NetWorkshop Circular Cities, Towns, Villages and Municipal Utilities

Closing resource loops on a local level and starting the transition towards a circular economy.

The 2-day interactive workshop and networking event aims to support the Circular Economy on the local level by focusing on the following three main questions:

1. Why Circular Economy and what role do cities, towns and villages play in this transition?
2. How to take the first steps towards Circular Economy and overcome barriers that are often more persistent in the cultural and governance domain than in lack of technology?
3. With whom can we drive the transition to Circular Economy at the local level and what are the benefits of collaborating with companies, citizens and civil society?

Save the date: 1.4.2020 and 2.4.2020
Time: 12:00 – 21:00 and 08:45 – 13:00
Address: DBU Zentrum für Umweltkommunikation, An der Bornau 2, 49090 Osnabrück

Urban agglomerations are both engines for growth and creativity as well as vast resource consumption. In 2017, 54% of the world’s population lived in urban areas. While generating 85% of global value added, they also account for 75% of natural resource consumption, 50% of global waste production and 60-80% of greenhouse gas emissions.

The World Circular Economy Forum 2019 in Helsinki emphasised the key role of cities for setting the course towards a Circular Economy.

What if a more circular city>town>village ...

- Would boost economic productivity increases through reduced congestion, eliminated waste, and reduced costs?
- Supports new business opportunities, skills development and jobs?
- Is more livable with improved air quality, reduced pollution, and enhanced social interactions?
- Helps you to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapting to the effects of climate change?
- Is more resilient, reducing reliance on raw materials by keeping products in use and balancing local production with global supply chains?
- Supports your local journey towards meeting the Sustainable Development Goals?
Cities>towns>villages are ...

• The end point of many value chains with local potential for further resource utilisation and exploitation
• The ideal environment for the development and testing of new resource use strategies due to its manageable size and administrative structure
• Places with high creative potential
• Crystallization point for the interaction of civic commitment, administration and companies and thus also breeding ground for new business models
• Dynamic places of continuous change – also in terms of social values, emission reduction, skill building, new business models, lifestyles and consumption patterns

Join us on 1 - 2 April 2020 in Osnabrück!

Meet pioneers, leading promoters and implementers of Circular Economy principles on the city level. Get inspired by leading examples and benefit from experiences of frontrunners. Learn, network and discuss how to ...

• Make Circular Economy a priority of your city>town>village
• Engage (as) municipal utilities, build capacity and create new business models
• Engage with citizens, civil society, academia and companies to align local production and resource needs with global supply chains
• Exchange and engage with other cities>towns>villages on innovative approaches

Target group

Mayors and decision-makers of city administrations and municipal companies. We recommend to join as tandem or even larger delegate group.

The NetWorkshop will be in English to benefit from and network with other European cities. It is co-organised by Deutsche Bundesstiftung Umwelt (DBU) and the Collaborating Centre on Sustainable Consumption and Production (CSCP) gGmbH.

Participation fee and registration

Thanks to financial support of DBU the registration fee is only 50 Euros. This includes food and drinks during the programme as well as the networking dinner. However, space is limited. If you want to receive further information about programme and registration or want to propose an interactive workshop to share circular city experiences, please write to v.morgenstern@dbu.de

We look forward to seeing you in Osnabrück!

Conference venue

DBU Zentrum für Umweltkommunikation, An der Bornau 2, 49090 Osnabrück.

Arrival

• By train and bus: From bus platform 1 at Osnabrück main station with lines 31/32/33, 61/62 or 81/82 to the Neumarkt Osnabrück. From bus platform A2 at Neumarkt Osnabrück with the line 11 every 10 minutes to the stop »Umweltstiftung«. Total journey time approx. 20 minutes. Line 21 runs directly - without Change - from the main station to the stop »Sedanplatz«. From there on foot via Springmannskamp and Berghoffstraße in about 5 minutes to the DBU Zentrum für Umweltkommunikation.


• By plane: www.flughafen-fmo.de

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