



JUST2CE INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP

Boosting a Just Transition in the Mediterranean: From Research to Action

9th-10th July 2024, Recinte Modernista de Sant Pau (Barcelona)

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The MedWaves, the UNEP/MAP Regional Activity Centre for Sustainable Consumption and Production will organise an **International Workshop** entitled **“Boosting a Just Transition in the Mediterranean: From Research to Action”**.

This event provides a space to discuss the prospects and challenges of a **Just Transition to a Circular Economy**, including perspectives on key issues such as **gender, labor and global value chains, the technical geopolitical and social factors** that drive the transformation and its relevancy to international policy agendas. The event will draw upon forefront insights derived from *“JUST2CE: A Just Transition to the Circular Economy”* program, an ambitious research and innovation partnership funded through the Horizon 2020 scheme uniting 14 partner institutions encompassing the scholar, practitioner and policy-making expert communities of 10 target countries belonging to European and African Regions. The cross-geographical approach offers the consortia with a distinctive opportunity to cultivate diverse perspectives on complex challenges, which carry global-scale implications.

While having gained considerable traction over the last decade in international sustainable development policy arenas, the uncertainties inherent in transitioning to a circular economy present a unique opportunity for cross-geography dialogue and learning. As industries and economies undergo reshaping, discussions need to ensure that the diverse impacts and opportunities of the transition are equitably distributed among various social groups. These impacts encompass topics such as workforce transitions, resource dependencies, and the vulnerabilities experienced by diverse groups.

Participants from diverse backgrounds, including decision-makers, scientific experts, representatives of international organisations and civil society will highlight experiences and best practices regarding policies and practical initiatives to accelerate a Just Transition. Crucial transversal issues such as **access to financial instruments, cooperation opportunities and synergies with climate action policies** will be debated with the aim to share lessons learned and best practices on inclusive growth.

Participants will benefit from engaging in **knowledge-sharing and enriching networking opportunities**. Furthermore, they will have the chance to **explore a Decision Support System Tool (DSS Tool), designed to facilitate the enhancement of Circular Economy practices while assisting in policymaking decisions**. The program will be enriched by **field visits**, providing participants with firsthand experiences of just transition initiatives implemented in Barcelona.





Program 9 th of July 2024	
TIME	AGENDA ITEM
09.30 – 10.00	Registration
10.00 – 10.15	Opening Session
	<p>Welcome remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jesús Maestro Garcia – Director, MedWaves, the UNEP/MAP Regional Activity Centre for SCP - Jorge Ureta Maeso - Head of the International Marine Protection Unit, Ministry for the Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge (MITECO) - Mireia Boya Busquet - Environmentalist. Director General of Environmental Quality and Climate Change, Generalitat de Catalunya.
10.15 – 11.30	Collaborative Session: JUST2CE's Key Cross-cutting Issues
	<p>Interactive session where JUST2CE researchers will lead a joint reflection on the socio-political conditions necessary for a just transition to a Circular Economy. Interactive Roundtable on Decolonization & Labour Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mario Pansera - JUST2CE Project Coordinator, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona. - Katharina Gihring - Strategic Programme & Operations Lead, African Circular Economy Network. - Ben Purvis - Research Associate, University of Sheffield.
11.30 – 12.15	Engagement Workshop: Decision Support System Tool (DSS Tool)
	<p>Participants will be able to test the JUST2CE DSS Tool which aims at designing new or improving existing Circular Economy practices and policy decisions through an innovative supply chain explorer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Andrea Genovese - Professor of Logistics and Supply Chain Management, University of Sheffield.
12.15 – 12.30	Closing Session
	<p>Summary of the key takeaways & closing remarks, Matías Ibáñez Sales - Coordinator of Operations, MedWaves, the UNEP/MAP Regional Activity Centre for SCP</p>
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch reception and networking
13.30 – 17.00	Field visits





On-site visits to two initiatives spotlighting the implementation of principles driving the transition towards a just Circular Economy.

- **Espigoladors** - *Institution that seeks to reduce and prevent food waste and promote the right to a healthy nutrition.*
- **Solidança** - *Institution that promotes labour and social inclusion by providing training actions and empowering vulnerable groups at risk of exclusion on the waste management and right to repair sector.*





Program 10 th of July 2024	
TIME	AGENDA ITEM
08.30 – 09.00	Registration
09.00 – 09.15	Opening Session
	Recap and Agenda overview
09.15 – 09.25	Towards COP29: Mainstreaming the Path to a Just Transition - Keynotes
	<p>A Keynote speaker will share their experiences in mainstreaming just transition principles into broader climate policies and actions in preparation for COP29.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ines Duarte – Project Manager at the Energy and Climate Action Division of the Secretariat of the Union of the Mediterranean.
09.25 – 11.00	Towards COP29: Mainstreaming the Path to a Just Transition - Panel discussion
	<p>These sessions will foster dialogue and interactive engagement where the different perspectives will be explored.</p> <p>Session A – Ideas, Moderated by Anna Diaz – Policy Officer JUST2CE, MedWaves</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Alessandro Galli - Research Director, Hot or Cool Institute. - Iskander Erzini Vernoit - Co-founder and Director, IMAL Initiative for Climate and Development. <p>Session B – Dialogue, Moderated by Alicia Pérez Porro - Scientific Coordinator, CREAM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sarine Karajerjian - Program Director, Arab Reform Initiative. - Julie Chrysler - Lead Circular Economy and Social Impact, Yunus Environment Hub.
11.00 – 11.10	Report Presentation: Contribution of Circular Economy to Climate Action
	<p>Introduction to the key takeaways from the report published by MedWaves and ENT Environment and Management offering practical insights and strategies to businesses and policymakers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Veronica Martínez Sánchez - Researcher, Fundació ENT.
11.10 – 12.10	Circular Economy and Climate Action Regional Initiatives
	<p>Representatives from initiatives based in Barcelona belonging different sectors (blue economy, nature-based solutions, urban development) will share their Climate Action approaches.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Joan Colón Jordà - Scientific Coordinator, BETA Technological Centre. - Josep Lascurain - Operacional Potential of Ecosystem Research Applications Project (OPERAs), SGM Consulting. - Joachim Englert - Projects Coordinator, Fundació Catalunya La Pedrera





12.10 – 12.15	Closing Session
	Summary of the key takeaways and closing remarks, Alessandro Miraglia - Team Leader Networking, Partnerships and Communications, MedWaves, the UNEP/MAP Regional Activity Centre for SCP
12.15 – 13.15	<i>Lunch reception and networking</i>
13.30 – 15.00	Field visit
	On-site visit to an exemplary initiative based in Barcelona, spotlighting the practical implementation a Climate Action- oriented Circular Economy: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Can Calopa by L'Olivera - <i>L'Olivera is a work cooperative and social initiative in rural and peri-urban areas. It grows grapes and olives and makes organic wine and oil, including people under the umbrella of social inclusion.</i>

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Kindly note that interpretation will be available in French and English.

