





Press Release

Partners kick-off the EU funded FurnCIRCLE project focusing on Circular Economy Guidelines and Tools for Application in the EU Furniture Sector

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Milan, 5 October 2023 – Partners of the EU funded FurnCIRCLE project - Circular Economy Guidelines and Tools for Application in the EU Furniture Sector - met in Milan for the official kick-off of the project, hosted by the project leader FederLegno Arredo (FLA).

The FurnCIRCLE project, led by FederLegnoArredo (FLA), is funded under the Social Dialogue call SOCPL-2022-SOC-DIALOG-01 and will last for 24 months. The project aims at contributing to promote, strengthen and develop social dialogue at regional, national and EU level within the furniture sector.

FurnCIRCLE will tackle the challenge of providing companies in the sector with practical guidelines and tools to support them to implement their circular transition strategy. The project will provide key upto-date information, tools and recommendations for social partners to address the debate and challenges of the circular and climate-neutral transition in the furniture industry, including the analysis of implications and changes expected in the workforce.

The expected deliverables are the following:

- An online tool for massive collection and analysis of sustainability data on the general situation of companies across the EU
- Practical and validated guidelines to integrate companies existing management models with actions and activities for deploying CE practices
- An online tool for self-evaluating their level of maturity and real readiness to deploy CE practices

The project will also identify employers' and employees' green knowledge and skills needed to successfully implement Circular Economy practices and create a set of recommendations for furniture and other sectors stakeholders to foster and support the deployment of these practices.

The Kick-off meeting was an occasion to discuss more in detail the timeline and workplan of the project, as well as the tasks and activities foreseen in each Work Package.

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