

## The digital stories of 4 circular enterprises have been created

In the past 6 months the SkillCircle partnership has been working on identifying circular economy success stories within the different countries. As a result, a number of 12 circular business practices were investigated and infographics were created about them. The innovative and engaging teaching method of digital storytelling has been used with 4 of these businesses. These little educational films, will give all those interested the chance to get an insight into how a circular business can survive nowadays and will ring a bell about the importance of *going circular*, through saving our resources, reconsidering our lives and daily habits. Emphasis has been put on offering diversity while gathering the case studies. As a result, an organic medicinal plant growing farm – making spices and teas – from Romania, and from Sweden a glass recycling business, a business concentrating on reusing old items and a wood design company, have all been filmed. These stories will be closely linked to the training material which is being developed by partners at the moment. All four films will be freely available on the project website.

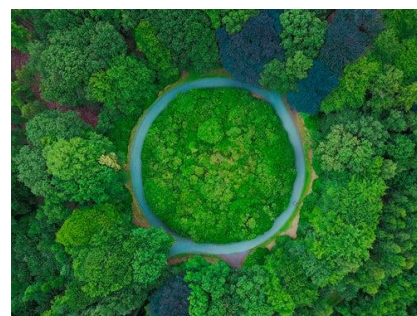
In addition, animated tutorials are also being created for the circular economy training kit. At the third meeting, held in Badajoz/Spain in February 2019, the scripts for these animated tutorials were presented by the lead partner. Shortly after the meeting, based on the feedback received from partners, the scripts were finalised. By the end of March, translation and audio recordings were completed by partners for these tutorials.

## There is still work to be done...

After *finalising* the development of the *curriculum*, the *filming* of the *4 circular business stories*, the training material supporting the change of mindset of low-educated VET learners is being worked on. As soon as the training material and the exercises are created, they will be uploaded to the project e-learning platform and will serve as an autonomous learning aid for the project target group. These outcomes will all be piloted within the piloting phase which will take place in each partner country, in the May – July 2019 period.

## Next steps in SkillCircle ....

- *finalise and test the training programme* to support the change of mindset of VET learners;
- *finalise* the animated tutorials and other online training materials about the circular economy which are specifically targeted at low-educated learners;
- *upload the e-learning platform and test (piloting phase) its efficiency, make the necessary adjustments.*



All partners within the consortium are already planning to test the materials, each reaching out to a minimum of 10 low-educated VET learners, who will share their opinion on the developed materials with the partners. After that, conclusions will be drawn and, where necessary, improvements will be implemented according to the needs of the target group.

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