

CABE PROJECT NEWSLETTER

First insights & emerging directions



Transforming construction waste into valuable resources requires collaboration across research, industry and policy.

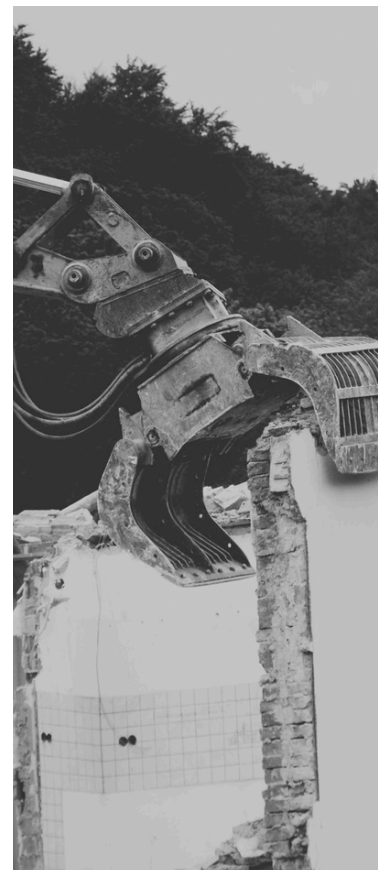
Opening Message

As CABE moves into its first year of implementation, partners are beginning to generate valuable insights into the challenges and opportunities surrounding circularity in construction and demolition waste management. This edition highlights discussions from the Ljubljana meeting, early research activities and the first outputs shaping the project's direction.

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- circular construction practices
- digital approaches for resource sharing
- stakeholder engagement methodologies
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Early Findings & Research Directions

Initial project activities have highlighted several recurring themes across participating countries:

- limited reuse of construction materials
- fragmented data and material flows
- regulatory and technical barriers
- growing interest in circular approaches and digital tools

These findings are helping shape the next stages of the project.



Key Highlights from Ljubljana and Maribor, Slovenia

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Engaging stakeholders Across Europe

As part of the partners meeting in Slovenia, the first CABE stakeholder engagement workshop was held in Maribor with representatives from public authorities, industry, academia and civil society. The workshop explored local challenges and opportunities around construction and demolition waste management, using participatory tools to collect insights from stakeholders. Similar workshops will follow in the countries of the project's three case studies, helping CABE compare perspectives and develop practical recommendations for circular construction across different contexts.

Publications & Outreach

As CABE progresses, the consortium is beginning to share early research outputs and contribute to wider European knowledge exchange on circularity in the built environment.

- **CABE report on construction, demolition and disaster waste**

This early CABE research output looks at how construction, demolition and disaster waste can be sorted, processed and reused as valuable secondary materials.

DOI: 10.57755/mpe0-qj62 [LINK](#)

- **DUT Knowledge Hub brief: How to Assess Circularity in the Urban Built Environment**

CABE contributed to this European knowledge brief together with other DUT projects. The brief shares recommendations on how cities and researchers can better assess circularity in buildings, neighbourhoods and urban areas. [LINK](#)



Spotlight on partners | ZAG

The Slovenian National Building and Civil Engineering Institute (ZAG) is a public research institute and one of Slovenia's leading organisations in the field of construction. With strong scientific, testing and research expertise, ZAG plays an important role in CABE project by contributing technical knowledge on construction materials, circularity and the development of digital tools for resource sharing. As host of the Slovenia case study, ZAG also supports the exploration of circular approaches in practice, helping connect research outcomes with real challenges in the built environment.



Project snapshot

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Stakeholder workshop

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Case study countries

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Stakeholders engaged

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PESTLE dimensions explored

Looking ahead

Over the coming months, partners will continue:

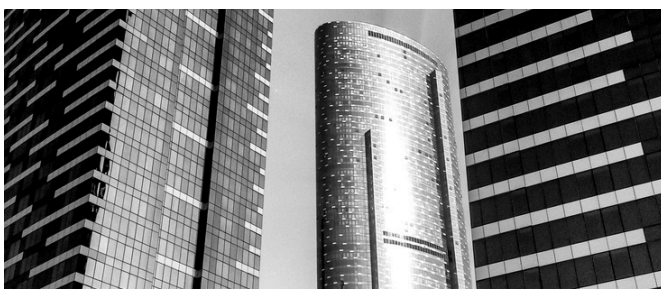
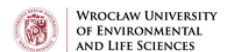
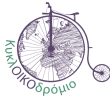
- stakeholder engagement activities
- development of digital tools and frameworks
- preparation of case studies and pilot activities

Stakeholder dialogue is helping CABE turn circular construction from an idea into a shared agenda.

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