

CircularB 1st Training School: "Circularity strategies and best practices for new and existing buildings"

Call for Trainees

COST Action CA21103 – Implementation of Circular Economy in the Built Environment – CircularB – is pleased to announce its 1st Training School scheduled to take place in Timisoara, Romania, from the 27th to the 31st of May 2024.

The inaugural CircularB Action Training School represents an important endeavour that promises to reshape how insights are shared and collaborative networks are cultivated within the CircularB Action community. Designed primarily for early career researchers, Ph.D. students, and young professionals, the Training School focuses on providing practical insights from **WG1 topics** to foster their professional growth.

At the heart of the Training School is an engaging learning environment that encourages active participation. Through a balanced mixture of discussions, presentations, exercises, and lectures, participants will be introduced to new ideas and practical techniques. This approach not only introduces novel concepts but also offers a platform to apply these insights through real-world case studies, promoting a hands-on understanding.

Spanning five days, the Training School strategically aligns with the [CircularB Mid-term/CESARE'24 Conference](#) for its final three days. This alignment offers participants a unique chance to present both their research and the knowledge gained during the Training School. This dual exposure enables a wider dissemination of ideas and valuable feedback from a diverse audience, including respected researchers and experts.

An official invitation to attend the Training School with financial support will be extended to twenty-four (24) CircularB members through e-COST. Additionally, non-selected participants will have the option to participate using their own funds to cover travel and other expenses (up to 8 participants).

English will be the working language for all the training school activities. Participants are encouraged to bring their laptops. Introductory material will be provided two working days in advance of the Training School.

The Scientific Program in a Nutshell

Day 1: Lectures + Practical Sessions + Case study visit

Day 2: Lectures + Practical Sessions

Day 3: Participation in the CircularB Mid-term/CESARE'24 Conference + Practical Sessions

Day 4: Participation in the CircularB Mid-term/CESARE'24 Conference

Day 5: Participation in the CircularB Mid-term/CESARE'24 Conference + Presentation of Group Work + Peer-assessment of the Projects developed during the Training School

Note: The complete programme will be available soon.

Application Guidelines

To make the most of the full range of activities offered during the combined event, it is essential that selected Trainees possess an accepted paper for the [CircularB Mid-term/CESARE'24](#)



Conference. This prerequisite not only facilitates the expansion of Trainees' knowledge but also offers an immeasurable opportunity to present their most recent research in the field, highlighting their contributions towards CircularB Action's goals and work plan, while also engaging with a wider audience. All accepted papers will be published by Springer Publisher, as Open-Access, within the electronic Book of Proceedings through Springer Nature Proceedings (<https://www.springernature.com/gp>) and indexed in Scopus and Web of Science enhancing their visibility and reach.

Interested candidates are invited to submit their applications to the Training School between the 1st and 28th of February 2024 by emailing the CircularB Secretariat, Ms. Adriana Salles, at ca21103@civil.uminho.pt. The application package must encompass **an approved paper intended for presentation at the [CircularB Mid-term/CESARE'24 Conference](#), a concise CV, and a brief motivational letter that underscores self-contributions to and engagement with the CircularB initiative.**

Important Dates

The applications for the Training School will be opened following the receipt of the CircularB Mid-term/CESARE'24 Conference paper acceptance notification.

- Abstract Submission Deadline: **14/09/2023**
- Abstract Acceptance Notification: **30/09/2023**
- Full Paper Submission Deadline: **15/12/2023**
- Peer Review Deadline: **15/01/2024**
- Full Paper Acceptance Notification: **31/01/2024**
- **Application Period for Training School: 01/02/2024 - 28/02/2024**
- **Expected Decision for Participation: 26/03/2024**
- **COST Invitations for Face-To-Face Participation: 26/04/2024**
- **Training School: 27-31/05/2024**

Reimbursement

The travel and accommodation costs for eligible participants attending the Training School will be funded by COST Action CircularB. However, eligibility for reimbursement of travel and accommodation expenses is contingent upon budget availability, with the number of participants eligible for reimbursement limited **to twenty-four (24) individuals**. COST financial assistance will encompass long-distance travel expenditures (up to 500 EUR) and a daily allowance to offset additional costs (meals and accommodation). It is important to note that during the Training School's final three days, which coincide with the Mid-term/CESARE'24 Conference, light lunches and dinners will be covered by COST Action CircularB. For more detailed information, please refer to the Mid-term/CESARE'24 Conference page at: <https://circularb.eu/activities/circularb-mid-term-conference/>.

Participants of the Training School are entitled to the following privileges:

- Access to the Mid-term Conference package (please refer to the waived registration package on the [Conference page](#));
- Training school materials;
- Participation in Training School activities and sessions.

Eligibility Criteria for Reimbursement

- Primarily, be a CircularB member;
- Have an accepted paper to be published in the proceedings of the CircularB Mid-term/CESARE'24 Conference;
- Quality of the submitted contribution assessed by the double-blind peer review process;
- Only the Training School Trainee is entitled to reimbursement (co-authors can participate in the conference but are not entitled to reimbursement);
- Motivation letter;
- Gender balance;
- Career development;
- ITC affiliation;
- Geographical distribution.

Venue

The CircularB 1st Training School will be held in Timisoara, Romania, at the Civil Engineering Faculty of the Politehnica University of Timisoara.

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Looking forward to hearing from you soon and with our best regards,

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