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DO FUTURE CITIES NEED A CIRCULARITY STRATEGY ?

The transition to a circular economy will reduce pressure on natural resources and facilitate sustainable growth and job creation. It will assist in achieving climate neutrality targets and ensure the well-being of citizens. Cities are the level of governance closest to citizens and the source of innovation, socio-economic transformation and circular ecosystems. They lead to improved resource efficiency, increased transparency and community engagement. The aim of this session is to identify synergies between projects, initiatives and best practices, disseminate relevant knowledge and derive guiding principles.

And as a consequence, many cities are already developing their individual plans to improve circularity in their economic sectors, value chains and services. Research and innovation initiatives also contribute to improving circularity in local systems and economies. However, there are still many gaps in knowledge, information, skills and awareness.

Cities are therefore well placed to drive change towards a sustainable, regenerative and inclusive circular economy. Therefore, guiding principles for the responsible use of resources in future cities are formulated in cross-sectoral initiative. It illustrates how innovative transnational partnerships can facilitate the development and the management of a circular economy.

