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Circular Economy: An Introduction

Delftx - CircularX

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 **Apr 14, 2020**

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 **Apr 23, 2020**

Course End

After this date, course content will be archived.

 **Apr 25, 2020**

Certificate Available

Day certificates will become available for passing verified learners.

1. An episode-by-episode overview of the course

Episode 1: What is the Circular Economy?

What is wrong with our current Linear Economy? What benefits can a Circular Economy bring? You explore the roots of the Circular Economy together with experts in the fields of industrial ecology, cradle to cradle and biomimicry.

Episode 2: Business Value in a Circular Economy

Through closed-loop supply chains and reverse logistics, new opportunities for business are created. This episode explores value creation and new business models in a Circular Economy.

Episode 3: Longer Lasting Products

The smaller the loop, the greater the profitability of the system. Learn how to look at product life extension through the eyes of designers and entrepreneurs. Join us in our repair café.

Episode 4: Remanufacturing

Remanufacturing enables companies to recapture value at a product or component level. It is currently being rediscovered as a promising business opportunity. You explore the topic together with researchers and entrepreneurs.

Episode 5: Waste equals Food

This episode discusses how we can take inspiration from nature when redesigning the way we deal with waste. We present a fascinating circular case study. Can you identify opportunities for change in your own area?

Episode 6: Thinking in Systems

The shift from linear to circular should not be underestimated. In this episode, we discuss the extent and duration of the transition and we look at how sustainable the Circular Economy really is.

Episode 7: Full Circle

This is the week where you take your final exam.

2. Grading and assessment

Each episode has a similar structure and grading policy. The non-graded contributions, such as your contributions to the discussion forum, are optional. Participation in the discussions does, however, give you a much greater and deeper learning experience. It allows you to share your ideas with the other course participants.

MAIN CONTENT	A section with video lectures and discussion topics ("Share Your Thoughts"). Any tests or activities provided in the Main Content are optional and non-graded. They do not contribute to the certificate.
ASSESSMENTS	Contains assignments , quizzes and a final exam . These assessments are graded and contribute to the certificate.
IN-DEPTH CONTENT	An optional "deep-dive" section where we take time to discuss more difficult or controversial topics. These activities are non-graded and do not contribute to the certificate.

Grading

In total, you can obtain 100 points. To pass you need an overall score of at least 60% of the total number of points that can be earned (60/100).

	Assigment	Quiz	Peer-assessment	'Narrative' assignment	Final exam	Total
Episode 1	5 points	5 points				10
Episode 2	5 points	5 points				10
Episode 3	5 points	5 points	10 points			20
Episode 4	5 points	5 points				10
Episode 5	5 points	5 points				10
Episode 6		5 points		10 points		15
Episode 7					25 points	25
Total	25 points	30 points	10 points	10 points	25 points	100 pts