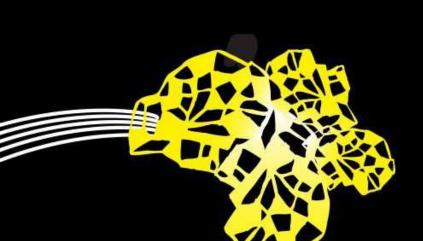
Circular cities and climate change mitigation nexus

Dutch and Indonesian cities



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Why Cities?

CITIES ARE BEING PUSHED TO THE LIMIT

By 2050

more than

66%

85% of global GDP

75% of natural resources consumption

50% of global waste production

60-80% GHGs

Symptoms of the current "Take-makedispose" LINEAR economic model

Albeit occupying only 2% of earths surfa

The grow potential of Small and Medium Cities is high

5

of the world's

10 billion

people will live

in cities¹

Bloomberg via Getty Images

The evolution of cities is seen as centers of prosperity where *people gather to realize aspirations* and dreams, fulfill needs and turn ideas to reality (UN Habitat, 2013).

of the world's

energy is likely

to be consumed

in cities²

Why Dutch Cities?

- One of the most urbanized countries in Europe
- Characterized of a **polycentric urban structure**
- Present air pollution, waste management and competition
- Leader processing and recycling waste with 78% recycling, 19% incinerated and only 3% goes to landfill.



Image by William McDonough + Partners and West 8

• Main Question:

• What are the crucial success factors for Circular Cities in relation to climate change mitigation strategies?

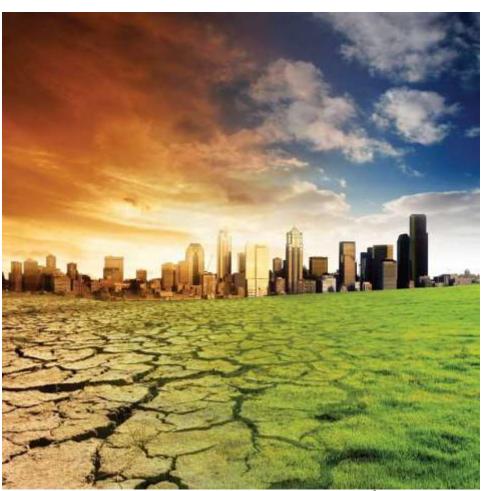


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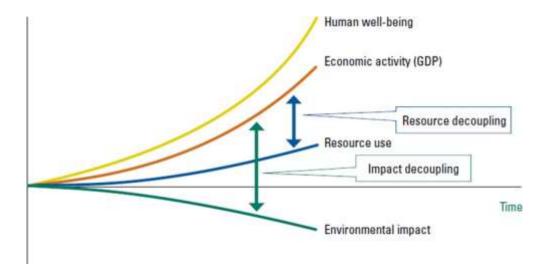
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1.0 The Conceptual framework

CIRCULAR ECONOMY

Decouple economic growth from natural resource use and environmental impact; economic growth that is not correlated to extraction of raw materials and resources (Ellen McArthur Foundation, 2012)



The roots of circularity (systems thinking)

A more circular model

CE aims at:

- A. Reduction of dependency on virgin materials/resources
- B. Creating/yielding more value from (the same) resources
- C. Prevention of waste

(eliminating waste/pollution and transforming it into a resource)



