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Case Study: towards A CIRCULAR ECONOMY

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<p>What is their Story?</p>	<p>The ever-increasing pressures on our finite resources has increased awareness amongst both policy makers and the general public that the linear economy of make, use and dispose is no longer sustainable. A transition to the circular economy is one where we look at all options across the chain with the intent to use materials more sustainably.</p> <p>The Agency aims to foster and facilitate the transition from a Linear to a Circular Economy through the effective governance of recyclable resources. The Agency will measure its success on schemes and processes that enhance innovation, the lengthening of the resource life cycle and the prolongment of recyclable material on the market. The Agency strives to influence the local culture and perceptions vis a vis the value of resources and reusable waste.</p>
<p>Link to the Case Study:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case study https://cemalta.gov.mt/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/email-version-fin..pdf • Facebook Circular Economy Malta
<p>Why is this a Good Example to Follow?</p>	<p>Besides the ever-increasing generation of waste, Malta faces geographical constraints in disposing of waste generated due to the very limited land available that could be designated for future landfills. These realities require all efforts to ensure that waste is first and foremost reduced and subsequently treated or recycled, in order to reduce Malta's reliability on landfills as much as possible.</p> <p>These are the ideal outcomes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minimising material usage compared to the current linear system and minimal times between phases of usage, 2. Maximise the number of use-circles and time in each circle, 3. Diversifying reuse across the value chain, and 4. High quality collection and distribution systems ensuring uncontaminated material streams.
<p>What Impact has this case study example achieved?</p>	<p>A circular economy will require a culture change in the way waste generated by each member of our society is viewed. To achieve such a paradigm shift the support and cooperation of all partners is essential, including producers; importers and retailers; waste management service providers; local agencies and consumers. The Government of Malta is committed to reduce the volume of waste currently being disposed of at existent landfills, both for</p>




	<p>environmental and spatial reasons. In view of this, circular economic activities can play a crucial role in the effective reduction of disposal of waste in landfills.</p> <p>It is crucially important for public and private stakeholders to realise that for the circular economy to thrive there is the need to develop new technologies that address the existent technical challenges for the reversal of resources. The Agency shall work closely with the Ministry's policy function to develop a Circular Economy Implementation Strategy that will seek to introduce and facilitate a number of programmes that will support efforts to meet circular economy objectives. The Agency will also strive to provide a fair level playing field by monitoring for compliance of all operators within their particular sectorial activity.</p>
References	<p>References</p> <p>https://cemalta.gov.mt/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/email-version-fin..pdf</p>



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