



# MEASURING THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY IN IRELAND

Insights from OECD work

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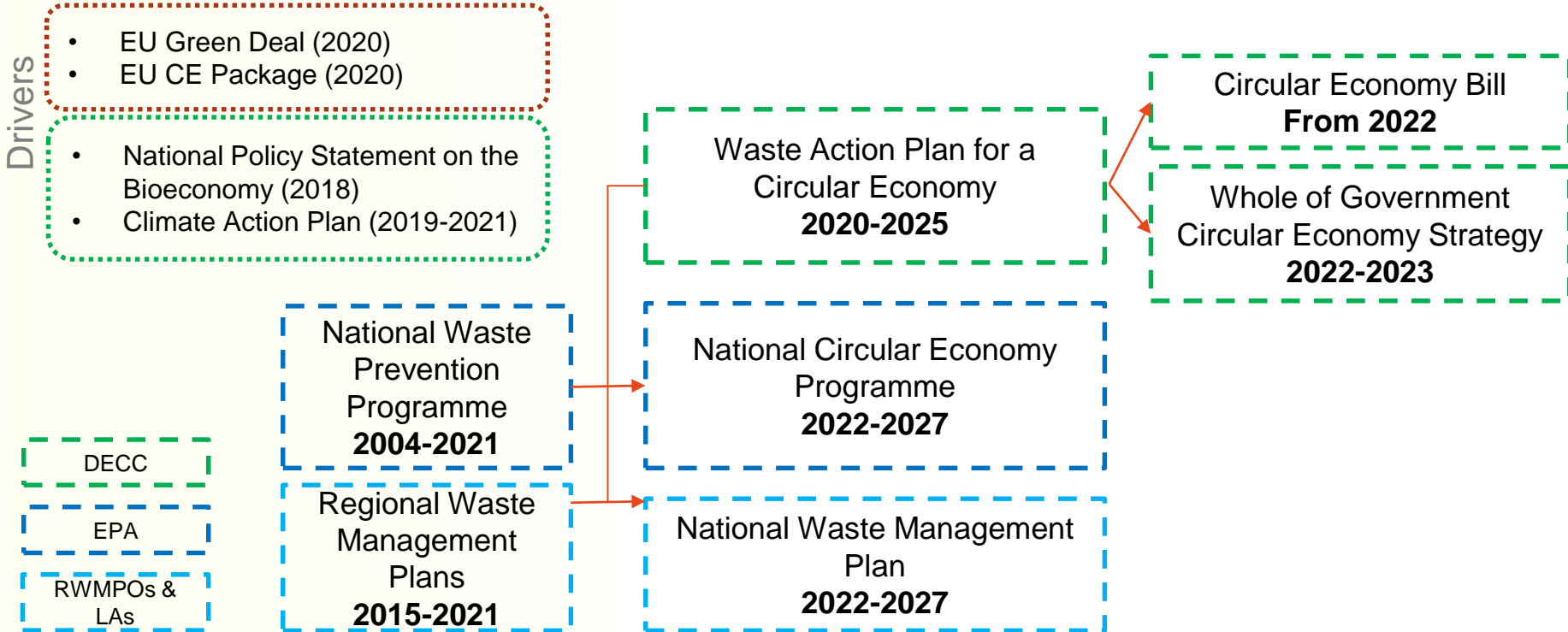
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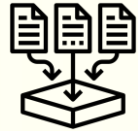
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- Indicators for circular economy policy limited to waste
- Data on waste is fragmented and insufficiently granular and timely



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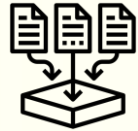


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## Strategic vision

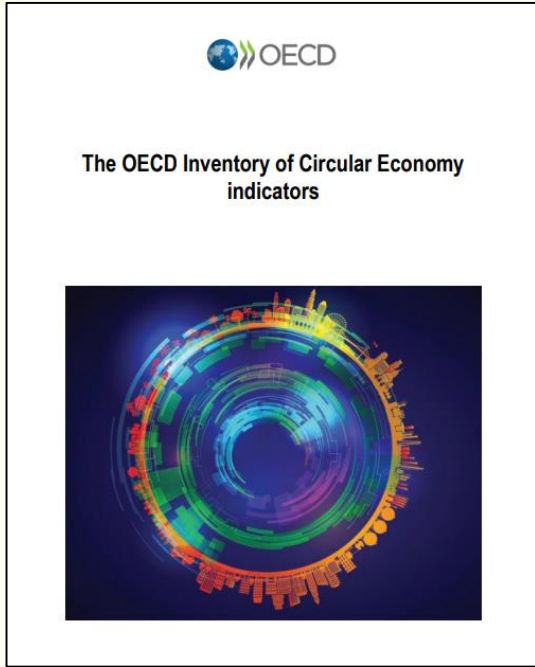
- Make objectives measurable and time-bound
- Set targets in absolute terms to set a clear finish line
- Recognise limitations of the “circularity rate”



