

Government Mechanisms for Strategic Promotion of the Circular Economy

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Two cases in focus of the presentation

 Cooperation between the ministries and the Finnish Innovation Fund Sitra regarding the strategic promotion of circular economy

Multi-stakeholder cooperation between ministries, research institutes, industry and regional actors on creating a Circular Economy Green Deal towards 2035.



Case: Cooperation between the ministries and the Finnish Innovation Fund Sitra regarding the strategic promotion of circular economy

5 key facts about Sitra

- 1. A gift from Parliament to the 50-year-old Finland.
- 2. An independent foresight agency: futurologist, researcher, visionary, developer, experimentalist, partner, trainer, networker.
- 3. Funded by returns on endowment capital and capital investments.
- 4. Envisages Finland as a successful pioneer in sustainable well-being.
- 5. Its vision is supported by three themes, six focus areas and dozens of projects.







Sitra's roadmaps on circular economy for Finland

Drafted during two interconnected projects on circular economy in 2016 & 2019



Leading the cycle: Finnish road map to a circular economy 2016-2025

sitra.fi/en/publications/leading-cycle/



The critical move – Finland's road map to a circular economy 2.0

sitra.fi/en/projects/critical-move-finnish-road-map-circular-economy-2-0/



Inspirated by Sitra's work, the governmental program 2019-2023 recognized the need for strategic circular economy program



Programme of Prime Minister Sanna Marin's Government 10 December 2019

INCLUSIVE AND COMPETENT FINLAND

a socially, economically and ecologically sustainable society



"We will strengthen Finland's role as a leader in the circular economy. We will adopt a horizontal, strategic circular economy programme and the related indicators over the government term. The programme will set targets, define the necessary measures and allocate the resources needed to promote the circular economy in Finland."

Drafting and implementation of the strategic circular economy program

- Responsibility: Ministry of the Environment, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment
- Drafting in 2020, implementation decision in 04/2021
- Wide cooperation though steering groups with key stakeholders: ministries, companies, municipalities, Sitra, research institutes, industry associations.
- Key results and actions:
 - National 2035 objectives for the more sustainable use of natural resources
 - Circular Economy Green Deal 2022-2035



Case: Multi-stakeholder cooperation between ministries, research institutes, industry and regional actors on creating a Circular Economy Green Deal towards 2035.

One of the key actions of strategic circular economy programme.

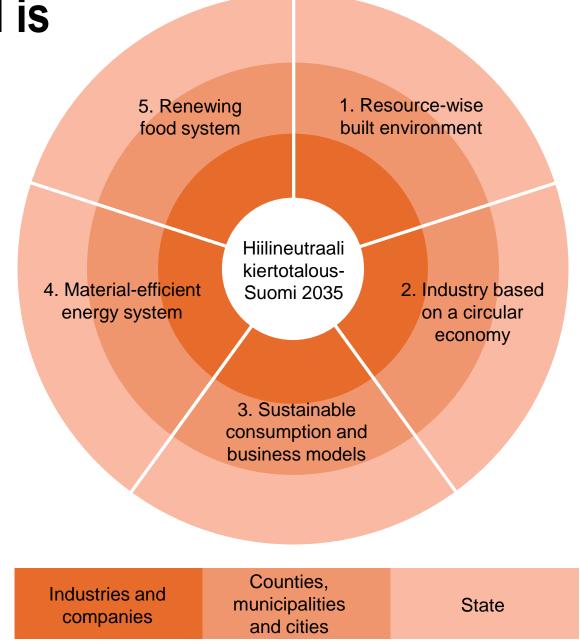
Circular Economy Green Deal is a unique collaboration

A strategic cooperation model for promoting the goals of the Circular Economy Program

- Voluntary commitment to effective actions to reduce the consumption of natural resources.
- Prepared together with almost 90 organizations and hundreds of experts (2022-2024).
- For companies, industries, municipalities and counties.

Research institutes' scenario work alongside

- Status of the use of natural resources and its effects on the environment and the economy.
- Most effective measures for the Circular Economy Green deal



Further information: ym.fi/en/kiertotalouden-green-deal

Thank you!

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