

CIRCULÉIRE Thematic Working Groups 2020 – Call for Panel Members / Associate Members

1. Background

[CIRCULÉIRE – The National Platform for Circular Manufacturing](#) is the first national, cross-sectoral industry-led innovation network dedicated to accelerating the net-zero carbon circular economy in Ireland. CIRCULÉIRE has been co-created by [Irish Manufacturing Research \(IMR\)](#) and the [Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment \(DCCAE\)](#), the [Environmental Protection Agency \(EPA\)](#), and [EIT Climate-KIC](#) with 25 Founding Industry Partners. CIRCULÉIRE is a public-private partnership with the overarching objective of demystify, de-risking and delivering circular business model innovation for Irish industry.

2. Call for Working Group Panel Members

IMR would like to extend an invitation to individuals / organisations with demonstrable content expertise to join CIRCULÉIRE becoming a Panel Member in one of our 2020 Thematic Working Groups (TWGs). The topics prioritised by CIRCULÉIRE's Industry Members for 2020 are: ***Circular Bioeconomy, Industrial Symbiosis / Closed Loop Production, and Circular Procurement.***

3. Thematic Working Group Objectives & Process

The overarching objective of CIRCULÉIRE Working Groups is to shape a peer-reviewed state-of-the-art review of the focus area/theme along with recommendations for potential circular systems innovation projects applicable to the context of Ireland. The circular systems innovation project ideas will then serve as a pipeline for CIRCULÉIRE's ring-fenced innovation fund in 2021.

It is anticipated that the working groups will consist of c15 participants and made up of a mix of CIRCULÉIRE industry members and actors from the wider Irish innovation ecosystem (e.g academia, government, third sector, solution providers etc.). Over the 12 week TWG duration, participants will contribute to scoping and peer review of a State-of-the-Art-Review (SoAR) of practice and policy and based on the derived insights participate in a 1-day SPRINT exercise to come up with circular systems innovation ideas tailored to the Irish context. The findings from these activities will be published in a CIRCULÉIRE White paper.

4. Anticipated Commitment

Scoping, peer review activities oriented around circa 8 virtual meetings over 12 weeks:

- Meeting #1: TWG Kick-Off Meeting Agree Review Boundary & Key Research Questions informing State-of-the-Art-Review (SoAR)
- Meeting#2: Panel Meeting to Discuss Peer Review Feedback on SoAR
- Meeting#3,#4,#5: Thematic Working Group 1 day SPRINT to generate circular system innovation project ideas (spread over 1 week) tailored to Irish context
- Meeting #6: Panel Meeting to Discuss Peer Review Feedback on White Paper
- Meeting #7 & #8: Network webinar to CIRCULÉIRE Founding Members and public webinar to wider innovation ecosystem.

5. Indicative Dates for 2020 TWG's

- **Thematic Working Group #1 – Circular Bioeconomy**
 - Commencing circa w/c 15th June 2020 until circa w/c 7th September 2020
- **Thematic Working Group #2 – Industrial Symbiosis / Closed Loop Production**
 - Commencing circa w/c 6th July 2020 until circa w/c 29th September 2020
- **Thematic Working Group #3 – Circular Procurement**
 - Commencing circa w/c 3rd August 2020 until circa w/c 26th October 2020

6. Benefits to Thematic Working Group Panel Members

- Insight into State-of-the-Art Review (practice and policy) of chosen Thematic Area
- Insight into related circular innovation opportunities in Ireland
- Opportunity to network with CIRCULÉIRE Founding Industry Members
- Associate Membership of CIRCULÉIRE for 2020 with an opportunity to engage in remaining lifespan of programme subject to continued contribution through participation in;
 - future Thematic Working Groups;
 - Network Meetings;
 - Co-hosted events
 - and contribution to circular innovation or policy insights.

7. Thematic Working Group Panel Member Expressions of Interest

IMR, on behalf of CIRCULÉIRE, invite expressions of interest for the 2020 Thematic Working Groups up until midnight Wednesday 27th May 2020.

Please submit your expressions of interest [here](#):

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