# Measuring Circular Economy

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## **Learning Outcomes**

- The course/nugget is designed to increase the student's understanding of the current state of strategies undertaken by corporations to measure and manage circularity and sustainability performance.
- Upon successful completion of the course, the student can
- Identify and understand alternatives for a sound circularity measurement and management scheme.



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#### Contents will

- Expose students to strategies companies use to measure and manage circularity and corporate responsibility performance and data.
- Give the students the opportunity to assess and analyse the circular economy related data and reporting of an organization.
- Challenge students to think critically about the environmental, societal and economic consequences of business decisions and how they can be monitored, reported and communicated.



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### **Circular Metrics**

This is the introduction text

- Circular Economy is gaining increased attention from policy makers, industry and academia. It has been posited as a solution to the rise of environmental problems that we are experiencing. Companies see tremendous opportunity in this model and many have adopted it willingly. However, measuring progress in the circular economy has been quite challenging as there has been no established way of measuring how effective a company is in making the transition from 'linear' to 'circular' models. Companies have developed their own frameworks for measuring circularity. Climate KIC, Europe's leading climate innovation initiative, has provided recommendations for a common measurement framework, which aims to achieve harmony in how individual companies measure their progress in the circular economy. Further, Ellen MacArthur Foundation and Granta Design also propose indicators to measure circularity. However, there is skepticism as to whether the companies are using or will use these indicators in the future or continue developing their own individual frameworks. See more details from the links provided.
- The **GOAL** of this section is to give an overview through examples of different approaches to including circular economy metrics in performance management and the importance it bears. Your **TASK** will be to explore the circular economy measurement of a company.



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## Learning Materials

- Circular Metrics Landscape Analysis
- <a href="https://docs.wbcsd.org/2018/06/Circular Metrics-Landscape analysis.pdf">https://docs.wbcsd.org/2018/06/Circular Metrics-Landscape analysis.pdf</a>
- Indicators for circular economy
- https://www.easac.eu/fileadmin/PDF\_s/reports\_statements/Circular\_Economy/EASAC\_Indicators\_web\_complete.pdf
- Circularity Indicators (Project Overview)
- <a href="https://www.ellenmacarthurfoundation.org/assets/downloads/insight/Circularity-Indicators\_Project-Overview\_May2015.pdf">https://www.ellenmacarthurfoundation.org/assets/downloads/insight/Circularity-Indicators\_Project-Overview\_May2015.pdf</a>
- Circularity Indicators (Detailed information)
- https://www.ellenmacarthurfoundation.org/resources/apply/circularity-indicator



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## **Learning Materials**

- Circular Economy Indicators: What do they measure
- <a href="https://www.unenvironment.org/news-and-stories/blogpost/circular-economy-indicators-what-do-they-measure">https://www.unenvironment.org/news-and-stories/blogpost/circular-economy-indicators-what-do-they-measure</a>
- Circular Economy: What we want to know and can measure
- <a href="https://www.pbl.nl/sites/default/files/cms/publicaties/pbl-2018-circular-economy-what-we-want-to-know-and-can-measure-3217.pdf">https://www.pbl.nl/sites/default/files/cms/publicaties/pbl-2018-circular-economy-what-we-want-to-know-and-can-measure-3217.pdf</a>



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