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Blue Circular Nets – Supporting collection, treatment and recycling of EOL fishing gear

CIRCNETS prepares the fishing sector for the legislative changes, which require fishing gear to be recycled. The project will create a blueprint for setting up a collection and recycling system network for end-of-life (EOL) fishing gear. This will also create opportunities to recycle collected materials and give them a new life.

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Blue Circular Nets eða CIRCNETS, er alþjóðlegt verkefni sem Mar Eco er þátttakandi í og er fjármagnað af Norðurslóðaverkefni Evrópusambandsins „Northern Periphery Arctic 2021-2027 program“, oftast nefnt NPA sem hefur það megin markmið að Evrópulönd sem tengjast norðurslóðum vinni saman að sjálfbærri þróun og umhverfismálum. Verkefni CIRCNET er að skoða hvernig endurvinnsla á notuðum fiskinetum er háttáð í þeim löndum sem taka þátt í verkefninu en helstu áskoranir við söfnun á notuðum fiskinetum á norðurslóðum eru strjábýlar byggðir og langar vegalengdir milli hafna og endurvinnslustöðva. Einnig verður skoðað hvernig hafnaryfirvöld á hverjum stað taka á móti notuðum veiðarfærum. Nýjar reglur um endurvinnslu á plasti kalla á að efla hringrásarhagkerfið og er meginverkefni CIRCNET að koma með tillögur um endurvinnslu á notuðum veiðarfærum

Fimm lönd taka þátt í CIRCNET, þ.e. Finland, Svíþjóð, Noregur Írland, og Ísland og er það leitt af háskólanum í Oulu í Finnlandi. Verkefnið tekur yfir tímabilið 1.1.2023 - 31.12.2025 og er tyrkur Evrópusambandsins til Íslands vegna verkefnisins er 129.998,05 evrur.

Blue Circular Nets - CIRCNETS, is a Northern Periphery and Arctic 2021 - 2027 programme funded (NPA) project, which will support the setting up of a collection system for end of line (EOL) fishing gear in the NPA region. Finding out, how collection can be organised regionally in a most efficient and economic way. which also adheres to the “do no significant harm” principle, requires solutions to be looked at from other regions, which have already taken steps towards this. However, the collection of fishing gear opens up a possibility to proceed towards a more circular economy, and find out ways, how the collected materials can be recycled regionally.

CIRCNETS will create solutions for both of these issues by drafting the blueprint for the collection, treatment and recycling of EOL fishing gear in the NPA region. The project partnership includes organisations from Finland, Sweden, Norway, Ireland, Iceland. Mar Eco is the Icelandic partner in this project. The project coordinator is the University of Oulu, Finland.

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