



STUDIO OF CIRCULAR ECONOMY

Transfer of good practice of circular economy from Norway

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Members of the project team took part in a study visit to Norway, where they learned about practical examples of community activation to enforce the principles of a circular economy, examples of cooperation between RE-USE centers and local authorities, and the prestigious installation of mobile facilities from shipping containers for touristic and educational purposes. In addition to the project partners, the study visit was attended by representatives of the Ministry of Environment and Space, the Chamber of Commerce and Architecture, the University of Maribor - Faculty of Civil Engineering, a representative of the Institute for International Cooperation, a representative of the municipality and a construction expert.



The joint concept of the ["studioKroG"](#) project, which is being implemented at the Slovenske Konjice and Rogaška Slatina location is based on the Norwegian approach as an upgrade of the circular economy with an emphasis on the design concept of reuse and values. Not only in terms of the useful value of discarded products, but because of approaching the target groups for the transition to the circular use of resources and the useful value of discarded materials to save virgin materials. These values will be defined in StudioKroG as adaptability, the use of discarded products - shipping containers for various purposes by demonstrating the circular use of resources. The activity for the transfer of good practice from Norway with the help of the

partner Fonix includes the technical and design concept of waste ("waste" design) for the circular economy.



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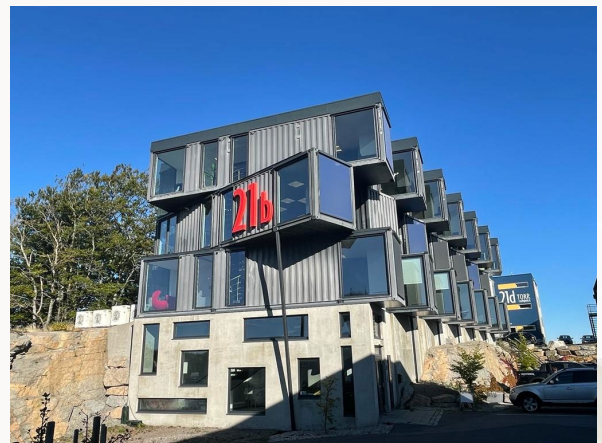


The participants of the study tour visited [Fretex](#), which is the largest Norwegian company for textile sorting and employment and inclusion of vulnerable groups in Norway. It has 40 stores, where they sell what donors donate.

By offering production premises and offices at a reasonable rent, [Vollebekk Fabrikker](#) enables residents, companies and contractors to develop, test and present their alternative solutions, as they want to inspire and direct as many legal entities as possible to sustainable business models. By sharing knowledge and activities, they connect residents, entrepreneurs and established companies and create greater interest in the circular economy.



Viewing container houses for tourism, industry, office and leisure purposes was a real inspiration, what [Nature Compact Living offers](#). The interweaving of design and creativity through design processes gives inspiration to life in nature, which is increasingly appreciated. Technical characteristics layouts and modular designs could also be seen in the example of the layout of the HUB and the student dormitory at Sandefjord Airport. A visit to [Gokstad Akademiet](#), which is a new and modern university-level school in the center of Sandefjord, showed the difference with 100% equipment with second-hand furniture with the help of a consultant who specializes in such tasks on the principle of reuse. We visited the two main thrift stores in Sandefjord. "Gjenbruket" and "Den gule låven." The people and organizations behind the shops told us their stories and took us through a world where nothing is new.



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