

Circular Cities in Action

AI-Powered Tools for Circular Transition at Scale

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Cities across Europe are under mounting pressure to accelerate their circular economy transition — but many lack the tools, data, and capacity to move from policy commitment to practical implementation. This event marks the culmination of the CircularPSP programme (grant agreement no. 101092208) and introduces two AI-powered platforms — **CircOS** and **CircularAI** — developed specifically to address this gap. Through presentation of the two platforms, firsthand city testimonials, and a structured roundtable, participants will explore what it means in practice to use AI to drive circular city transformation, what is needed to scale validated solutions and what it takes to successfully uptake them in different city settings.

PROGRAMME	
09:00 – 09:10	Welcome and opening remarks <i>Georg Vogt – CircularPSP Coordinator, empirica GmbH</i> Framing the moment: where CircularPSP has arrived, the AI policy context, and how it shapes the conversation today.
09:10 – 09:50	CircOS & CircularAI: evidence, value, road to scale <i>Kim Turk Mehes – CircOS Deployment Lead, VCG.AI GmbH · Vitória Fank Spohr – CircularAI</i> What does market-ready look like for circular AI platforms? Evidence that the solution works; value delivered to cities; what it takes to go from validated to widely adopted.
09:50 – 10:20	City testimonials — two pilot use cases <i>Francisco Ferreira – City of Guimarães · Dina Padalkina – Circular Berlin</i> Firsthand experience of working with an AI platform in a small and large city context: success stories, lessons learned, challenges remaining.
10:20 – 10:30	Comfort break
10:30 – 10:45	EU Agenda for Cities — supporting circular transformation <i>Pia Laurila – Team Leader, Cities · European Commission, DG REGIO</i> How the EU Agenda for Cities supports cities as critical actors in the circular economy transition, and a signal of EU ambition.
10:45 – 11:45	Routes to adoption — roundtable discussion <i>Moderator: Draško Veselinovič – Director, SBRA. Roundtable participants: Francisco Ferreira (Guimarães) · Dina Padalkina (Circular Berlin) · Helena O'Rourke-Potocki (ICLEI) · Chiara Venturini (Eurocities) · Pia Laurila (EC, DG REGIO)</i> What it would take for cities to embed these platforms permanently; how multiplier organisations can promote them; and what EU funding and enabling conditions would help cities adopt at scale.
11:45 – 12:00	Reaction <i>Draško Veselinovič (SBRA) · Kim Turk Mehes (CircOS) · Vitória Fank Spohr (CircularAI)</i> Roundtable synthesis, platform team responses, and questions from the audience.
12:00 – 12:10	Concluding remarks and next steps <i>Georg Vogt – CircularPSP Coordinator, empirica GmbH</i>
12:10	Informal lunch and live platform demonstrations CircOS and CircularAI demo stations running side by side. Meet the teams, see the platforms in action, and continue roundtable conversations.

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