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Circular Economy - a key factor in Italy's economic future

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The current linear economy is massively wasteful

Mobility

- The average car spends 92% of its life the time parked
- Car parking spaces in US = 1 billion = 4 x number of vehicles (50 60% of downtown areas in US = car space)

Fashion

• Every second a dumpster of clothing is landfilled or incinerated

Food

- 33% of all food is wasted
- Agriculture, farming, land use emissions = 20 30% of global total GHG emissions

Plastic

- 86% of all plastic packaging is not recycled
- At current rates there will be more plastic than fish in the sea by 2050

E-waste

 Annual e-waste production = 122k jumbo jets in weight = 3 x output of all world's silver mines... and 80% of this e-waste is not recycled



The definition of a circular economy

The circular economy is a framework for systems solutions and transformation that tackles global challenges like climate change, biodiversity loss, waste and pollution.

It has three principles, driven by design:







- It is based increasingly on renewable energy and materials
- It is accelerated by digital innovation
- It is a resilient, distributed, diverse, and inclusive economic model



Completing the picture: tackling the overlooked emissions





The circular economy is gaining momentum

Market growth

- Clothing resale expected to be nearly double the size of fast fashion by 2029
- The sharing economy is set to increase by 20x by 2025 (2015 baseline)
- EMF network grows to over 2000 companies 2010 2021

Corporate commitments

- Over 20% of the global plastic packaging value chain (850+ companies) commit to 100% reusable, recyclable or compostable packaging by 2025
- Over 1,000 companies sign up to measure their circularity with EMF's Circulytics
- H&M Group launches clothing resale in 20 countries in June 2021

Revenue targets

- Renault Group generates €500M+ of revenue a year from its circular economy activities (recycling, remanufacturing, 2nd hand part resale) and has set a goal of €1Bn per year by 2030
- Philips to sets target to reach 25% of its revenue from circular economy solutions by 2025
- Solvay sets target to triple its circular economy revenue to 15% by 2030

The finance sector is mobilising ..

"The concept of the circular economy is so important, it's a foundational blueprint. If we could get more and more of the money owners to agree that this is a good way to invest, not just for social reasons, not just for environmental reasons, but for investment reasons, performance reasons"

Larry Fink, Chairman and CEO, BlackRock



Growth in circular economy investment funds is evident

Assets under management in public equity funds with a circular economy focus have grown 24-fold since December 2019

In USD Billion AUM





Growth in circular economy bonds is also building

Corporate and sovereign bonds focussed on circular economy have grown more than five-fold since December 2019*



*Conservative estimate



Public policies and public demand are evident

- Policy
 - The circular economy is a key pillar of the European Green Deal
 - The EU's recovery plan will now be guided by a green finance taxonomy, where the circular economy features

• Consumer trends

- **Fashion:** 71 % of customers are expressing a greater interest in circular business models such as rental, resales and refurbishment, as well as investing in higher quality apparel following the pandemic
- **Food:** 72% of Europeans have reported a greater willingness to put effort into healthier eating in the future

• Italian context

- Investments of 7 billion euros are planned for "green businesses and circular economy" as part of the the National Recovery and Resilience Plan
- The Circular Economy Alliance includes leading Italian companies and Ellen MacArthur Foundation Network members such as A2A, Aquafil, Enel, Grupo Hera, Intesa Sanpaolo, Novamont, Salvatore Ferragamo



The vision and economic rationale for a circular economy are compelling and set the direction for better forms of growth.



Italy is well placed to play a leading role

- **Design:** The circular economy renews and enriches Italy's natural flair for design
- **Materials:** Italy is the nation with the highest level of circular materials (secondary raw materials) used by the manufacturing system in Europe: almost a fifth of the total (18.5%)
- **Finance:** Intesa Sanpaolo: €6 Billion Euro Circular Economy Plafond, the largest of its kind in the world
- **Plastics and packaged goods:** Novamont is a world leader in bio-materials and a catalyst for Milan's world-class food waste collection system
- **Fashion:** Aquafil, a global leader in non-chemical nylon recycling with its ECONYL used by Adidas in its swimwear, Prato district pioneering wool recycling
- **Food:** Italy is the birthplace of the Slow Food movement
- **Built Environment:** Enel's Futur-e repurposes 23 power stations



The circular economy is a solution for better growth.