

### Do You Have a New Circular Idea or Innovation?

COIL is looking for new, innovative climate-smart circular ideas in the construction, renovation & demolition (CRD) sector to tackle the challenges of waste, pollution, climate change, and biodiversity loss in Canada.

COIL's national network will provide funding, mentorship and education through the

National Construction and Demolition Circular Innovation Challenge
in 2023 for the top applicants of three or more organizations to prototype their idea, innovation or approach, and for one successful team to demonstrate viability and scale in a pilot project up to six months.

Program information is available on <a href="https://www.coll.eco">www.coll.eco</a>.



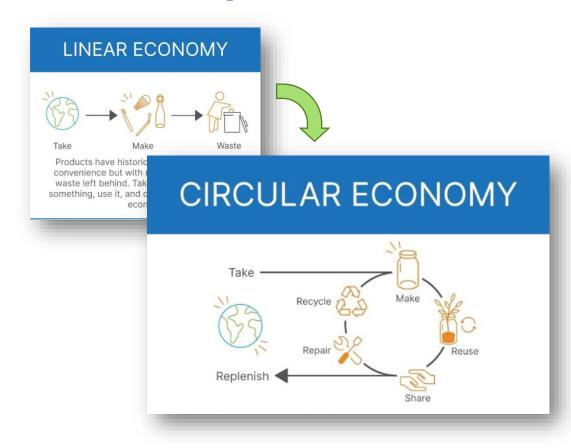








## Importance of the Circular Economy



Systems-solution framework that tackles global challenges like climate change, biodiversity loss, waste, and pollution.

Based on three principles, driven by design: eliminate waste and pollution; circulate products and materials (at their highest value); and regenerate nature.

#### **Business benefits**

Reduce operating cost and waste

Reduce resource and carbon-intensive energy consumption

Improve competitiveness

Strengthen relationships and brand (customers, employees, suppliers)

Diversify revenues

Mitigate risk (supply chain resiliency)

#### Sources

Circular Innovation Council Ellen MacArthur Foundation Environment and Climate Change Canada



# National Construction and Demolition Circular Innovation Challenge

Circular Opportunity Innovation Launchpad (COIL) has launched our **National Construction and Demolition Circular Innovation Challenge** to encourage the development of new ideas, innovations or approaches to specifically address materials diversion and recovery or reuse, recycling and upcycling challenges in the construction, renovation and demolition (CRD) sector. COIL is seeking collaborative teams of organizations (businesses, not-for-profits, academia, etc) with new thinking to accelerate the climate-smart circular economy (CE).

We have funding available for CRD CE projects that can create systems-level, sector-wide impact and change. The ideas, innovations or approaches should be capable of transforming an industry, or even create a new one.

COIL is looking for teams that want to be Canadian circular economy leaders. Further to funding, mentorship and CE education, accepted participants in our CRD CE challenge will receive promotion across our networks, including at national and/or international forums.

The Ellen MacArthur Foundation reports that the "built environment" uses almost half of all materials extracted from the Earth each year. This challenge is to improve the management of CRD materials from across the supply chain, recovery on construction sites, diversion away from landfill, and to increased reuse, recycling and/or upcycling.



# Our Challenge Scope of CRD Circularity

#### **Process Innovation**

Increase diversion and recovery rates for CRD sector



### **Material or Market Innovation**

Create market demand and/or infrastructure to increase material reuse and recycling rates



### Seeking Climate-Smart Circular Ideas



- ✓ Three (3) teams will receive \$15,000 each to develop their idea/innovation during the prototype phase and one (1) successful team will receive up to an additional \$75,000 for a six-month demonstration pilot project
- ✓ Collaborative team of three or more organizations to submit CRD CE proposal
  - Lead applicant of team must be a Canadian small-to-medium enterprise (SME) of less than 500 employees
- ✓ Potential impact
  - Measurable reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions
  - Increase material diversion and recovery rates
  - Develop or grow secondary market demand and/or infrastructure to increase material recycling rates
  - Reduces costs (or cost neutral) and straightforward to implement so action will be sustained over time
  - Extra consideration will be given to ideas or innovations with potential to drive sector change across Canada
- √ Implementation-ready and scalable
- ✓ Ability to drive systems-level change and sector-wide impact
- Project operation, majority of team-members and impact of prototyped/demonstrated innovation must be in the construction, renovation and demolition (CRD) sector in Canada
- ✓ Matched funding preferred
  - Matched funding can include capital, in-kind, commitment to knowledge transfer, etc



# **Key Program Dates in 2023**

**Information sessions** March 16 (at 12 noon eastern)

April 6 (at 12 noon eastern)

**Applications due** April 21 (by 8 pm eastern)

Prototype phase May to August

**Demonstration pilot project** Up to six (6) months starting Aug/Sept 2023

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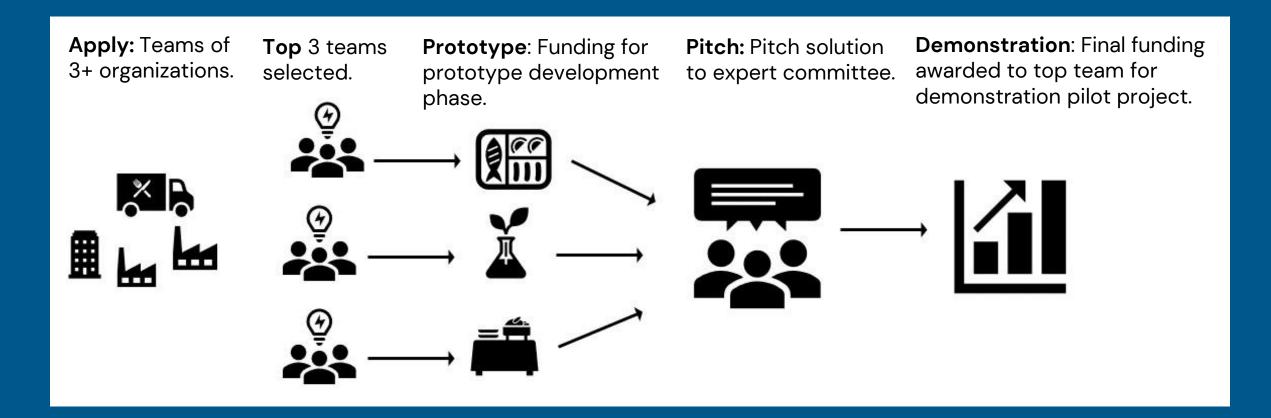
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# National Circular Innovation Challenge Process



## National Innovation Challenge Support

Primary program funding

Additional funding support





Regional funding

Mentorship provided by

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Circular Opportunity Innovation Launchpad (COIL) is an innovation platform and network with the goal to develop, prove and scale transformative solutions that will move Canada toward a climate-smart circular economy. It contains a comprehensive suite of programs, tools and resources developed to embed and accelerate circularity through businesses and organizations, as well as across supply chains and material streams. COIL is currently developing a national circular economy network in collaboration with Vancouver Economic Commission and Halifax Partnership.

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