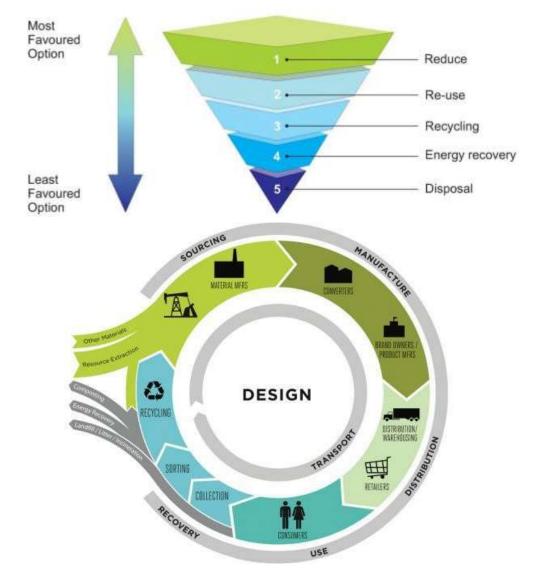


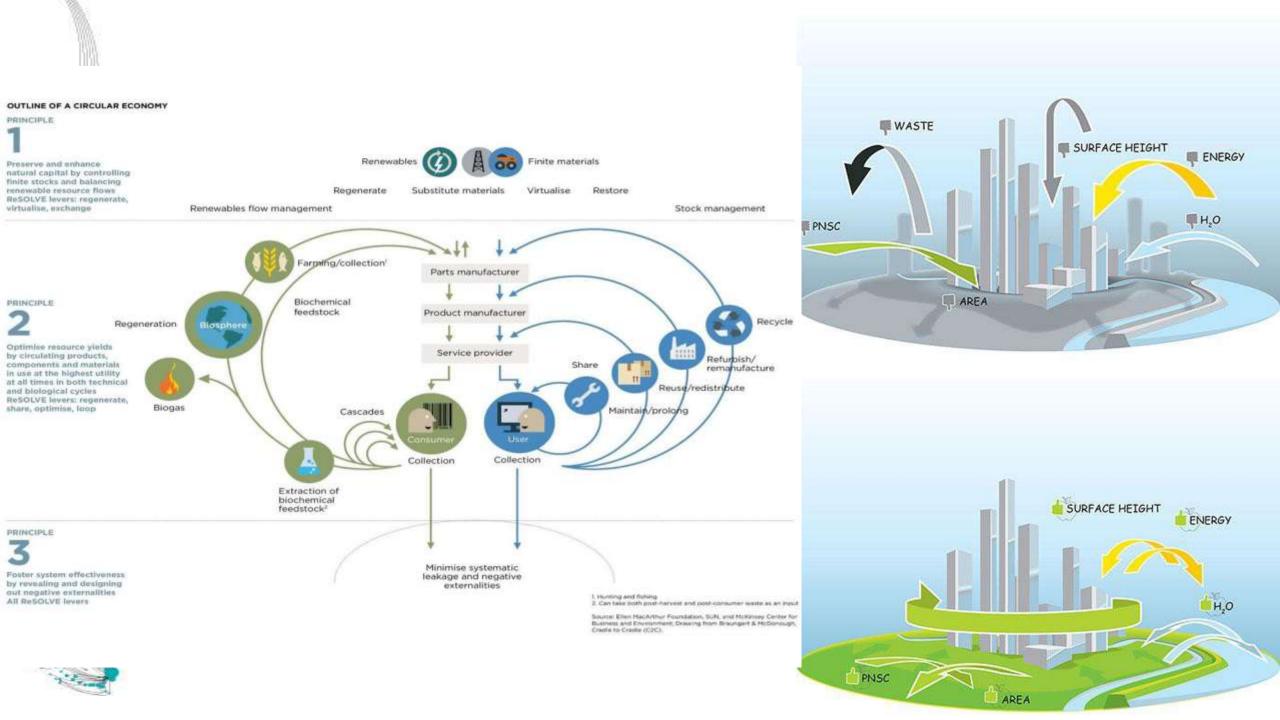


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1.1 Moving to Circular Economy in NL (Cramer, 2014)

- In 1979 Ad Lansink's hierarchy (ladder) was accepted in parliament
- In 1990, policies on prevention and reuse of waste and identification of 30 priority waste streams.
- Eco-design (Brezet , Hemel et al) policies were also introduced in the 1990s
- 2002 comparable approaches as Cradle to Cradle (Braungart & McDonough)
- Dutch policies moved to the direction of resource management (waste seen as a resource)
- Concept of circular economy comes closer to put in practice