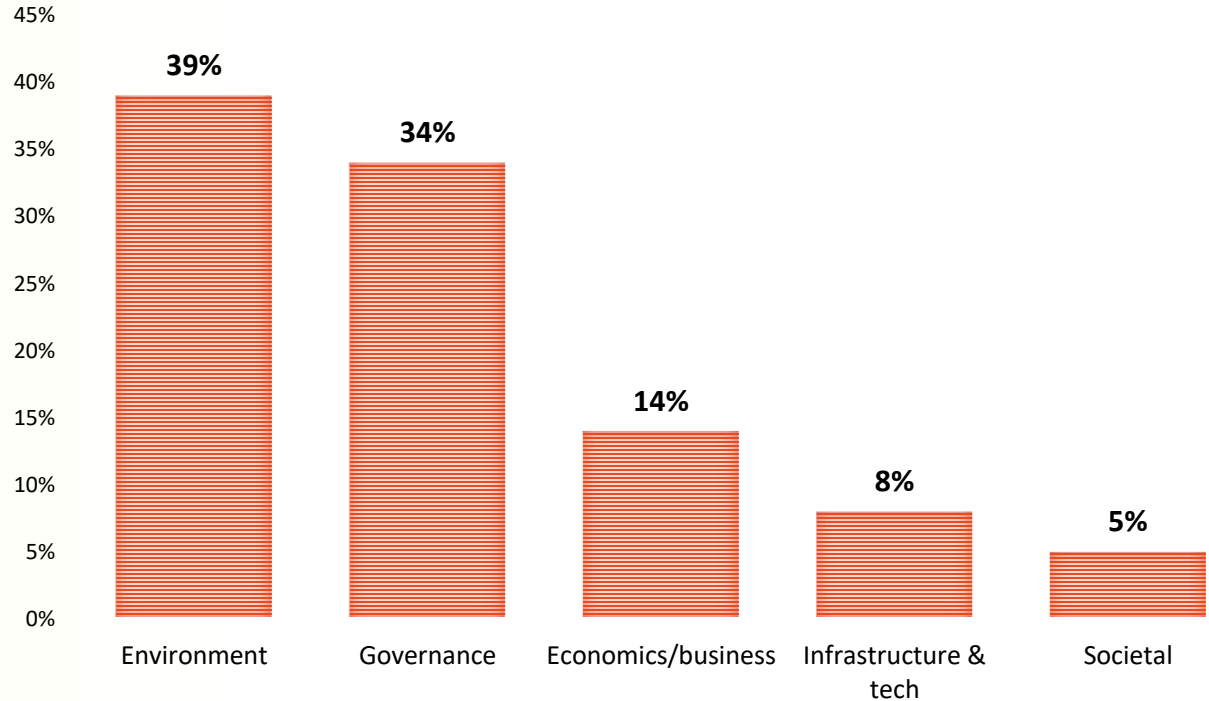
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# Environmental indicators prevail...

