

A Circular Resources Lab

How can we work together as key actors of Canton de Vaud to implement Circular Economy in the region ?

Lausanne, le 14 septembre 2018 – *Starting from today, 25 individuals, representing business, academia, civil society and public administration engage in an experimental journey towards solutions for circular economy transformation in Canton de Vaud. The project is powered by Sustainable Living Lab at Impact Hub Lausanne & Living Lab Lausanne at EPFL in collaboration with collaboratio helvetica, with the support of the Engagement Migros development fund as well as the Sustainable Development Solutions Network Switzerland (SDSN)*

Current processes of production and consumption are linear and therein produce a lot of waste. **A transition is required to move towards more sustainable solutions.** Through some of its principles like reuse, recycle, repair and reduce, circular economy offers an alternative model that treats resources in a smart way leaving less or no waste. Shifting to this model will require a systemic approach, a fundamental transformation of our production and consumption patterns as well as change of our mindsets. **Waste affects everyone** - citizens, students, academics, entrepreneurs, corporates, policymakers, activists, artists, thought leaders, innovators and change-makers, therefore we are to tackle this challenge jointly in order to stimulate true systemic change.

Beyond Waste | Circular Resources Lab is a social laboratory to co-create ideas and prototypes and start walking this transition in Canton de Vaud together. The Lab is a **4-month** (Sept-Dec 2018) collective innovation process aiming at developing circular economy solutions. It consists of a blended learning environment combining online and offline sessions to use social technologies drawn from various approaches and tools, namely Theory U. The expected outcomes of this process are firstly to enable ecosystem awareness for Circular Resources and second, to facilitate the **development of 4 to 5 viable solutions** in the region.

If you are interested in the outcomes of the Lab, **SAVE THE DATE of November 22nd** and attend our **Demo Day at Impact Hub Lausanne**. On this day our participants will exhibit their solution prototypes to the public.

More information you find on [our website](#).

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On Sustainable Living Lab (Impact Hub Lausanne & Geneva):

[Sustainable Living Lab](#) is a pioneering initiative supported by the Fonds [Engagement Migros](#) and catalysed by Impact Hub Geneva & Lausanne. Our vision is a world in which business, government, academia and civil society openly collaborate in order to support concrete initiatives that solve the most important challenges of our time by taking action locally. We create spaces for collaborative practices and transformative learning, in order to enable cross-sector experimentation and facilitate awareness-based collective action.

On Living Lab Lausanne (3L)

[Living Lab Lausanne \(3L\)](#) at GERG Chair at EPFL is a co-creation platform to foster Circular economy solutions within Canton Vaud (CH) and outside. Our Living Lab follows Quadruple Helix Model of governance of innovation. The objectives of 3L: altered resource flows of the region, new programs and initiatives for CE, new partnerships, and new business models for CE, new products and services for CE, changes in public policy to facilitate CE transformation in Switzerland as well as research on CE transition. We plan the following pillars of work within our Living lab: regular workshops on CE issues with invited speakers, social lab on CE development consisting of various stakeholders as well as living lab for testing innovative solutions (products and services) for CE solutions through integrated learning mechanisms.

On collaboratio helvetica

[collaboratio helvetica](#) is at once platform, community, organisation, laboratory and movement. We are a pioneer project, which is dedicated to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Switzerland, especially through conveying necessary conditions for fruitful collaboration. This is why we create spaces for open dialogue, experimentation and collaboration to co-create the Switzerland we want to live in. collaboratio helvetica is supported by Engagement Migros, a development fonds of the Migros group.

On Engagement Migros:

The Engagement Migros development fund supports pioneering projects, tackling the challenges of social change. They break new ground and test future-oriented solutions. To ensure the effectivity of this support, Engagement Migros supplements funding with coaching services provided by its Pionierlab. Engagement Migros is made possible by the companies of the Migros Group through an annual grant of approximately CHF 10 million. It has been supplementing the Migros Culture Percentage since 2012. For further information: www.engagement-migros.ch

On Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) Switzerland:

[SDSN Switzerland](#) - Implementing the Sustainable Development Goals in Switzerland Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) Switzerland mobilizes universities, research centers, civil society organizations, business and other knowledge centers to create and implement transformative solutions to achieve the Agenda 2030 and Paris Agreement in Switzerland and beyond.