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Welcome Greeting

Dear reader,

Welcome to the first edition of Newsletter series of the GPP-STREAM project!

GPP-STREAM is a European project funded by the INTERREG Europe Programme that aims to create opportunities for public authorities to stimulate eco-innovation, resource efficiency & green growth through Green Public Procurement (GPP).

In the following pages, you will find interesting materials describing the overall context and objectives of the project as well as information on the latest developments and upcoming events.

The GPP-STREAM Newsletters will have 7 issues in total for the following 2 years, so please do not hesitate subscribe on our newsletter channel at:

www.interregeurope.eu/gpp-stream .

We shall keep you informed about our progress and key outcomes through the project website, thematic events, and newsletters.

The GPP-STREAM project team

Project at a glance

GPP-STREAM aims to develop tools for management, implementation and monitoring of policy instruments that integrate GPP approaches so as to ensure that resource efficiency gains can be maximized and that resource efficiency objectives are institutionalized through GPP



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GPP-STREAM Project

EU regions play a multiple role in the adoption of green public procurement (GPP) policies as they elaborate GPP plans, mainstream GPP within all policy instruments that they manage, can purchase eco-innovative and resource efficient goods and services, playing a significant role the promotion of more resource efficient economies. There are areas for improvement in the adoption of GPP in relation to EU funded programmes and other policy instruments, in the undertaking of the tool by beneficiaries and in the monitoring of GPP implementation, hence in the evaluation and mainstreaming of its benefits. GPP toolkits, common environmental criteria, training materials and help desks have been developed throughout Europe. Limited experience is yet available on how to include environmental criteria into financing instruments and in the implementation of strategies. GPP-STREAM builds on the idea that interregional cooperation can help mainstreaming GPP policies within the administrations involved and ensure that resource efficiency measures are spread and benefits acknowledged.



Project objectives

The project objectives are:

1. Identify, collect and share best practices and support tools for the adoption of green public procurement oriented towards resource efficiency within the responsible bodies of the policy instruments;
2. Improve the integration of GPP objectives and actions within the funding programmes and sectoral / development plans;
3. Improve the capacity of national, regional and local administrations to align their actions in order to enhance GPP implementation;
4. Improve the capacity of monitoring GPP implementation triggered by the implementation of specific policy instruments and plans;
5. Stimulate the adoption of green demand for goods and services along all phases of policy instruments' implementation, including

those that are affected but not directly managed by the authorities that developed the instruments.

Main expected results

- 5 transnational learning events
- at least 300 stakeholders involved
- 13 GPP webinars
- 5 GPP toolkits and one online platform
- 8 policy instruments from 5 EU countries will integrate GPP approaches
- 40 EU policy instrument managing authorities apply GPP-STREAM toolkits

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GPP-STREAM Partnership

The project includes a well-balanced mixture of partners coming from several main sectors: public authorities (local, regional and national), research institutions, NGOs and local energy agencies. Together we represent varied views across a range of stakeholders and interests providing competent knowledge and experience in the field of energy efficiency, renewable energy sources, eco-products and policy design. The partnership is characterized by a strong transnational character, covering five nations within the Interreg Europe Programme area, thus ensuring a good geographical and cultural coverage and relevant attention to the issues and needs of a wide range of institutional settings and establishments from European Countries.

Autonomous Region Friuli Venezia
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www.regione.fvg.it

Lazio region, Italy



www.regione.lazio.it

Ecosistemi Foundation, Italy



www.fondazioneecosistemi.org

Ministry of Environment, Romania



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Kick-off meeting and First Transnational Learning Event

The GPP-STREAM kick-off meeting was held on 28-29-30 November 2018, in Trieste, Italy, marking the beginning of the four-year INTERREG Europe funded project. The host partner was the Autonomous Region of Friuli Venezia Giulia, who is also the Lead partner of the project. All nine project partners have been represented by their representatives.



The meeting was organised in sessions, during which participants delivered presentations addressing all aspects of the planned activities foreseen by the GPP-STREAM Application Form. At the end of each session, active discussion took place, enabling participants to achieve a common understanding of the key issues and shape an action list of the work to be completed during the second semester of the project.



The meeting provided also a very good opportunity to meet the partnership with Italian stakeholders, especially policy instruments beneficiaries, and to share best practices from Italy in the field of green public procurement and related to the integration of sustainability principles in the management of EU funds and rural development plans.



Upcoming events

Regional Stakeholder Group Meetings: meetings with the stakeholders of each policy instrument will be organized every semester. Partners will meet the key players that influence policy issues in the GPP-STREAM regions, with the aim to receive input for proposed green public procurement policy measures to be planned. All partners will organise one regional stakeholder meeting (per semester) in their own region, and deliver summary reports on the experience gathered and conclusions reached. The purpose of regional stakeholders meetings is to receive input from and ensure the active involvement of stakeholders groups in the implementation of regional action plans. During the meetings, partners will mostly have the opportunity to identify issues to be tackled at the action plans implementation phase (project phase 2), as well as to ensure the involvement of the specific stakeholders' organisations in the preparation of the action plans.

For more information about forthcoming regional stakeholder meetings, please visit our website: www.interregeurope.eu/gpp-stream

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