

**Allegato****ABSTRACT – RESEARCH PROJECT**

This research project aims to explore the impact of international exposure on innovation leveraging for the transition to the Circular Economy within firms and territories. The focus will be on collecting data and developing indicators and models to analyze various aspects such as import–export dynamics, foreign direct investments, and relevant policies. Furthermore, the study will delve into the changes in the structure of intersectoral flows of goods and services between territories, as well as the reconfiguration of global value chains resulting from the adoption of Circular Economy practices. By examining these factors, we hope to gain a deeper understanding of how international exposure influences the implementation of sustainable practices in businesses and regions.

**ACTIVITY SCHEDULE**

The research project involves a variety of activities aimed at mapping the exposure of firms and territories to trade, and foreign direct investments. These activities include:

1. Elaborating measures and indicators to assess the scale and sectoral distribution of these flows.
2. Developing simulation models to analyze how changes in the size and composition of these flows impact the ability of firms and territories to drive innovation for the transition to a Circular Economy paradigm.
3. Creating indicators to evaluate the effects of the CE transition on inter–industry trade flows and the reconfiguration of Global Value Chains.

By undertaking these activities, we aim to gain a deeper understanding of the implications of the CE transition on various economic factors and to provide valuable insights for policymakers and stakeholders.