



CIRCULAR ECONOMY INNOVATION THE NEW TYPE OF TEAM SPORT

How to accelerate the adoption of circular product innovations by connecting all stakeholders in a collaborative ecosystem?

Implementing circular material innovations that transform value chains is a team sport that requires an integrative



approach where each player's expertise and perspective are harnessed. By uniting manufacturers, suppliers, consumers, researchers, and policymakers, there's a pooling of resources, knowledge, and technology that identifies and bridges gaps more efficiently. This synergy drives the development and adoption of regenerative material technologies at a faster pace, encourages shared responsibility, and ensures the optimization of resources throughout the lifecycle, thus pushing the envelope of what's possible in the realm of sustainable innovation.



The 3 core areas of expertise of a successful circular economy innovation team

COLLABORATION IN ACTION

Example 1: How to develop fully circular performance wear?



Regenerative **Raw Materials** Willy Hermann and partners

Manufacturing



The TechTex startup Swijin from Switzerland creates performance wear for female athletes. To implement a regenerative product innovation that drives a circular business model, we have first identified all stakeholders along the entire product value chain and provided them with the CIRCULIX circularity assessment framework as a common language for innovation.

End-of-Life

YARN® YARN Project by Rheiazymes Molecular Bio-Recycling

Data Exchange & **Common Language**

SVVIJIN

Product Development

Stakeholder collaboration along the value chain

Brunner, a Swedish supplier of footwear components, planned to develop a circular and regenerative version of their TPU reinforcement

To identify ingredients for the most performing and regenerative approach, a 4-dimensional assessment framework derived from doughnut economics and life-cycle engineering was employed to create a common language for all ecosystem partners. The dimensions involved environmental, performance, economical and **social** aspects, which allowed all stakeholder to monitor the value







creation for each possible product scenario. The result is LIBA® **BIO**, the only TPU film on the market containing bio-based raw materials from cornstarch, blended with LIBA® SMART, fully recyclable and not compromising on technical performance.

Æ V O L'U T I O N[®] Mission & Vision

We bring all value-chain stakeholders together to enable the most regenerative products and business models while kindling business opportunities

We guide you to become future-resilient by developing holistic sustainable concepts and systems that are good for the planet, the people and your business

- By combining regenerative business model thinking, material expertise and circular product design
 - **Our Approach:**
 - Step 1: Product value chain analysis
 - Step 2: Circular design and business model ideation
 - Step 3: Stakeholder mapping
- Step 4: Creating a common language where AEVOLUTION links everyone together in close collaboration



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We enable Sustainability through collaboration

> Talk to us if you wish to start acting on circularity, but are not sure where & how to begin with

> > If you're looking to transform your product into a regenerative one starting from material choice and design and aiming for the highest level of circularity?

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Ask us how materials, designs and fabrics drive regenerative design, what your customer wants and how to impact their choices

> Discuss with us whether you think that the term Sustainable Fashion shall be challenged