



## **Circular Society & Circular Literacy**

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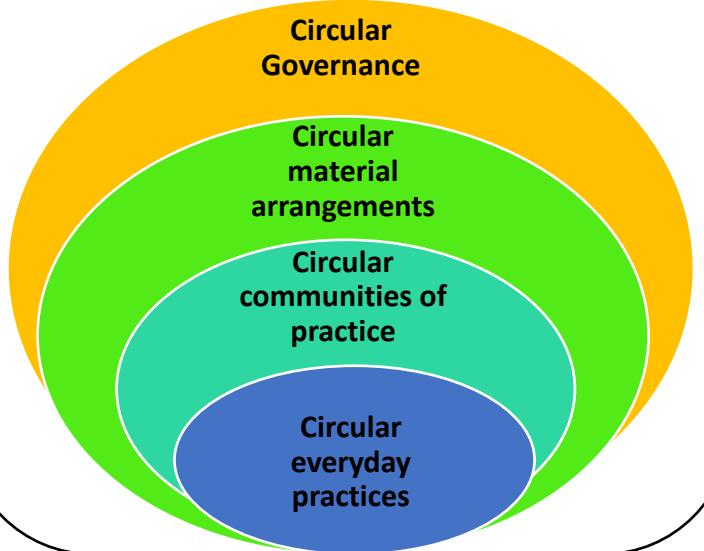
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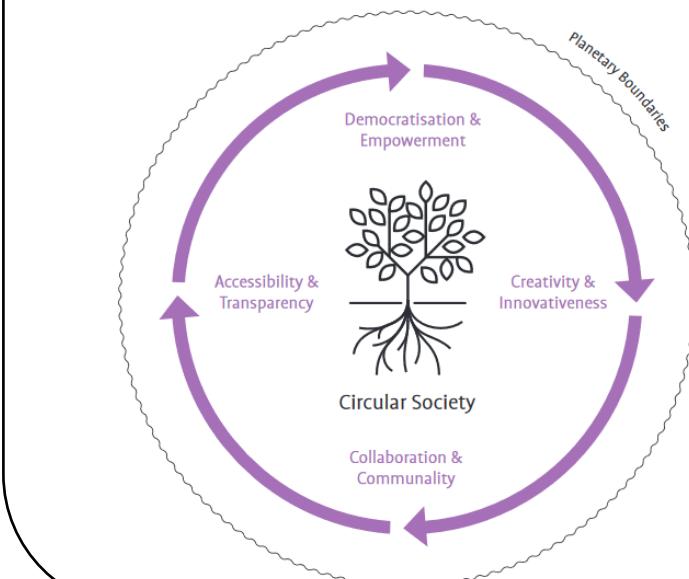
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# Circular Society is...(more than Circular Economy)...

A **tentative term** to describe bundles of values, orientations, practices, networks and processes that form a circular society



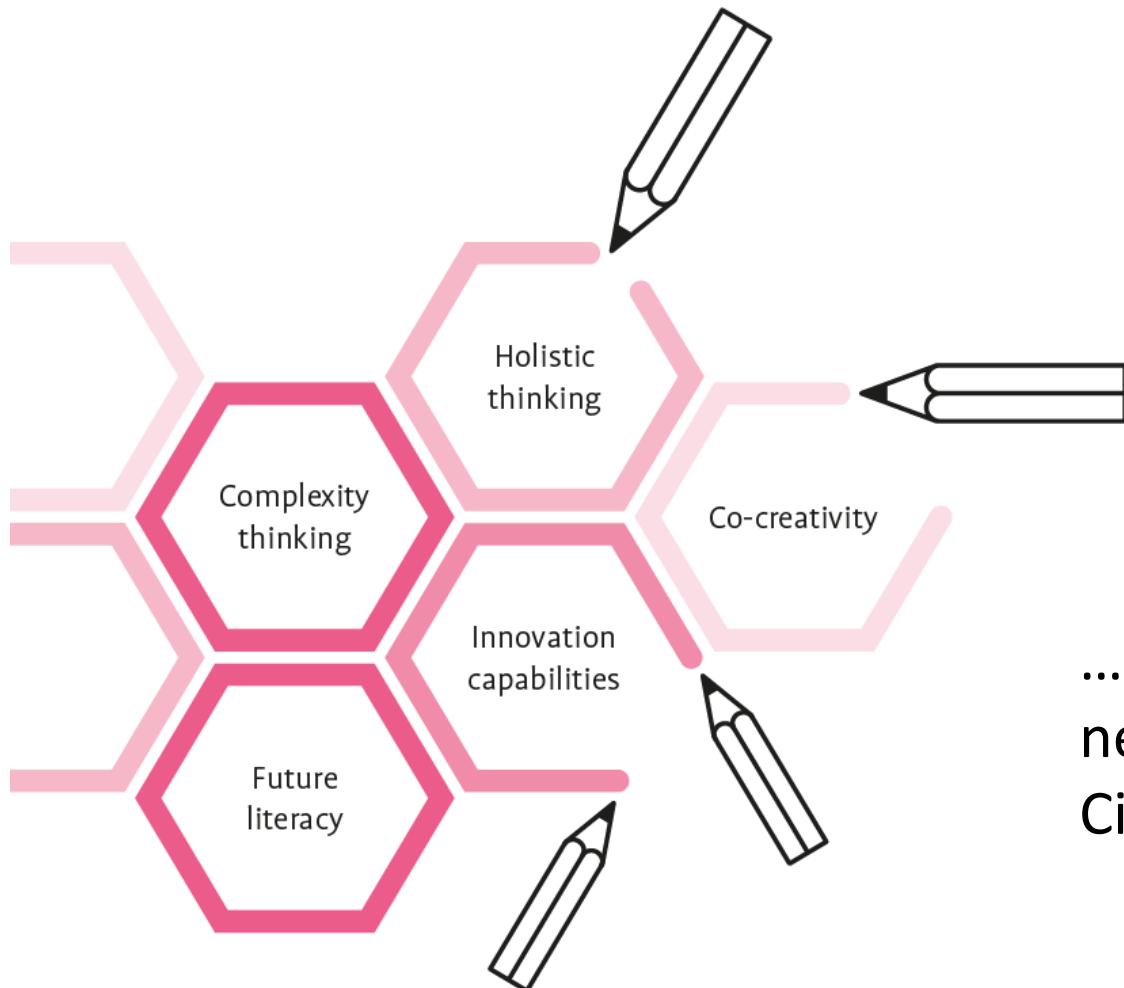
A **normative framework** that defines goals, objectives, rules and normative foundations for a circular society



A (possible) **common ground** for transdisciplinary collaboration, experimental co-creation and joint lobbying for a sustainable (economic) future



# Circular Literacy refers to...



...the **knowledge and skills** (or capabilities) needed to transition to and sustain a Circular Society.

## Main objective

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For the creation of a sustainable circular society, three thick boards have to be drilled that the current circular economy debate has so far avoided: **Material Affluence, Exclusivity and Dependency** in systems of consumption and production.

This session highlights three guiding principles and approaches whose transformative potential needs to be more fully developed:

**Sufficiency**, which is inscribed in supply systems & business models.

**Participation and autonomy**, enabled by open knowledge structures.

**Social innovativeness**, which can unfold through more free spaces in communities.