1.3 Ellen McArthur Foundation's (<u>EMF</u>) exploration of cities in the CE

- A circular city (CC) embeds the principles of a circular economy across all its functions
- It eliminates the concept of waste and keeps assets at their highest value possible
- Elements in a CC:
 - Built environment;
 - Energy systems;
 - Urban bio-economy;
 - Urban mobility systems;
 - Production systems
- EMF discussed on the benefits of CE in supporting Urban Policy Show cases: textile, plastics and food



1.4 Cities and Climate Change

2040

2060 2080 2100

The global mean year

2047. The mean for

of climate departure is

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CLIMATE CHANGE DEPARTURE WHEN CITIES WILL FEEL THE EFFECT

2020

With no cuts in greenhouse gas emissions, the shift into new climate territory for different cities in the world will occur in different years, give or take about five years say scientists.



- Cities play a crucial role in limiting global warming to below 2°
- Mitigation options are inclined towards: lowenergy, low-carbon or climate-neutral cities.
- Bulkeley & Besil (2003) found four reasons why cities are a significant arena to address climate change:
 - Energy and supply management
 - Transport, supply & demand
 - Waste management
 - Land use planning

1.5 Research Background

Topic: The Nexus between Circular Economy and Climate Change Mitigation Policies in Small and Medium-sized Dutch Cities

- Minimal application of circular economy in climate change policies (Mungo and Franco, 2019)
- Inadequate placement of circular economy concept in the borders of urban sustainability as in the dominating business narrative
- Work on Prendevillea, et.al (2017) discussed the:
 - High possibilities for urban mining of technical and biological nutrients within cities' boundaries
 - Effective collaborations in closing resource loops and minimize waste due to the close geographic proximity of stakeholders within cities

Global megatrends shaping the energy sector

Climate change and resource efficiency

- Decarbonisation
- Renewables





2.0 Research Design

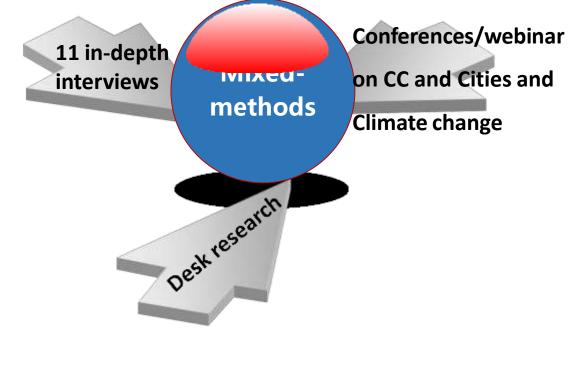
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In Dutch cities and opportunities in Indonesia



2.1 Methodology



- Research unit: 5 SMCs (Policy makers, academia and SMEs)
- Variables: size of the city, adoption circular ladder concepts and implementation of climate change mitigation policies
- Data analysis: content analysis

2.3 Criteria for selecting case cities

	Criteria	Determined by
	Have a population of between 50,000 to 250,000 inhabitants	EU definition of a small and medium-sized city
	Signed Circular City Deal	The ambition of the Deal to move all participating cities towards circularity by 2050
	Adopted identifiable steps towards the transition to a circular city	Project websites, repeated mention of initiatives in these cities in various documents and recommendation by experts
>	Availability/ability to cooperate	Ability to identify relevant stakeholders knowledgeable about circular economy initiatives in the city within the time available



Table 1: EU and Horizon 2020targets (EC, 2017)

Common EU targets in SWM for 2030	Horizon 2020
1. A ban on landfilling the separately collected waste	1. 75% of the 20-64 years-old to be employed
2. Simplified and improved definitions methods for recycling rates throughout the EU	2. 3% of the EUs GDP to be invested in Research and Development
3. Actual measure to promote re-use and simulate industrial symbiosis – turning one industry's by product into another industry's raw material	3. Greenhouse gas emissions 20% (or even 30%, if the conditions are right) lower 1990, 20% of energy from renewables, 20% increase in energy efficiency
4. Economic incentives for producers to put greener products on the market and support recovery and recycling schemes (for packaging, batteries, WEEF, vehicles)	4. Reducing the rates of early school leaving below 10%, at least 40% or 30-34 years-old completing third level education
5. Promotion of economic instruments to discourage landfilling	5. At least 20 million fewer people in or at risk of poverty
6. Recycling 75% of packaging waste; recycling 65% of MSW	
7. Reduce landfill to maximum of 10% of MSW	

