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Circle the Med forum 2022 concluded with success by the Circular Economy and Climate Change Institute of the EPLO

CIRCLE THE MED 2022

CIRCULAR ECONOMY: THE ONLY PATH FOR ADDRESSING THE CLIMATE CRISIS, SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND PROSPERITY IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

The Institute for Circular Economy and Climate Change of the European Public Law Organization (EPLO) organized the Circle the MED Forum 2022 in a hybrid format from the 23 to 27 November 2022 broadcasted simultaneously from Athens, Greece, (Zappeion Megaron) and Cairo, Egypt (National Museum of Egyptian Civilization: NMEC) with physical presence and online participation.

The Event provided a forum for discussion for many important personalities in the political academic and business arena.

The works of the Circle the Med Forum 2022, organized by the Institute for the Circular Economy and Climate Change of the European Public Law Organization were concluded with great success on Friday, November 25 with the Company awards for the implementation of good practices and positive circular economy actions.

In the Circle the Med Forum 2022, which was attended by more than 3600 delegates (400 in person and 3200 online) from 60 countries, all critical issues of the circular economy were comprehensively covered along with the conclusions of COP 27 as well as related ideas and proposals for the better dissemination of the reported conclusions.

During the work of the Forum, all the parameters of the circular economy as the new economic model that is integrated into the three main pillars of the EU (Green growth, Blue economy, Digital Economy) were presented in order to become circular. In more detail, sessions were organized dedicated to green development, the blue and digital economy, cultural heritage and its protection from the effects of climate change as well as the promotion of cooperation between Greece and Egypt and more broadly between the North and South Coast of the Mediterranean, which will concern green energy projects. During the discussions, special emphasis was placed on the climate and environmental issues of the Mediterranean, such as its extensive pollution from plastics and microplastics that contaminate the food chain and biodiversity, but also the threat posed to its coastal and island regions by the rise in the level of waters due to the climate crisis

Problems were thoroughly identified and solutions and best practices were proposed, especially regarding the prevention and management of waste/plastics within the framework of circular economy standards.

The Circle the Med Forum, after its third consecutive event, has now been established as an institution for climate, environmental, energy and cultural diplomacy, as well as a dynamic network of key players in the Mediterranean region. Indicative of the importance of the Forum for the region are the presences of the

Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt, **Mr. Omar Amer Youssef** - a privileged partner country of the Forum, Egypt - who referred to the results of COP 27, as well as the Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates **Mr. Sulaiman Humad Salem Al Mazroui** who marked the start of the cooperation of the Circle the Med Forum with the UAE, in view of the organization of COP 28 in Dubai.

In the work of the Circle the Med Forum 2022, which began with a message addressed by the **Ecumenical Patriarch Mr. Bartholomew**, among others:

the Prime Minister of Malta, **Mr. Robert Abela**, the former Prime Minister and President of SYRIZA PS, **Mr. Alexis Tsipras**, the Acting Prime Minister for Economic Affairs of the Republic of North Macedonia, **Mr. Fatmir Bytyqi**, the Ministers of the Interior, **Mr. M. Vouridis**, Finance **Mr. Chr. Staikouras**, Shipping and Islands Policy **Mr. I. Plakiotakis**, Tourism **Mr. V. Kikilias**, the Minister of Environment and Renewable Energy of Algeria **Ms. Samia Moualfi**, the Ministers of Culture of Montenegro **Ms. Masa Vlaovic**, of Albania **Ms. Elva Margariti** and of Croatia **Mrs. Nina Obuljen Koržinek**, the Alternate Minister of Foreign Affairs **Mr. M. Varvitsiotis**, the Alternate Minister of Shipping of Cyprus **Mr. V. Dimitriadis**, the Deputy Ministers of Environment and Energy **Mr. G. Amyras**, Rural Development and Food **Mr. S. Kedikoglou**, the former Deputy Minister of Energy and Environment **Mr. S. Famellos**, the former Deputy Minister of Energy and Environment **Mr. G. Maniatis**, the former Commissioner for Migration of Internal Affairs and Citizenship of the EU **Mr. Dimitris Avramopoulos**, the Regional Governor of Attica **Mr. G. Patoulis**, the Mayor of Athens **Mr. K. Bakoyannis**, the Mayor of Trikala and President of KEDE, **Mr. D. Papastergiou**, the Member of Parliament, **Mrs. O. Kefalogianni**, the President of the EOT, **Mrs. A. Gerekou**, and the DG of Environment and Sustainable Development of the Municipality of Tirana, **Mrs. Julinda Dhame**.

Note The conclusions of the Circle the Med Forum 2022 will soon be posted on the website www.circlet themed.com