

C4: Blended Mobility of Higher Education Students related to the course on Circular Economy

The C4 was related to the course on Circular Economy, i.e., the fifth intellectual output of the RESICITIES project. It was organized and hosted by IPAG Business School, the partner university of the consortium that was fully responsible for the development and delivery of the referred course. It was held during the week from March 6 to March 10, 2023.

Participation in the Mobility Week was not mandatory for the students to achieve a certificate but recommended for facilitating networking and teamwork among students as a valuable tool for enhancing learning outcomes in a subject like circular economy. During Mobility Week the participants as learners had the opportunity to share knowledge and resources which helped them to understand better complex concepts related to circular economy.

A collaborative learning approach adopted by lecturer promoted more engagement by students to the topics addressed in the course by learning from each other and helping them to develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills related to selected case studies, which are essential for understanding the circular economy.

Moreover, by working in groups the students could also develop their communication skills that helped them to articulate their ideas more effectively and to better understand the ideas of others. The students were also exposed to diverse perspectives and experiences related to selected case studies.

The programme of the Mobility Week was centered on seminars and presentation of case studies and teamwork undertaken by group of students related to the addressed case studies.

The programme of the Mobility Week was set as described below:

March 6, 2023: Review on the concepts and principles of Circular Economy in the context of sustainable, smart and resilient cities through real cases

Morning seminar: Real cases of implementation of circular economy concepts and principles in selected municipalities.

Afternoon case study: Analyze one of the case studies offered related to a urban circular economy project or initiative and identify its key elements.

March 7, 2023: Review on the Digital Transformation in Circular Economy

Morning seminar: How digital transformation can help cities optimize their resource efficiency, reduce waste generation, and promote sustainable practices.

Afternoon case study: Implementing a Smart Waste Management System in an Urban Area



March 8, 2023: Circular Supply Chains

Morning seminar: The transition towards circular supply chains in the urban environment and the role of various stakeholders

Afternoon case study: Analyze a circular supply chain case study among those presented and identify key challenges and opportunities.

Visit to La Defense Business Eco Quarters in Paris.

March 9, 2023: Circular Business Models

Morning seminar: Review on circular business models and how to design them.

Afternoon case study: Work in teams to develop a circular business model for a real-world business.

March 10, 2023: Circular Economy Policy and Implementation

Morning seminar: Introduction to circular economy policy and implementation at the local, regional, and national levels.

Afternoon case study: Analyze a circular economy policy case study and identify key challenges and opportunities.

Final Presentations and Reflections from learned concepts and practices.

The Mobility Week had the following amount of participants (students) among the partner universities:

CTU: 4

PBS: 20

UiS: 12

Also local students of IPAG