



Join the HOOP Network of Cities and Regions!

The HOOP Network of Cities and Regions **helps territories improve the valorisation of biowaste and wastewater** by facilitating knowledge exchange and mutual learning.

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Who is it for?

The network is open to organisations that plan, organise, or operate municipal waste management or wastewater treatment, for instance **local or regional authorities, or waste management companies.**

Joining the network is totally free of charge. The time and effort you invest depends on the interests and needs of your city or region. HOOP is at your service to provide you with relevant knowledge, connections, opportunities and tools to push circular bioeconomy in your territory.

Financial support is available to members to join some activities.

40+ members have already joined the network



HOOP Lighthouses

HOOP is supporting 8 lighthouse cities and regions to implement technologies for the valorisation of the urban biowaste and wastewater. The lighthouses selected specific technologies and HOOP is helping them to develop solutions based on:

- 🏠 Analysis of the urban metabolism of each lighthouse city and region and of the local context in terms of urban circular bioeconomy development
- 🔄 The match of new circular business models with the needs of each lighthouse
- 🔍 Technical and environmental assessment to select the best available technologies for each Lighthouse
- 💰 Innovative financial engineering and procurement

Greater Porto (Portugal)
The king of compost and sustainability in waste management



Murcia (Spain)

Pioneer circular economy strategy



Almere (The Netherlands)

House of circular innovation, endorsing start-ups for biocircularity



Münster (Germany)

Over 20 years of anaerobic digestion of selectively collected biowaste

Albano-Laziale (Italy)

Highest quality and quantity of biowaste from households



Western Macedonia (Greece)

Transitioning from coal mining to a renewable, biobased economy.



Bergen (Norway)

From food waste to fish feed, the magics of circular bioeconomy!




Kuopio (Finland)


Piloting circular biochar





What services will you get?


By joining the network, cities and regions will have the chance to access information on innovative bioeconomy solutions and engage in activities relevant to their own context and specific interests.

 **In-person knowledge exchange activities**
Members are invited, and financially supported, to take part to various activities such as capacity building events and [HOOP Study Tours](#).

 **Urban bioeconomy resources**
Good practice factsheets, guidance documents, and validated resources on bioeconomy are available in the [HOOP Virtual Academy](#).

 **Self-assessment tools for circularity**
Access to the [HOOP Bio-Circularity Label](#), a ranking system to serve as a baseline for green policies and to boost investment projects.

 **Network and connect**
Learn from pioneering cities and regions around Europe, facilitated by a [dedicated online platform](#).

 **Expert advice and best practices**
HOOP technical experts are on hand to share information and practical solutions, including via monthly [HOOP Lunch Talks](#) and one-to-one capacity building meetings.

Study Tours

Members of the HOOP Network are often involved in study visits to learn directly from leading cities and regions. Three such study visits have already been held in Münster, Almere and Porto.

[See what we got up to in the video.](#)

Münster



- Sorting
- Anaerobic digestion
- Digestate composting
- Green waste composting
- Citizens' engagement

Almere



- Treatment of aquatic plants
- Biowaste management
- Green concrete
- Circular biobased construction materials

Porto



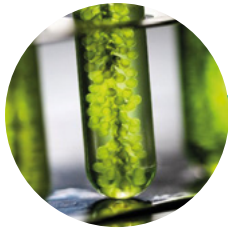
- Composting plant
- Citizens engagement
- Biobased materials

The HOOP Lunch Talks

Every last Thursday of the month the network meets online to hear an expert talk on urban circular bioeconomy.

Topics are suggested by Network members, here are some of the topics covered so far! [Check](#) all the episodes and [watch](#) the first one.

Season 1



- Bioeconomy technologies
- Stakeholders' engagement
- Funding opportunities
- Circular business models

Season 2



- Public procurement
- Governance
- Good practices
- HOOP tools and guidelines

How to join the network?

1

Sign up through
[HOOP website](#)

2

Wait for the approval by
the network manager

3

Welcome
in HOOP!

4

Full access to
the [HOOP platform](#)

More questions?

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