3.0 Findings How can cities retain their value and make more efficient use of their existing resources?

•Diagnosis: conduct material flow analysis and current state analysis (CSA)

•Experimentation with concepts to shift from waste management to resource management

•Green public procurement policies as circular procurements

•Request material passports and (dis) assembly plans from contractors

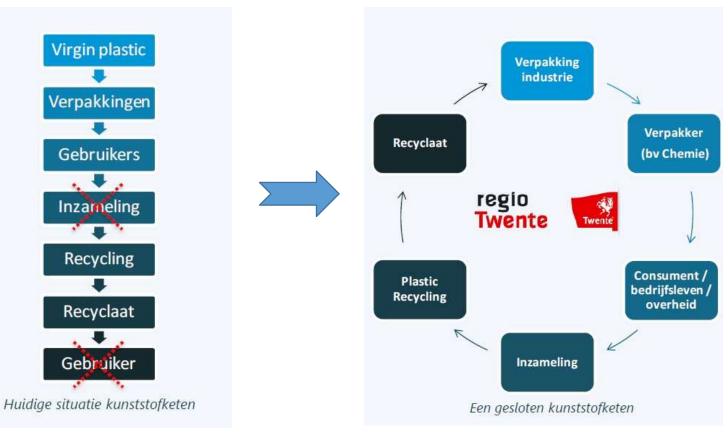


3.0 Research findings cont...

- •Networks to effect crosssector and cross value chain collaborations
- •Local digital and sharing platforms to connect citizens and achieve circular waste streams
- •Conduct Total Cost Ownership/Life Cycle Costing thinking

•Encourage local entrepreneurs to produce and sell locally

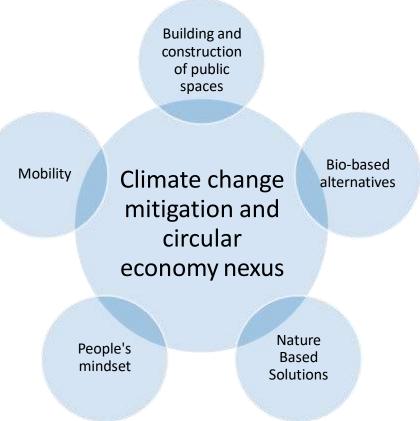
Example of production systems: develop regional circular plastic chain



3.0 Research findings cont...

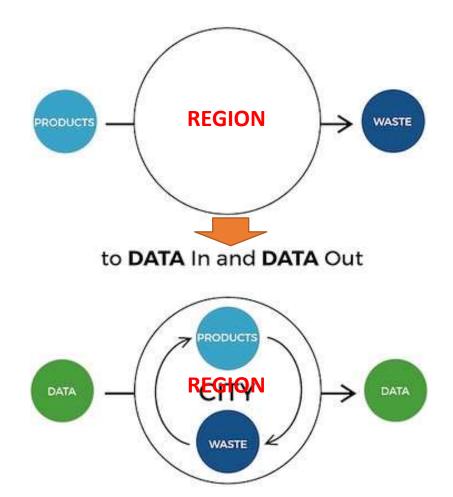
What is the interrelationship between circular economy and climate change mitigation strategies?

- Though not directly, CE is expected to help cities reduce their GHG emissions
- The coordination process is still vague in allocation of human and financial resources
- Current shift in political priorities is promising



3.0 Success factors for cities in transition?

- Use innovative non-financial instruments such as sustainability tenders and circular procurement to stir creative competition
- Encourage flexibility at all levels, as there is still an aspect of trial and error in the transition to a circular city
- Facilitate cross-sector and crossvalue chains collaborations schemes through smart coalitions, innovation contests, etc.
- Give and take a great deal of **trust** in the transition process.



