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# Scaling Circular EPR Solutions for Furniture and Mattresses

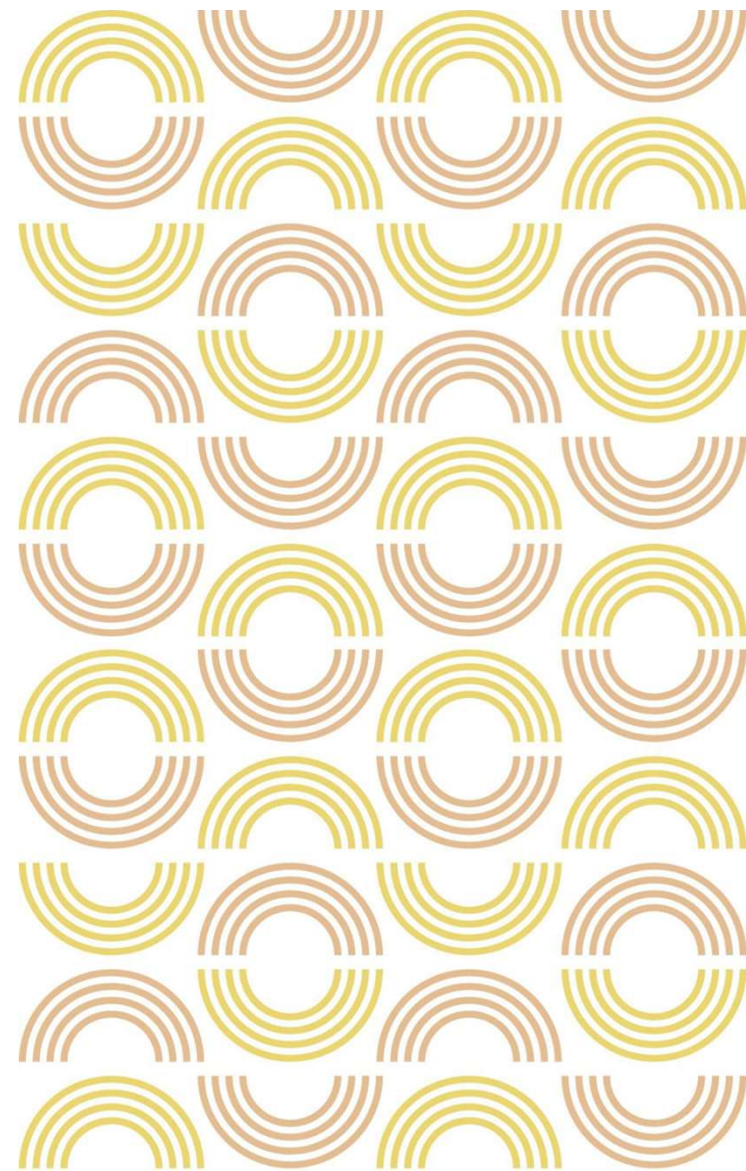
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## Topic(s) addressed:

- HORIZON-CL6-2025-01-CIRCBIO-04: Development and testing of EPR schemes within the priority CEAP value chains

## Other topics of interest:

- HORIZON-CL6-2025-01-CIRCBIO-01: Novel circular business models to enable the just transition to a sustainable and circular economy
- HORIZON-CL6-2025-01-CIRCBIO-02: Improving ecodesign of products and development of testing methods for products prioritised under the ESPR
- HORIZON-CL6-2025-01-CIRCBIO-03: Product Environmental Footprint (PEF) of policy and market-relevant product groups
- HORIZON-CL6-2025-01-CIRCBIO-01-two-stage: Open Topic: Innovative solutions for the sustainable and circular transformation of SMEs
- Any CIRCBIO or CL6 topic that addresses training, skills mismatches, demonstrators, capacity building, knowledge transfer...

## Project idea

- **Background:** Existing Extended Producer Responsibility schemes are underdeveloped or fragmented in the furniture and mattresses, especially for SMEs. There is a pressing need for harmonised, scalable EPR systems that integrate ecodesign, digital tools, and cross-border cooperation to drive sustainable production and waste reduction.
- **Concept:** The project will design, test, and deploy innovative EPR schemes tailored to the furniture and mattress sectors, integrating eco-modulation, digital tools (e.g. Digital Product Passports), and circular business models. It will engage key stakeholders across the value chain to co-create scalable, cross-border solutions. Emphasis will be placed on practical pilots, data-driven decision-making, and SME support.

## Main expertise offered / sought

- We are a business association representing the interests of companies in the furniture and mattress sectors with a direct access to a broad network of industry stakeholders.
- CETEM also acts as a VET centre with a strong track record in Circular economy and ecodesign.
- CETEM coordinates FRANCESCA, funded under HORIZON-CL6-2024-CIRCBIO-01-3, and also participated in FURN360 and ECOSIGN, pioneering educational content and curricula focused on circular practices tailored to furniture and mattress manufacturers.
- Acting as coordinator, CETEM is looking partners active in furniture, mattresses and other (i.e.: carpets) value chains, mainly local authorities, waste management operators and producer responsible organisations (PROs)



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