

Circular Society

The role of people and places

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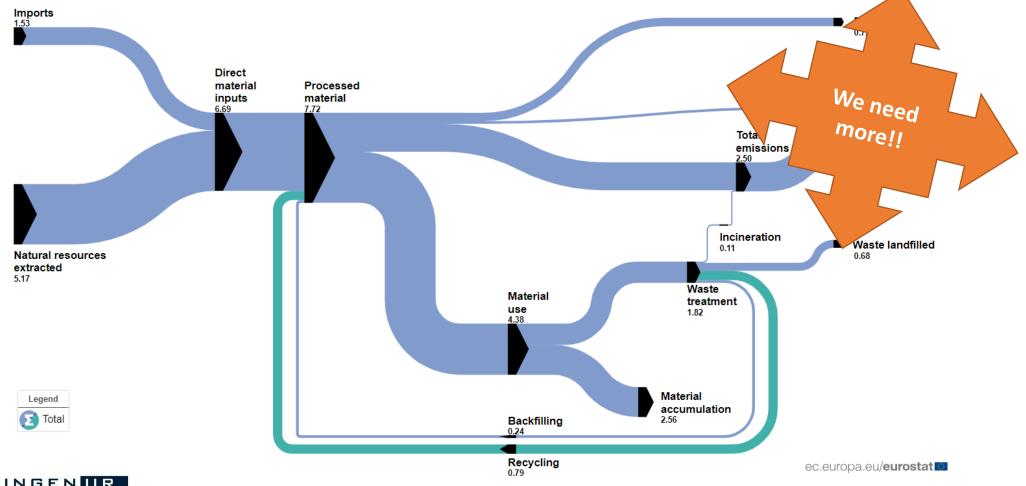
Many definitions circular economy/systems





But only changing the economy won't be enough...











- The term Circular Society has been introduced to provide an alternative framing that is going beyond growth, technology and market-based solutions.
 - CE transitions are not possible without the commitment and participation of all societal actors.
 - Transitions to circularity require a profound social-ecological transformation (Jaeger-Erben, 2021).



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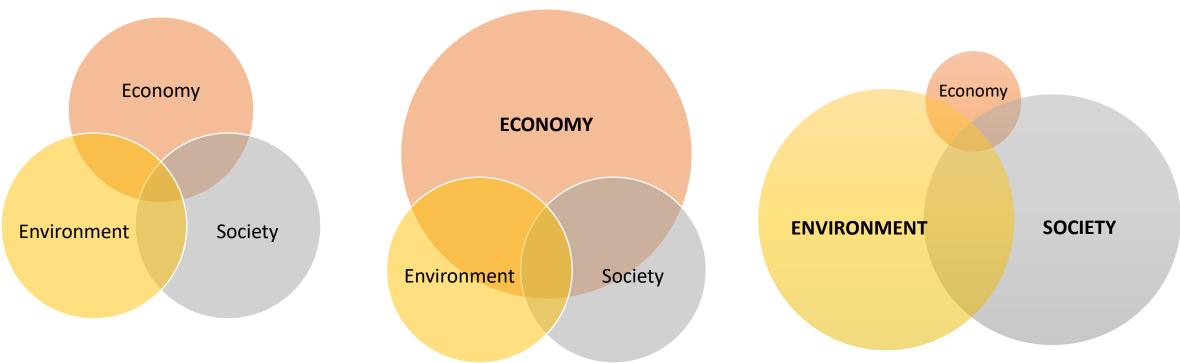
- A society that adherses to the principles of the circular economy by being active participants in the executing of the 9r strategies, in every role it plays (citizen, employee, consumer, voter).
- A society that embraces circular practices to advance wellbeing for all, now and in the future, within planetairy boundaries.
- A society that produces goods for use rather than for profit, to be (re)used and distributed in a fair way.
 - In balance between people, planet and profit
 - Non-capitalist
 - A happy society...



What do we need I: joint goal (variable)



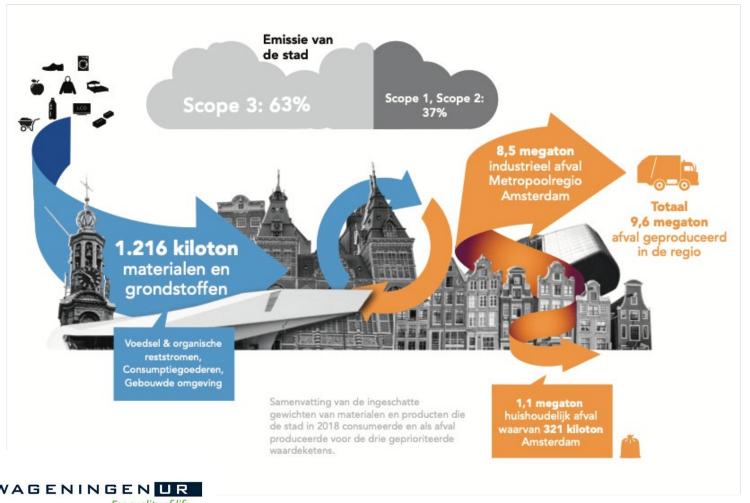
- Go beyond GDP
- Inclusive dialogues with quadruple helix





What we need II: Insights into the system













Redistribution of cost and benefits



- In space
 - System Insights
 - How to balans nutrient and material streams?
- In society
 - Redistribution of Costs and Benefits
 - Taxes
 - Jobs
 - Wellbeing





What we need III: what works where?



People are different:



Insights in **interactions** between **people** (values and interventions!!

• Places enable different behaviours:







Pathways to Circular Cities?



- Reducing first
 - Happy circular societies
 - Clever technologies
 - Sharing economy
- Collaborate
 - Facilitate Value Webs
 - Resditribute costs and benefits across society and space
- Learn from others
 - Older generations
 - Practices in Global South
 - Urban-Rural







THANKS!!

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