From PRODUCTS In and WASTE Out

4.0 Concluding remarks of the Dutch small medium cities



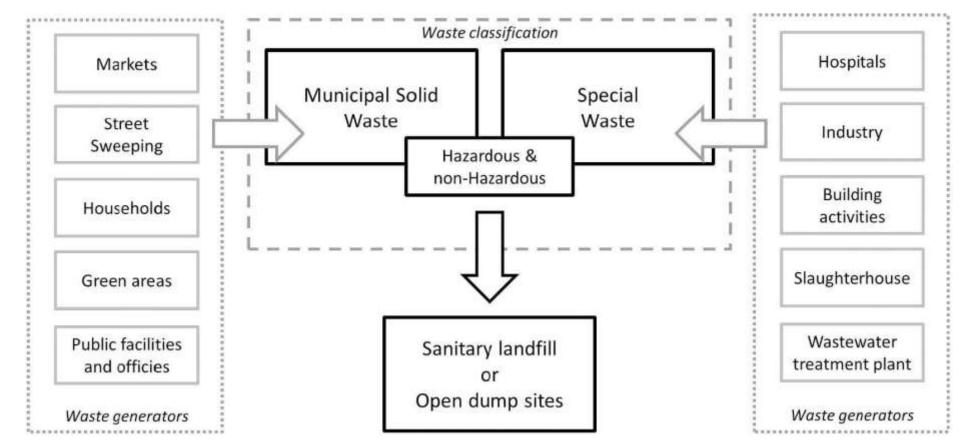
 Innovations linked to resource recovery and energy transition e.g district heating, provides circular solutions that will directly influence climate policy

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- Local governments should demonstrate financially attractive business models.
- (Ongoing) Shift in government policies and economic systems e.g. Venlo incorporating cradle to cradle and circular economy
- Accountability of progress towards CE (Metrics)

5.0 How could CC be adapted to developing regions? In particular to Indonesia

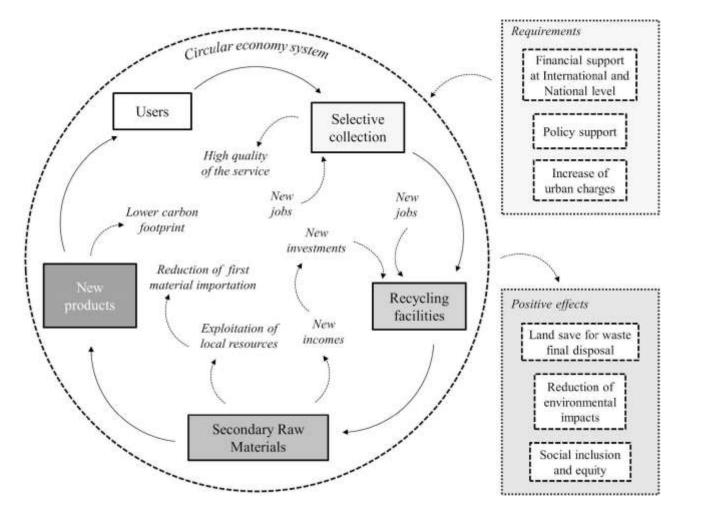
Starting point: Diagnosis of material flows and improvement of the solid waste management



Categories and sources of solid waste disposed to landfill or open dump sites in low-middle income countries (Ferronato et al., 2019)

CE POTENTIAL FROM WASTE MANAGEMENT EFFICIENCY

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Main requirements and positive effects of a CE system (Ferronato et al., 2019)

<u>Transit from waste management to resources</u> <u>management</u>

- Diagnosis of waste generation and identify its potential to upcycle the material and to mitigate climate change
- Prioritize the most relevant wastes to be transformed to resources (each city has its own challenges and strategies), not only environmentally but also economically
- Set goals with clear indicators of recuperation and recycling of the prioritized materials
- Engage with all the different parties that can support such recuperation
- Develop the plan with clear description of needed existing and new infrastructure, capacities, technical developments, financial resources, partnerships
- Execute the plan and evaluate its outputs periodically

Parting shot!

 '...circular economy, it is coming out pretty fast perhaps as a different point of departure with CO₂ reduction, energy transitions, zero waste, etcetera



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