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RETRACE's first year

The last 1st April, Retrace "A Systemic Approach for Regions Transitioning towards a Circular Economy" project turned 1 year old.
During the last 12 months, the 8 partners of the project from Italy, Spain, France, Slovenia and Romania have achieved many objectives of the project. The main achievements are the following ones:

- 4 Field Visits: All the partners and some of their stakeholders have visited 3 partner regions such as the Piedmont Region (Italy), Aquitaine (France), Lea-Artibai and Bilbao (Biscay) and The Netherlands, considered the hotspot of the Circular Economy.
- 32 Good Practices of Circular Economy and Systemic Desing have been exchanged in the 4 Field Visits
- 5 Holistic Diagnosis have been made by the partners, using the methodology of the Politecnico di Torino. The Holistic Diagnosis assessed the state of the art of the 5 partner regions with respect to Circular Economy related policies.
- 5 Regional Dissemination Events took place in each country, with more than 250 attendees
- 5 Stakeholder Group formed in the partner regions, involving more than 70 entities related and interested in the Circular Economy and the Systemic Design.
- 10 Stakeholder Group Meetings celebrated in the partner regions
- 4 videos showing the Good Practices visited during the Field Visits
- 1 brochure and 1 poster designed to disseminate the project

For more practical information of the project, keep on following the journey of Retrace on our website, on YouTube and on the social media through the hashtags #retrace #interregeurope

RETRACE recently

The Field Visits for the identification and exchange of Good Practices in different countries continue. Recently Retrace project partners and stakeholders have been visiting Spain and The Netherlands to share the good practices active in these regions.

The Third Field Visit was hosted by the Basque partners Azaro Fundazioa and BEAZ and was held on 17 and 18 November. The first day the partners met in Makina-Xemein and found out 4 Basque good Practices. The second day they all were in Bilbao and had the possibility to learn about 3 more Good Practices. Apart from that, interesting information about the Basque Cooperative Movement or the Circular Basque Strategy was also provided. A short video sums up this great experience.

The Fourth Field Visit was held on mid-February (16 and 17) and all the partners and some stakeholders of Retrace travelled to the Netherlands. 10 Good Practices were presented in the country that is known as the cradle of Circular Economy. Even though this country is not a partner of the project, is considered to be the main spot of wordwide Circular Economy and one of the countries with more experience in this subject.

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STAKEHOLDER GROUP MEETING IN FRANCE

Last January 31, the meeting of the stakeholders in France was held with the French partners of the Retrace Project, ESTIA and APESA. The meeting is divided in two moments: an overview of the project and three parallel workshops.

RETRACE EXHIBITION ITALIAN GPs

The Department of Architecture and Design at Politecnico di Torino, Lead Partner of RETRACE, has organised an exhibition of the Good Practices selected in Piedmont Region within the context of the project. The exhibition was held during the Sustainability Week organised by Politecnico di Torino.

FIELD VISIT- 2 VIDEOS

The second Field Visit of Retrace project was celebrated in the 22nd and 23rd of September in Bidart. The French partners, ESTIA and APESA organized this event to join all partners and Retrace stakeholders for two days event in their region.

- Circular Economy and Systemic Design in Nouvelle Aquitaine (France)
- Good Practices of Circular Economy in Nouvelle Aquitaine (France)

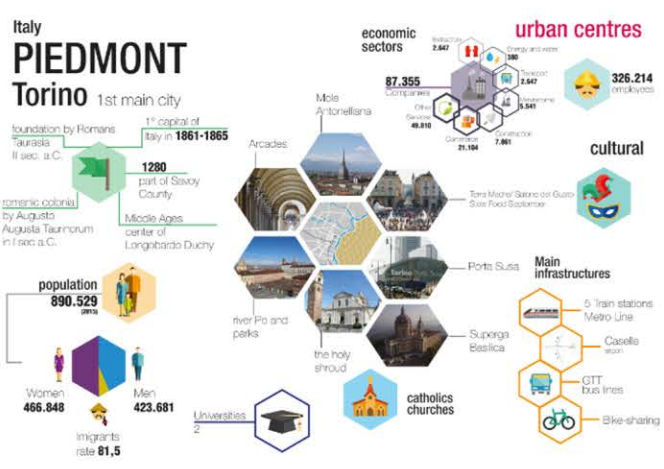
RETRACE PUBLICATIONS

The Retrace project partners are preparing the publication of "Retrace Method for Systemic Approaches on Circular Economy" aimed at Regional policymakers and policy manager. This publication is oriented to show different issues like the Systemic Design, as a tool for an emerging sustainable future or the methodology that the consortium of Retrace is developing with this project.

HOLISTIC DIAGNOSIS

The Holistic Diagnosis (HD) is the process of quantitative and qualitative analysis of the context in which a project will take place, performed at the economic, socio-cultural and environmental level. In this sense, each region has analyzed diferent aspects of their territory, such as, the cultural aspects, the demography of the territory, the geographical data, the more relevant data related with the economic aspects and also the main important urban centers or cities of the territory. After the compilation of all the data, the Politecnico di Torino has reflected all the contain in a visual way, designing Infographics for that.

The partners of Retrace have completed the three steps —Holistic analysis of territories, Analysis of current policies, Analysis of economic and industrial sectors—and now they are focusing on the HD Report. Each partner has done an individual HD, so the result will be the compilation of 5 Holistic Diagnosis Reports.



RETRACE next events

WORLD CE FORUM

Dates: 5-7 June 2017
Place: Helsinki (Finland)

This ground-breaking event presents the world's best circular economy solutions and gathers together the most recognised experts and decision makers in the field.

RETRACE PUBLICATION

Dates: September 2017

Presentation of the publication "Retrace Method for Systemic Approaches on Circular Economy" aimed at Regional policymakers and policy manager.

FIELD VISIT 5

Dates: 4-5 May
Place: Ljubljana (Slovenia)

8 good practices in Circular Economy from Slovenia

FIELD VISIT 6

Dates: 14-16 June
Place: Bacau (Romania)

8 good practices in Circular Economy from Romania

FIELD VISIT 7

Dates: 13-15 September
Place: Scotland (Scotland)

8 good practices in Circular Economy from Scotland

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