validates Key Competencies for Circular Economy Transition Manager in Furniture Sector

In May, partners implemented the CirCLER questionnaire to identify and validate the competencies required for a highly demanded new role in the furniture sector: the Circular Economy Transition Manager (CETM). The survey engaged over 150 experts from across the EU, including circular economy specialists, furniture sector employers and employees, and VET/Higher Education professionals.

This survey marks the first crucial step in the CirCLER project, aimed at defining the CETM job profile, developing the associated curriculum, and creating a training toolkit to address existing skills and knowledge gaps in the EU. Next, partners will host an online workshop with at least 25 experts from the furniture sector and circular economy, both internal and external.

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### MICROCREDENTIALS an effective approach to the transformations in training and labour

In order to reduce the employment mismatch and support the sustainability of labor markets undergoing significant demographic transformations and energy and digital transitions, the European policymakers have developed systems to certify specific skills through short training courses. These so-called microcredentials enable workers to acquire specific skills and abilities in an accelerated timeframe, in order to better respond to the particular demands of firms and the labor market as a whole.

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### 2nd CirCLER Partners' Meeting

On June 20, 2024, the CirCLER project partners convened online for their second meeting. The session began with an informal exchange among partners, setting a collaborative tone for discussions on recent developments and future steps in the project.

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### CirCLER Experts Workshop

On June 26, 2024, an online meeting of the consortium for the project "CirCLER - Circular Economy Transition Manager: guiding companies of the furniture value chain to deploy their transition strategy for a more circular economy " funded by the European Union, took place. Organizers of the meeting were AMBIT: Interior furnishings and hotel contract cluster and innovation hub and Ukrainian National Forestry University.

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