

# RESEARCH ON THE PROSPECTS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY IN ROMANIA

## -SUMMARY-

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It can be said that the circular economy is a niche topic in Romania. The subject of the circular economy is an engaging one, tracing new directions of development, not only in the field of the environment, having multiple development valences, proven by its universal character.

The paper aims to highlight the aspects through which Romania can improve its path towards circularity, providing an overview of its evolution, both as an independent state, but also as an integral part of the European Union.

On the other hand, within the elaboration of this thesis, 3 studies have been carried out: one that includes an analysis of the circular economy indicators that indicate the development potential of this economic model in Romania, the second study that investigates the prospects for the development of the circular economy from the point of view of citizens and the third, which represents an analysis through the theory of Gaussian graphs through which the synergies created between the indicators and sub-indicators of the circular economy in the European Union.

As a result of the research carried out, it can be argued that the circular economy is an extremely important field in the current context, as it provides a wide range of economic, ecological, but also social advantages, which ensure a high level of sustainability.

Although there is still a lot to be done on the way to implementing the circular economy as much as possible, there is a great interest in this direction, especially among the civilian population, a sign that Romania is on the right track when it comes to adhering to circularity.

The biggest challenges facing the faster transition to the circular economy are by far the economic reality that unfortunately cannot cope with the irreversible effects produced by climate change, but also the novelty of the concept, Romania being in an early phase in terms of adherence to the circular economy.

However, clearly, the circular economy must be seen as a priority, but above all as an opportunity that brings important benefits, both at the microeconomic level, but especially macroeconomically, due to the principles on which it is based: it is based on renewable goods, on maximizing the use of resources and products and recovery through reuse and reduction of the waste of raw materials and products.