



# CIRSEAU

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## The new CIRSEAU project will contribute to a more circular European water ecosystem



The **CIRSEAU** project started on **1<sup>st</sup> of September 2024** and celebrated its Kick Off Meeting in Brussels (Belgium) the 11<sup>th</sup> of December. **CIRSEAU**'s main goal is to **build a collaborative ecosystem that generates strong synergies among the Circular Water Economy Community** formed across EU projects.

This initiative of **5 European projects** to increase water use efficiency and reuse expands the **CIRSEAU** cluster – formed by **B-WaterSmart**, **REWAISE**, **ULTIMATE**, **WIDER UPTAKE** and **WATER-MINING** –, which started with the **CE-SC5-04-2019** call in 2020.

The **CIRSEAU** cluster projects **contributed to the circularity of the European water ecosystem** by identifying alternative water sources, reducing water consumption, increasing use efficiency, recovering valuable materials from water, producing carbon-free water cycles, and strengthening resilience to climate change.



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This **cluster agglomerated the results of 35 demonstration sites** to promote synergies in the lines of investigation. In addition, the different working groups contributed by **releasing joint policy briefs, sharing knowledge** and participating together in **communication and dissemination events and activities**.

**CIRSEAU is now funded by the European Research Executive Agency as a 36-month CSA** (Coordinated and Support Action) to enhance market uptake, collaboration and knowledge sharing.

With targeted education, training and professional skills development, **CIRSEAU will change perceptions and behaviour of water users and promote to embrace circular solutions**. By proactive stakeholder consultation and co-creation, the project addresses **relevant social barriers** and develops the roadmap for efficient management of resources and energy in a sustainable water cycle. By integrating relevant bodies to develop End of Waste criteria (EoW) and needed standards, **CIRSEAU will accelerate the transition to a circular water economy**, in line with EU policies of Zero Pollution to become climate neutral by 2050.

The **CIRSEAU** project plans to **join forces with** the sister project **BOOST-IN**, which seeks to tackle challenges related to water resources, and other EU projects and initiatives to contribute to a more water-smart and circular Europe.

**Coordinated by Aqualia**, this consortium brings together **10 partners from 6 countries** (**Belgium**: Water Europe, EurEau; **Germany**: IWW Forschung; **Greece**: NTUA Ethnicon Metsovion Polytechnion; **The Netherlands**: TU Delft, KWR; **Norway**: SINTEF; and **Spain**: Aqualia, Eurecat, PKF Attest innCome) to provide the **multidisciplinary expertise and transnationality** required to foster cross-promotion, communication alignment, and to allow impactful outreach to public authorities, policy makers, and standardization bodies.

**The project**, funded under the call **HORIZON-CL6-2023-CircBio-01-3 - Harnessing the innovation potential and market uptake of successful circular economy water related projects**, will last until **August 2027** and has received a **2M€ budget** to fulfil its goals.



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