Vila Circular is a combination of processing plant and education center. The project combines the processing of organic resources and regenerative agriculture as well as zero waste practices and local circular economy activities.
Our project

The Vila Circular will be implemented on a piece of land, granted in a loan agreement for an undetermined period of time to the Aquerê Association, in the community of Algodões, Bahia Brazil.

Areas of Interest

1. Sustainable Development / SDGs
2. Sustainable Food Production
3. Waste Management
4. Substantial CO2 reduction
5. Preservation of Natural Resources
6. Soil regeneration
7. Environmental Education
8. Social Transition
9. Circular Economy
10. Regenerative Communities

How it will look like?

The Vila Circular, or Circular Village, will combine a nicely arranged composting facility, an education centre as well as a community garden. It will include the following constructions:

1. commercial composting heaps
2. bio-digester for biogas production
3. permaculture & agroforestry gardens
4. sheds and bamboo bungalow as a center for education and lodging visitors

The products of the composting process will be used to build up fertile soil and set up permaculture fields and regenerate forest areas in the region enabling local organic food production.

The community centre will be a solar powered bio-construction in the form of a circular bungalow including a kitchen, composting toilets and simple sleeping areas.
Our scope

The Vila Circular aims to serve as a model for new projects in other locations in Bahia and in Brazil.

Vila Circular intends to dialogue with the local public authorities, mainly the Secretary of the Environment and the Secretary of Tourism and Culture, and the organized civil society in an active way. It shall serve as an example that addresses waste management and improves the quality of life of the local population and preserves the sensitive local environment and allows a soft ecotourism.

The concept is cooperative, since it depends on the delivery of organic resources by residents and businesses in the region and the collection of organic waste by the municipality.

Our objectives

The overall goal is to achieve financial autonomy and healthy development by demonstrating the economic independence of agroecological and circular economy initiatives.

1. Create a pilot to serve as a reference for sustainable development displaying the principles of a local circular economy and a regenerative society.
2. Promote and inspire the implementation of agroecological businesses with socio-environmental impact.
3. Bring together young people aged 16 to 21, adults and professionals interested in sustainable development.
4. Reduce the CO2- and material footprints of the region significantly by reintroducing carbon dioxide into the natural system.
5. Significantly improve the conditions of natural life in the protected mangrove areas on the peninsula where waste is being illegally dumped.
For whom we work

Target audience

20'000 residents and about 3000 summer house owners on the Maraú Peninsula will directly benefit from the collection of organic waste and from the choice of local, organic food. About 20'000 tourists per year will have the possibility to visit the circular village and buy products produced in the village such as organic food, fertilizer, cups and straws of bamboo, soaps based on recycled oils, etc..

Additionally 10,000 students from schools and universities in the region have the possibility of participating in workshops and courses on composting, bio-digestion, syntropic agriculture, soap, etc.

Vila Circular works towards a future society where natural resources are valued and nothing is wasted.

Many future generations will profit from this space which has the longterm goal to help less privileged societies evolve more rapidly into sustainable, regenerative and cooperative societies.
Project costs EUR 180'000

Here listed are the total implementation costs of Vila Circular EUR 180'000. After a period 1.5 years, the facility should run autonomously and not need any third party funding.

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Project staff

Here listed is the initial planning staff responsible for the project development, project management, fundraising and administration. In the near future we shall employ a local project manager and two employees responsible for the processing of organic resources and for the education center.

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