



# A NEW EUROPEAN INNOVATION AGENDA

## REGIONAL INNOVATION VALLEYS

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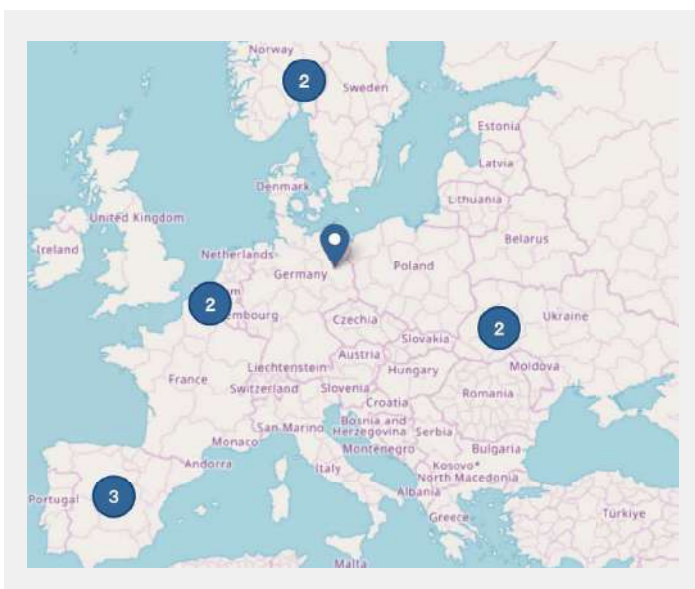
### LEADING THE NEW WAVE OF DEEP TECH INNOVATION

The [New European Innovation Agenda](#) supports Europe in addressing societal challenges, developing new technologies and bringing them to market. It positions Europe at a forefront of deep tech innovation, fostering groundbreaking and inspiring solutions. Europe's leadership, driven by deep tech innovation, will benefit sectors ranging from renewable energy and agri-tech to construction, mobility, and healthcare.

The [Regional Innovation Valleys \(RIVs\)](#) initiative is one of 25 actions of the New European Innovation Agenda. It aims to harness the full innovation potential across Europe, connecting less and more innovative regions and addressing social challenges through cutting edge technology.

Building on their competitive advantages and complementary strengths, involved regions cooperate to bridge the innovation divide and improve Research & Innovation ecosystems.

### PROJECT RIVCircular - REGIONAL INNOVATION VALLEYS FOR CIRCULAR ECONOMY



The [RIVCircular](#) will connect innovation ecosystems across Europe to advance towards circular economy in five key areas:

- Construction and Demolition Waste (CDW) circularity
- Waste-resource and energy recapture
- Electric Vehicle (EV) batteries recycling
- Circular economy in textile industry
- Digitalisation of circular economy

Consortium: **9 partners**, **7 European regions**, **5 Member States** (ES, FR, BE, DE & SK) and **2 Horizon Europe Associated Country** (NO & UA).

## RIVCircular

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### OVERALL BUDGET

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### EU CONTRIBUTION

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## OBJECTIVES



Identification of market-access barriers and enablers



Support for local innovation hubs



Capacity and skills building



Joint procurement initiatives



Launch of open calls to select interregional innovation projects in targeted areas of circular economy



## RIVCircular: Towards a circular society

### COLLABORATIVE ACTIVITIES

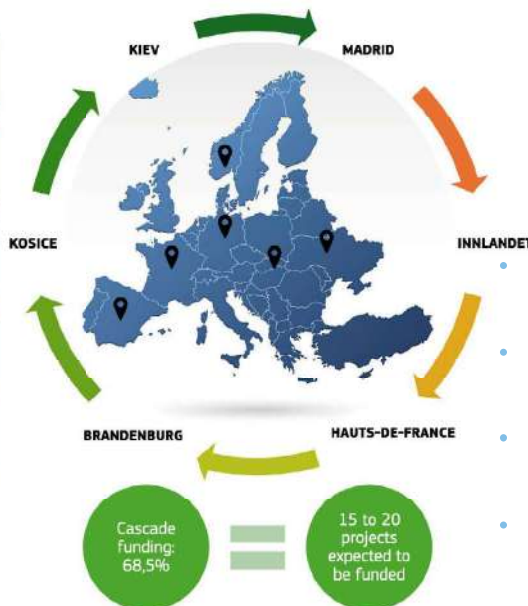
Increasing the cohesion and capacity of interregional innovation ecosystems

Identification of market access barriers


Integration of Social Actors and Society

Deepening in interregional circular economy

Capacity Building Joint Initiatives



### TOPICS

Construction and Demolition Waste (CDW) circularity 

Waste-Resource and energy recapture 

Electric Vehicle (EC) batteries 

Textile industry 

Digitalisation 

For further information on the figures and notions used in this factsheet, please consult the ["Regional Innovation Valleys webpage"](#)

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