

EU Danube Region Strategy

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**GREEN TECH, CIRCULAR ECONOMY &
CIRCULAR BIOECONOMY**



Slovenian Center for Circular Economy

Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Slovenia


Basics

Name: Slovenian Center for Circular Economy

Country: Slovenia

Scoring: 41/50

Key Project Data:

 2025-2029

 3.499.856 €

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Project Coordinator:



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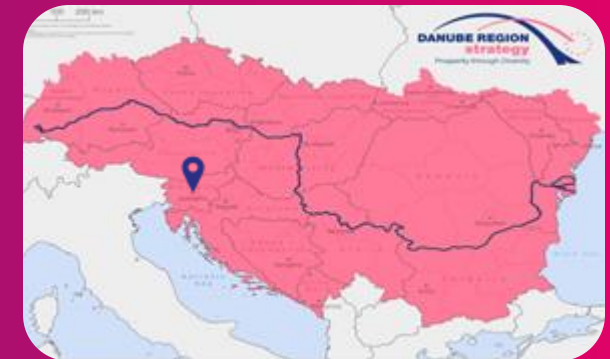
Consortium:

Lead partner

Chamber of Commerce and Industry of
Slovenia

Partners

Chamber of Craft and Small Business of
Slovenia, Slovenian National Building and
Civil Engineering Institute, Pomurje
Technology Park, E-institute - Institute for
Comprehensive Development Solutions,
CPU Reuse Center, CONSENSUS, ARCTUR



About the project

Goal:

- promote **sustainable development** and **efficient resource use** through the implementation of **circular business models**, waste reduction, and fostering innovation in production and consumption
- reduce the **environmental footprint** + create **sustainable economic growth** and **social inclusion**
- Including stakeholders of all kinds: companies, municipalities, politics, schools and consumers

Key performance indicators (KPIs) and activities

- **12 entry points** providing counselling, training and advise to SMEs, local communities and other stakeholders
- **holistic virtual platform** including a knowledge base with comprehensive tools like a platform for industrial symbiosis and the trade of - secondary raw materials, database of providers of knowhow, lab environments and other services supporting the green transition
- implementation of **+100 trainings** and **educational services and events**
- comprehensive **coaching** and **mentoring** for SMEs and local communities
- supporting the **establishment of new value chains** and **collaborations**
- **comprehensive study** on the circular economy in Slovenia

Methodology



Analysis:

Green transition perceived as cost rather than opportunity by Slovenian businesses → limited investment in low-carbon technologies + circular models



Aim:

Creation of **six interconnected work packages** → comprehensive **framework** to support the circular transition across sectors and regions in Slovenia

Work Packages

WP1	Building a supportive environment for circular economy development	WP3	In-depth expert assistance, tailored to complex challenges or advanced circular economy projects	WP5	Domestic + international communication + promotion
Focus on organizational, financial + administrative management of SCKG	WP2	Expert support through knowledge gathering, training, and advisory services	WP4	Focus on network + collaboration	WP6

Impact

The SCKG project has an impact on the entire country, especially Eastern Slovenia:

Economy

- Reduced environmental burden
- Increased resource resilience
- Stimulation of innovation in business models
- Development of new market opportunities

Local Communities

- Increase resource efficiency
- Reduce environmental impact
- Encourage sustainable development of local communities
- Improve quality of life
- Boost resilience to environmental + economic challenges

Policymakers

Refined and evidence-based political measures are key to accelerating the green transition, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and pollution, and effectively tackling climate change and lead to:

- Stronger economic competitiveness through creation of jobs in green technologies
- increasing economic resilience
- Reduction of energy dependence
- Enhancement of national stability
- Improvement of quality of life by reducing air and water pollution

Consumers + the Public

- Improved awareness among consumers + the public about circular solutions, technologies + consumption habits

Outcome (as of summer 2025)

- ✓ The platform has been launched
- ✓ Self-assessment tool on the website
- ✓ Trading place for secondary materials
- ✓ Database of service providers
- ✓ provision of educational content
- ✓ Network of entry points
- ✓ Close collaboration with three ministries