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OBJECTIVE: The objective of the experiment was to collect a wide range of skill- and experience-based knowledge and views on possible trends in the circular economy, to contribute to the debate on the circular economy and to support the innovation process.

EXECUTION: A series of three future workshops was organized in the autumn of 2017. The workshops were held in three connected phases.

COOPERATION: Key stakeholders in the circular economy were invited and participated in the workshops. The participants were welcome to attend one, two or all three workshops.

VARIABLES: In the first workshop, the participants identified different factors and phenomena relevant to the future of the circular economy. In the second phase, the participants produced different future scenarios for the circular economy on the basis of the results from the previous phase. In the third future workshop, the participants drew up road maps and action plans for four different scenarios.

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EXPECTATIONS: The experiment was expected to result in views on different future scenarios and related developments with regard to the circular economy.

END RESULTS: The future workshops resulted in six scenarios for the future of the circular economy. Based on these, combined scenarios and road maps were also produced for both the desired and the probable future.

CONCLUSIONS: The role of citizens and consumers in promoting the circular economy was emphasized in the process. The probable future of the circular economy involves gradual and moderate changes, whereas the desired future is marked by drastic upheavals.

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