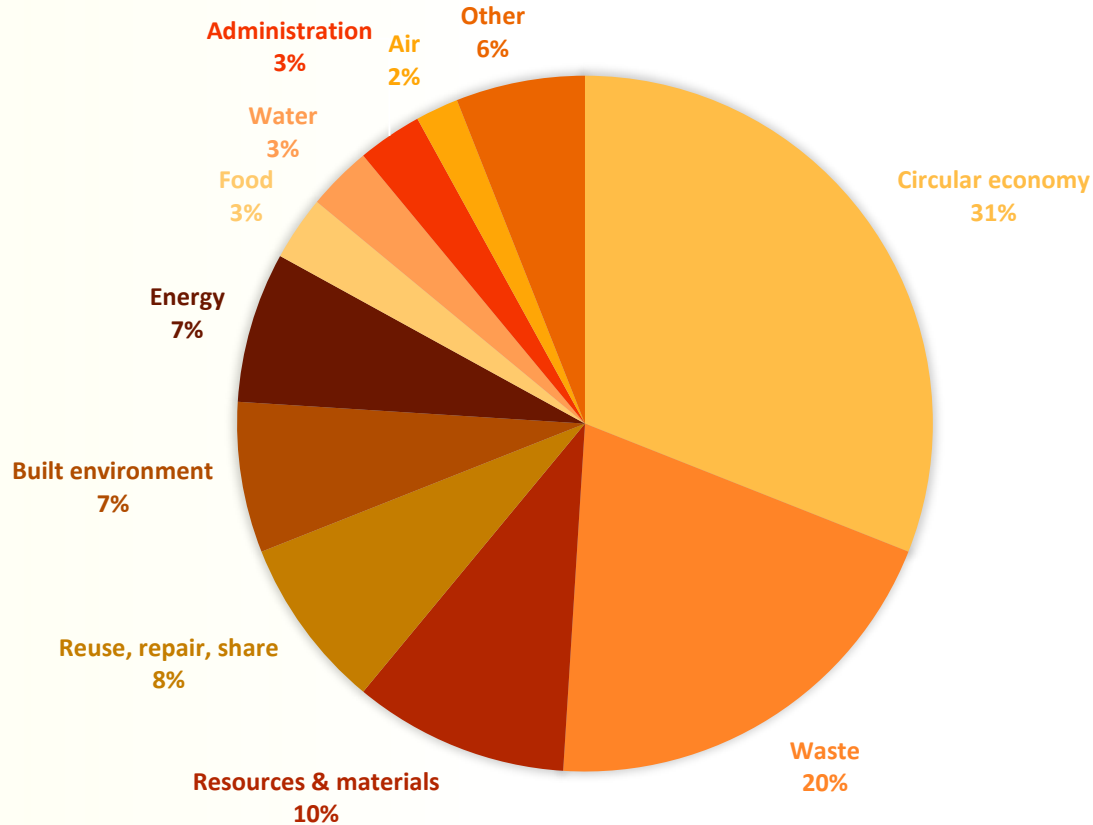


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# ... But it's not just about waste





# Key takeaways on measuring the circular economy



Agree on a common definition of the circular economy



Understand and define what to measure, why and for whom



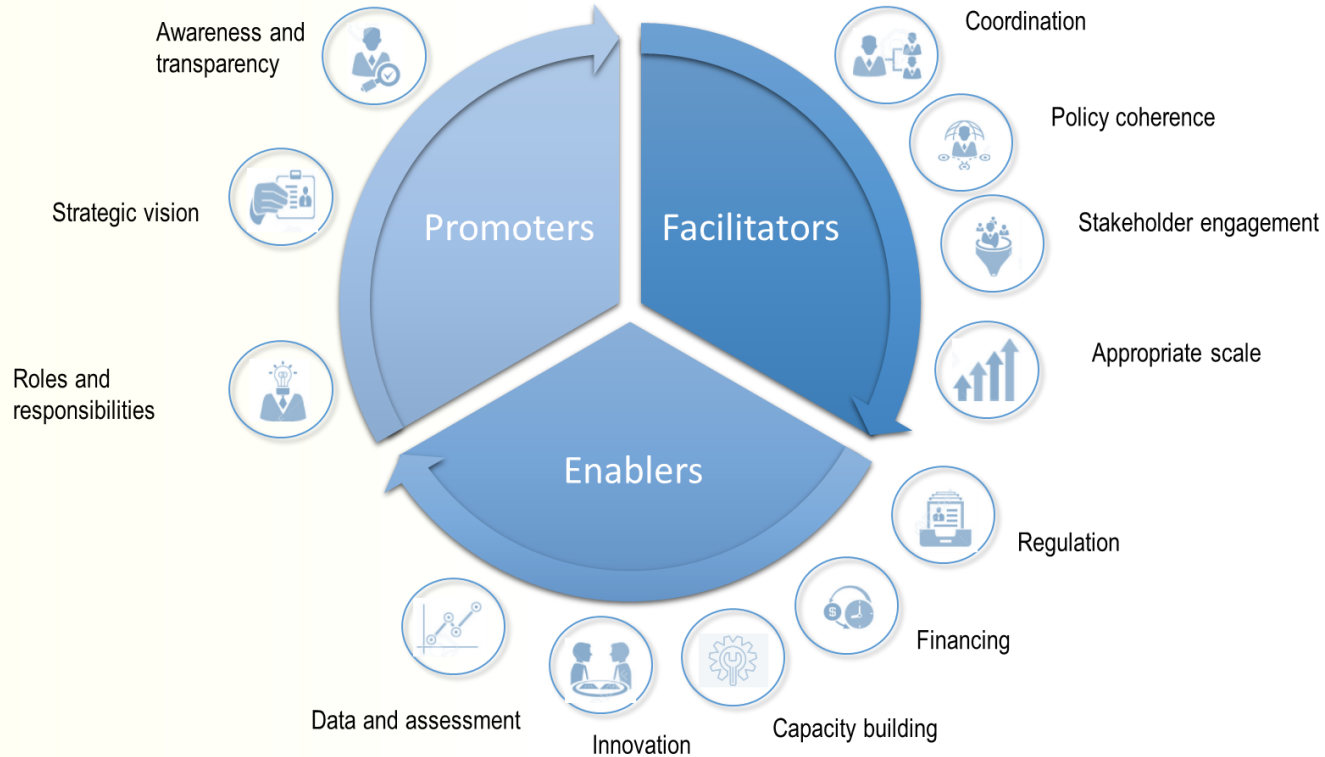
Existing indicators have been designed for a linear economy, so think outside the box



