

# Circular EMR top 2026

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# Transforming borders into bridges

Connecting 4 regions with 1 commitment

The Circular EMR Top 2026 brings projects, policymakers, researchers, and market parties working on circular construction in the Meuse–Rhine Euregion together.

We focus the day on uniting **knowledge**, equipping **change** and building cross-border **circular** futures.

## The program

09:30 - 10:00	Walk-in with coffee
10:00 - 10:30	Plenary opening
10:30 - 12:00	Panel discussion with euregional Changemakers
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch
13:00 - 14:30	Workshops session 1
14:30 - 16:00	Workshops session 2
16:00 - 16:30	Closing
16:30 - 18:00	Drinks and networking



# Workshop program

## Workshop #1:

### Digital infrastructure

“How digital infrastructure can remove borders”

Digital systems increasingly determine how value is recorded, shared and financed. Yet today, material data, passports and marketplaces still operate largely at national level.

#### In this workshop, we explore:

- How material passports can function across borders
- How digital marketplaces for secondary materials can be scaled up
- Where legal barriers hinder data exchange
- Who should invest in shared digital infrastructure

#### Relevant for:

Policymakers, digital innovators, platform developers, financiers, legal experts.

## Workshop #2:

### Processing & Logistics

“Where do regulations block value creation?”

Secondary materials often stop at the border, not because of technical limitations, but due to regulations, VAT structures and liability issues.

#### In this workshop, we work on:

- The waste versus product debate
- Quality assurance and insurance of secondary materials
- Logistic bottlenecks in cross-border reuse
- End-of-Waste criteria in a Euregio context

#### Relevant for:

Demolition companies, processors, policymakers, legal experts, supply chain partners.

## Workshop #3:

### Cross-border learning

“People as the driving force of the transition”

Circular housing requires not only technology and financing, but also new competencies and cross-border learning.

#### In this workshop, we explore:

- A Euregio circular curriculum
- Recognition of diplomas and certifications
- Cross-border collaboration between educational institutions
- The role of knowledge hubs and shared infrastructure

#### Relevant for:

Educational institutions, cross-border organisations, knowledge institutes, policymakers.

## Workshop #4:

### Building the circular future

“Where does real estate logic clash with circularity?”

Modular and circular construction can be faster and more efficient. Yet projects often face obstacles related to financing, permits and ownership structures.

#### In this workshop, we work on:

- Financing of movable modules
- Property rights in modular housing
- Permits and certification in a cross-border context
- Scaling up both new construction and renovation

#### Relevant for:

Developers, financiers, municipalities, legal experts, contractors, investors.

### Why join?

- Meet frontrunners from the EMR
- Exchange knowledge across borders
- Discover ongoing projects and pilots
- Build new partnerships
- Contribute to the region's circular future

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### Our partners



### Our co-financers



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