

Where the econom of the future is taking shape

We're transforming the historic factory site of Nokia Finland into a new hub for circular economy innovation. Come join us!

Twin crises – people & planet

We are facing twin crises in our cities: of social inequality and environmental degradation. To keep our planet liveable for future generations, we must transform our built environment to be more inclusive, liveable and affordable. Towards the middle of the century, as the world's population approaches 10 billion, the global building stock is expected to double in size.

Buildings are currently responsible for 39% of global energy related carbon emissions: 28% from operational emissions, from energy needed to heat, cool and power them, and the remaining 11% from materials and construction.



We are Cireco



Cireco is a new kind of developer for the circular economy. We foster high-quality area development and infrastructure projects that produce zero emissions, use bio-based materials, and are circular by desian

Linear economy

Circular



Use

Waste

We decided to take action in our own backyard

Tampere



Tehdassaari

Distances

Tehdassaari–Nokia Railway Station: 1km

🚈 6 min 🖾 13 min 🌋 14 min

Nokia-Tampere: 15,5 km

🚘 24 min 🖼 31 min 🚈 51 min



That's why we acquired to the second second

Tehdassaari has a long history

1750-1830 **First industrial**

revolution

The first Industrial Revolution was mostly confined to Britain. It industrialized the manufacture of textiles and began to move production from homes to factories. Steam power and the cotton gin played an important role. In Finland, the bank of the Nokia river - the future Tehdassaari - is still an undisturbed area overgrown with wild nature.

1850-1913

Second industrial revolution

In the second Industrial Revolution new technologies were introduced, like electrical power and telephones, and production was standardised. Industrial activity began by the Nokia river in 1868, when Fredrik Idestam established the country's fourth groundwood mill. The Nokia company was founded in 1871 as a pulp mill and was long associated with rubber and cables.

1950-2000

Third industrial revolution

Beginning in the 1950s, the third industrial revolution brought semiconductors, mainframe computing, personal computing, and the Internetthe digital revolution. In Tehdassaari the red brick buildings housed the factories' headquarters and production plant from 1922 to 2001, producing board, paper and sulphite cellulose.

The fourth industrial revolution moves us from a linear to circular economy 4.0

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Fourth industrial revolution

We now find ourselves in the early stages of another industrial revolution, one with the potential to radically transform our society, our economy and our relationship with resources.

Key features

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Digital fabrication

From centralised to distributed manufacturing

Automation

Taming complexity, eliminating repetitive work, threatening iobs Data

Internet of things, enabling us to understand and control the performance of products and places





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"If we could build an economy that would use things rather than use them up, we could build a future."

- Ellen MacArthur



Circular innovation across domains



Flexibility

We aim to meet the needs of the present while being ready for future uses. By designing a fixed structure with modular interior elements, we can adapt to changing market demands. This means minimum investment into remodelling in the future with maximum use of space.



Disassembly

New structural solutions enable elastic development of the block, and recycling of building components. Design for disassembly from the concept stage allows us to minimise demolition waste and keep the residual value of materials throughout their whole life cycle.



Energy

We analyse local conditions to identify the most sustainable energy production solution available. We harness energy from renewable sources such as ground heat, sun, wind or water using innovative solutions, at the same time as minimizing demand from buildings.



Water

We implement water saving technologies such as rainwater collection through microfiltration, grey water reuse or vacuum drains. Combining systems saves money on operations, while using local potential generates savings on water treatment and transportation.

We do it together with a strong community

Opening the island to the public

After being privately owned for a long time, we now open Tehdassaari to the public! Amazing nature, historical background, and new events and activities will make Tehdassaari a destination to visit on weekends, be there on a regular basis for work, or come occasionally for a circularity workshop.







Building a strong community

We want to bring pioneering people together to realize our dream. By involving the community in the development of the island we strengthen the connection between people and place. And co-creation does not stop there; the community remain active placemakers of the innovation district buildings and public spaces over time.

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Open manifesto

We will transform Tehdassaari from yesterday's linear economy into tomorrow's circular economy using a set of transformative principles. If you join us on our mission, you'll cocreate our manifesto with us.







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Business model for long-term value creation

By retaining ownership of both land and buildings and renting space according to our manifesto, Cireco guarantees social and ecological value creation in perpetuity.



Innovation ecosystem established between Cireco and partner organisations



flows

Spaces in which people make, learn and play

By combining making, learning and playing on the island, we create an destination that is much more than just a workspace. Onsite facilities like a gym, wellness centre, bio food cafe, and art gallery all contribute to a platform for eco-social wellbeing.



Learn

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Circular by design

We identify local potential by analysing material flows in the surrounding region and identifying under-utilized waste. Reusing these resources on site enables us to close loops and reduce our environmental impact.



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Powered by data

Start-ups and entrepreneurs will have access to live information on by-products available from all partners in the innovation district. The exchange of resources supports synergies within the island for closing material loops



How do we develop the Isla

"The future is not a destination – it is a direction."

- Ed Catmull





Developing the island

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A destination for all









functions in the future. The Living Lab is fully developed, flourishing with innovative start-ups and entrepreneurs inspired by the potential of the island and its capacity for constant evolution.



Open building structure



Step 3

New buildings





New flexible open building structures will be developed on the island



Existing structures start changing with the gradual growth of the programme



The island is active 24/7 with a great diversity of programme and people 2 es

A place to experiment

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"The path to big systemic change is collective action."

- Gloria Feldt





Choose a space...

Are you a circular economy innovator? Whether you're an individual entrepreneur, a start-up or an established institution, we have space for you on the island.



Choose a space



... or a place!

Waterfronts, sunny courtyards, leafy gardens, and even rooftops are ideal places for innovations and events to pop up. By offering these public spaces to our partners to develop we create an active neighbourhood centred on people and planet alike.



Be part of the process

In contrast to a traditional development process, our approach involves lots of community participation. We believe everyone should be agents of change. Join us to co-design our dream together!



Become a partner

Join us in our mission of transforming Tehdassaari into an innovation district for circularity. Our growing ecosystem includes companies, universities and institutions alike. Get involved!



JOIN US ON OUR MISSION

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