



## Special Session Proposal

### Territorial aspects of circular economy transition

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#### Abstract

In the past decade, the concept of 'circular economy' (CE) has received growing attention on various levels. CE is usually presented with a goal to achieve the transition towards circular economy with a focus on closing the material flow loops, aiming for 'zero waste', generating new business models based on waste as a precious resource, and deeply transforming society's approach to consumption and disposal of goods and materials. Beside, there are many initiatives to implement CE, where the main actors are legislative and governmental bodies, NGOs and consultancy firms (cf. Kalmykova et al., 2018), from global, national and local/regional levels (Milligan & O'Keeffe, 2019), each disposing of specific responsibilities and territorial limitations/scopes. Regardless the ambitions we take into account, these are tending to be moderated when confronted with the multiple governance, economic, legal, socio-spatial, socio-cultural, sociological and behavioural barriers (Dąbrowski, 2019). This special session aims to gather different cases, solutions, practices, models from different territories with different socio-economic and cultural embeddedness, and being on different phase on CE transition to show the place specific potentials and barriers.