Catalyst



Innovating the circular economy

Fostering Professional Skills for Circular Economy Transition A Systemic Approach to Water Management

Valencia Spain 28 November - 3 December 2016

An intensive, six-day course, aimed at increasing the capacities of practitioners to use system innovation to leverage their respective regional water systems.

Participants will learn about the backbone of the Circular Economy and how this is going to affect water systems, infrastructures, utilities, business, consumption habits and the interplay between nature and cities. The course will cover the details of the main challenges and approaches on how to transform the water system in your areas and how to spot the main challenges and opportunities for a transition to a circular approach, taking advantage of other systems.

Insights will be offered on how to involve different actors in a compelling way to combine social, technical and financial inputs into system innovation. There will be a focus on learning how to design a systemic and thorough innovation process putting in place the right tools and methods.

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Participants will work with their own cases and will be able to update their respective projects and business strategies, also based on expert coaching and peer-to-peer feedback.

As well as learning a set of tools and methods on system innovation and creativity, the following specific skill sets are covered:

System thinking Analysis, Open mind Integration Empathy Reflection Diversity awareness Visioning Out-of-the-box thinking Imagination

- Projection Team building Creativity Making decisions Problem solving
- Planning Prototyping Communication Pitching Persuasion



Who can join?

The course is aimed at practitioners who enable, support and innovate the water sector in supply, sanitation, wastewater services, etc. It comprises a wide range of professionals including:

- Policy makers and policy staff
- Water utilities managers and staff
- Production and recycling managers
- Technical innovators and entrepreneurs

Fees and Application

Course fee: 2000 EUR 50% discount available for Climate-KIC partners, public institutions and NGOs.

Participants from our EIT Regional Innovation Scheme (EIT RIS) countries (Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Latvia, Malta, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia) are exempted from fees and benefit from stipends and financial support to cover their travel and accommodation costs. Incurred travel and accommodation costs can be reimbursed up to a maximum of 750 EUR.

Please note that spots are limited and applications will be assessed as they come in. Early applications are advised. The deadline for grant applications is 31 October.

For further information and online application: **click here**

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