









Circular economy

Public policies, cooperation, innovation and entrepreneurship.

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Definition

- "It's a new way to design, make, and use things within planetary boundaries. Shifting the system involves everyone and everything: businesses, governments, and individuals; our cities, our products, and our jobs. By designing out waste and pollution, keeping products and materials in use, and regenerating natural systems we can reinvent everything (Ellen MacArthur Foundation, 2011).
- The National Circular Economy Strategy of the Colombian Government proposes a new model of economic development that includes the continuous valorization of resources, closing the loops of material, water and energy, the creation of new business models, the promotion of industrial symbiosis and the consolidation of sustainable cities, with the aim, inter alia, of optimising efficiency in the production and consumption of materials, and reducing the water and carbon footprint. (National circular economy strategy).
- International agencies such as the **World Economic Forum** estimate that the circular economy represents overall economic benefits of US 380 billion dollars a year **(Ellen Macarthur Foundation, 2014).** According to this, it is estimated that in Colombia, the potential of the circular economy could reach US\$ 11.7 billion dollars annually in material savings and new business opportunities, as well as the generation and the strengthening of value chains, as one of the factors that generate productivity.

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Topics

Circular cities

- Responsible consumption
- Extended producer responsibility

Industrial symbiosis

- Information systems
- Cooperation agencies





Governments and political leaders



Private sector



Media



NGOs and civil society



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