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CI-You: Circular economy youth leaders project with 8 international partners from Belgium (Out of the Box International), Cyprus (CSI), Greece (IED & AKMI), Hungary (IMRO), Serbia (EDUFONS), Italy (JUMP) and Slovenia (MIITR) have concluded the Intellectual output 1: an analysis on existing business models, skills, competences, knowledge and needs of youth in order to define a path for developing the training material content in subsequent outputs. The main aim of the CI-YOU project is to help further improve the level of green business culture in Europe by providing youth with knowledge and concepts in the field of circular economy.

Therefore, the firstly prepared compilation report aims at highlighting the most important findings withing the national desk and field research inputs, bringing together the main recommendations that should address the identified gaps. **In case of Slovenia, findings are the following:**

- Overview of the legal framework highlights the *Roadmap towards the Circular Economy in Slovenia* as one of the key documents to follow when implementing CE principles, while the CE-focused and specific educational offer were identified mostly on the tertiary educational level.
- Youth surveys for Slovenia were mostly answered by young people between 24 and 30 years old (67 %) with self-assessment knowledge level of CE topics as well as business management topics were rated as "moderate". Their preferred method of learning about those topics would be "presentation with expert input" and moreover, their ideal method of learning when it comes to supporting their career development was "personal mentoring, one to one sessions".
- Expert surveys gave in-depth perspective on the similar questions, where they additionally pointed out "group work" as a good practice learning method, when it comes to lecturing about CE and business-related content. Experts also highlighted the importance of working on "good practice examples" from real-life, local environment and globally known success stories with their students. Moreover, 60 % of them stated that circular economy is recognized as important in society and that there are also public support measures aimed at helping young people to start-up their entrepreneurs' career (60 %) in Slovenia.

Now, as we are aware of all countries' strengths and needs, CI-YOU project consortium has an important position by having an innovative approach in building a learning model and platform to outreach youth and youth groups for wider visibility and implications of the circular economy in real-time.

For more information, please refer to the project webpage:

<https://circulareconomyproject.org/>

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