

## CircSyst 2<sup>nd</sup> Replication Workshop and Study Visit: Plastics & Packaging CSS

As part of the Horizon Europe [CircSyst](#) project, this workshop will explore **how Circular Systemic Solutions (CSS) in the plastics and packaging value chain can be transferred** and adapted to diverse regional contexts. Building on demonstrators in Spain, Greece, and Hungary, participants will gain insights into innovative approaches addressing key challenges in packaging waste management, including eco-design, improved collection and segregation systems, and the valorisation and recycling of complex plastic materials.

Beyond best practices presentation from our pilots, the workshop will provide space for an interactive peer exchange to identify success factors, barriers, and enabling conditions for replication. Discussions will also explore how circular approaches can contribute to reducing plastic use, improving material recovery, and fostering industrial symbiosis across the value chain. The aim is to connect research with practice, support knowledge sharing across regions, and equip stakeholders with concrete insights for advancing circular plastics and packaging solutions in their own territories.

Full programme: 21 May 2026		
Session (CEST)	Activity	Venue
8:30 – 8:45	Gathering at pick-up point in Budapest	Pick up point TBC (near Corvinus University)
09:00 – 10:00	Travel by bus to the venue of the workshop	<a href="#">Breier Farm</a>
10:00 – 12:30	<b>Replication workshop</b>	
10:00 – 10:15	<b>Opening: Joaquín Vilaplana (AIJU)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presenting CircSyst</li> <li>Setting objectives and outputs of the session</li> </ul>	TBC – hosted by Ugrinpack
10:15 – 10:30	<b>Mix &amp; mingle</b>	
10:30 – 10:45	<b>Demonstrator 7:</b> Demonstrating a Circular Solution for recycling mPET food packaging material <b>by: Ana Ibáñez PhD (AIJU)</b>	
10:45 – 11:00	<b>Demonstrator 8:</b> Circular Solution for cost-effective plastics and food packaging segregation while involving citizens and rising awareness <b>by Giannis Kyriakidis (CERTH)</b>	

<b>11:00 – 11:15</b>	<b>Demonstrator 9:</b> Eco-Design Solutions for food packaging reducing non-recyclable polymers <b>by Andras Ugrin (Ugrinpack Ltd.) &amp; Eszter Balogh-Tanka (MGFÜ)</b>	
<b>11:15 – 12:25</b>	<b>Replication Workshop</b> Interactive discussion in 4 main blocks: 1. What can be transferred; 2. What needs adaptation; 3. Context-specific barriers; 4. Context-specific opportunities	
<b>12:25 – 12:30</b>	<b>Concluding remarks</b>	
<b>12:30 – 13:30</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>	Breier Farm hosted by Ugrinpack
<b>13:30 – 14:00</b>	<b>Travel to Ugrinpack</b>	
<b>14:00 – 16:00</b>	<b>Site visit at Ugrinpack Ltd.</b>  Participants divided into 4 groups, depending on number of participants:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group 1: exploring the developed eco-designed packaging solutions</li> <li>• Group 2: Site visit - visiting the production site of Ugrinpack</li> <li>• Group 3: Showcasing the decomposition of biobased materials and mycelium</li> <li>• Group 4: Discussion on Material and Waste tracking (available only if the number of participants requires it)</li> </ul>	Leányvár, Ugrinpack
<b>16:00 – 17:00</b>	Travelling back to Budapest by bus	

**Date:** Thursday, 21 May 2026

**Place:** Budapest and Leányvár, Hungary or online

**Registration:** <https://forms.gle/JAcS9qXM57UGSo438> **by 15 May 2026**