**Mind the governance gap**



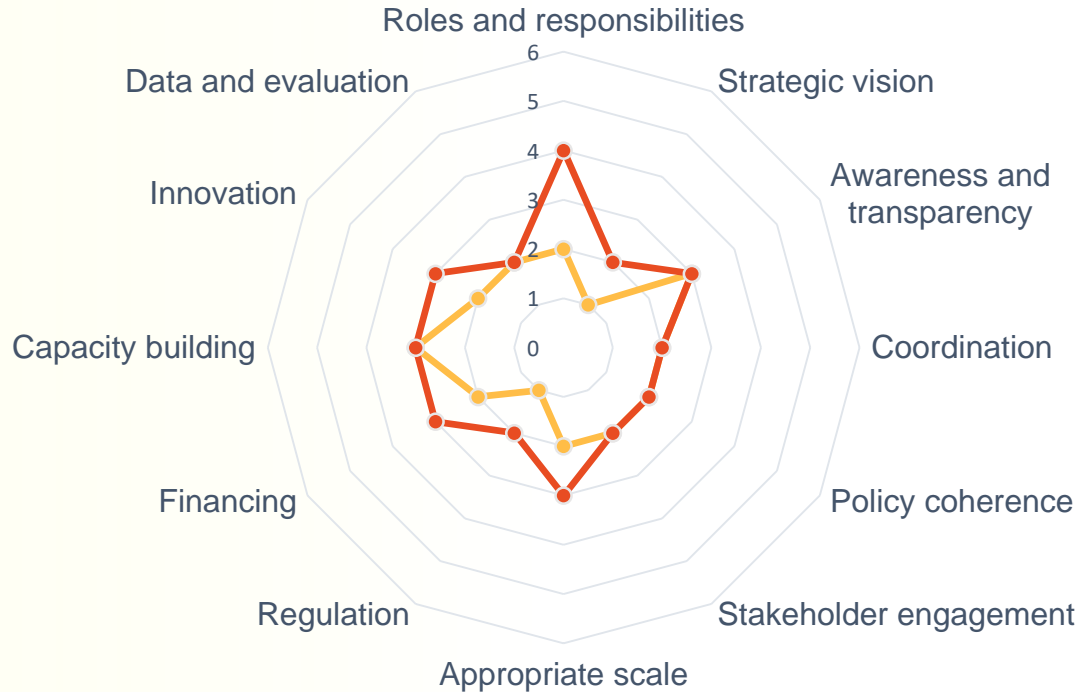
# Checklist for Action





# The Checklist in action!

— Stakeholder assessment    — City self-assessment



Planned	1
In development	2
In place, not implemented	3
In place, partly implemented	4
In place, functioning	5
In place, objectives achieved	6

Source: Case study of Montreal, Canada

# Thank you!



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