Biocircularcities will contribute to the main challenges established by the EU legislation on bio-waste management and circular economy. We expect to provide significant contributions in the areas of innovative waste collection and treatment, and in the obtention of high-value bioproducts.”

Rosaria Chifari, project coordinator at Fundació ENT, lead partner of BIORCIRCULARCITIES
The BIOCIRCULARCITIES partners will identify existing best practices for circular use of bioresources across Europe and analyse case studies in which bio-waste is underexploited. Lessons learnt from these practices and insights into circular bioeconomy regulations and policy instruments will enable partners to map barriers and opportunities that will in turn feed guidelines and policy recommendations supporting the implementation of “biocircularcities” in Europe.

“Biowaste, and food waste in particular, is a topic of utmost importance for ACR+. Results from the first cohort of the “More Circularity, Less Carbon” campaign highlight the significant impact of food losses and waste regarding climate change. Within BIOCIRCULARCITIES, ACR+ will help the pilot territories to involve local stakeholders with living labs, so that they can both benefit from the project’s outcomes, but also provide their input on the activities. Besides, ACR+ plans to engage its members through peer-reviews workshops and capacity building sessions to enable them to bring their own perspectives and experiences to the project, and learn from the consortium.”

Jean-Benoît Bel, programme manager at ACR+

The collaboration of all stakeholders of the biowaste chain is essential to develop innovative and efficient solutions to circular biowaste management. Thus, BIOCIRCULARCITIES will follow a multi-actor participatory approach. It will engage the 4 segments of the “quadruple helix” (industry, science, civil society, and policy) in local living labs to build the collaborative knowledge needed to map the different perspectives about legal and market limits and potentials for developing circular bioeconomy.

Partners met online for the first time on 14-15 October to discuss the project’s first steps. These include establishing a state of the art of biowaste chains in the three pilots and studying the current EU, national and regional legal framework on circular bioeconomy.

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