



## **GPP-STREAM Newsletter № 2**

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**Welcome Greeting**

Dear reader,

Welcome to the second 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](http://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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## News from Romania

The Romanian kick off Conference of **GPP-STREAM** project was held on the 25th of February 2019. The event was hosted by The Romanian Academy of Agricultural and Forestry Sciences "Gheorghe Ionescu-Șișești" (A.A.F.S.), in Bucharest.



A large number of Romanian stakeholders took part in the event, on which the project was presented, as well as its main outputs, and a discussion on future activities was held.



## More news from Romania

### The Integration of the Green Public Procurement into the Circular Economy

In 2017, the European Parliament conducted a [study](#) on *Green Public Procurement and the EU Action Plan for the Circular Economy*. The key



findings of this study show how the criteria of the **Green Public Procurements** are contributing to the delivery of a more circular European economy by:

- introducing green public procurement policies,
- encouraging recycling,
- reducing environmental pressure,
- increasing competitiveness, innovation and growth jobs.

Three elements with a **big potential to promote circular procurement** have been identified:

- focus on service instead of products;
- focus on a product's design, using phases and end of life;
- focus on market dialogue;





Conceptually, the main elements of Green Public Procurement integration into the Circular Economy are:

- the range of product groups and criteria for green public procurement;
- number of priority actions for Circular Economy stated in the Circular Economy Action Plan.



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In **Romania**, the National Action Plan will include quantitative targets and the percentages that have been taken into consideration by now are up to 5% of Green Public Procurement by 2020. Even though the Green Public Procurement Law appeared in the Official Gazette in 2016, the Green Public Procurement-National Action Plan rules were not yet adopted in 2017, at the time of the study and to this day.

In support of the aforementioned law, the Ministry of Environment and the National Agency for Public Procurement issued Order no. 1068/1652 of 4 October 2018 on the approval of the Green Public Procurement Guidelines covering the minimum environmental protection requirements for certain product groups and services requested at the level of the tender dossiers. This Guideline aims to provide information to the contracting authorities /

entities about the minimum environmental protection requirements that need to be considered when drafting, in accordance with the law, the documentation for the award of green procurement contracts / framework agreements for certain categories of products and / or services.

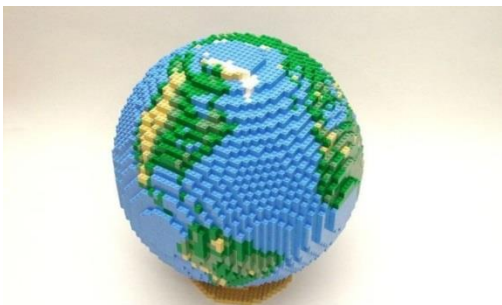
Read the entire article at:

<https://www.interregeurope.eu/gpp-stream/news/news-article/5352/romania-integration-of-gpp-into-circular-economy>

### News from France:

On the 28<sup>th</sup> of January 2019, the GPP – Stream project was presented to some of the main stakeholders in France. After a brief introduction of the participants, a short presentation was held. During the meeting, some main objectives were proposed and a steering committee was considered. It was announced that GPP-STREAM focused on policy instruments and aimed to help the preparation of the third version of the national action plan for sustainable public procurements, that is the French national action plan for sustainable procurements. Two of the main points in the French plan were cooperation with the French Ministry of the Ecological Transition in GPP-STREAM as well as contributing to the development of the third version of the plan with all buyer networks in the region. The members of the steering committee were asked to provide technical and legal expertise necessary for the deployment of the plan and the development of its next version. It was agreed that new members could join to the steering committee over time.





The attention of the stakeholders was focused on a few weaknesses that had to be considered:

- lack of knowledge of the content and objectives of the plan by the actors in the field
- no "regulatory" definition of social or environmental clauses, the system is not precisely defined and leads to uncertainty about the figures presented
- there should be a GPP-STREAM roadmap to respond to the deployment of 11 sites and to the following 5 questions (suggestions from buyers who contributed to the development of the current plan):
  - Complete the tool with experiences, concrete reproducible examples
  - Set operational objectives by product family
  - Implement an assessment system for sustainable procurement, propose performance indicators
  - Ensure the promotion of the tool
  - Propose a guide outlining the available tools

**It was figured out that the national action plan for sustainable public procurements target is 25% and 30% of social and environmental provisions respectively in the contracts.**

What lies in the future is the following:

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- Exchange with the purchasing department of the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes region
- Propose concrete solutions "quickly"
- How to improve the sustainable public procurement accounting system in France and in the region?
- How to elaborate a frame of reference of sustainable development practices?
- Litigation / jurisprudence, what feedback?
- Integrate in the steering committee representatives of the hospital public service
- Work on the current initial state in the region to be able to measure progress
- Study the structure of the transnational event organised in the region, in order to get the most out of the visit of the European partners
- Elaborate the programme of the first workshop on the 23rd May

## News from Italy

### Trieste hosts a GPP stakeholders meeting



On the 26th of March, the Lead partner of the GPP-STREAM project, the Autonomous Friuli Venezia Giulia Region had the pleasure to host a conference with major Italian GPP stakeholders. The event was mainly focused on the Regional Activity Plan on GPP of the Autonomous Region Friuli Venezia Giulia.





## News from the EU

### Greener road lighting: new EU guidance for public procurement



On 10 December, the European Commission released new guidance for greening public procurement of road lighting equipment, covering new installations and retrofits. The guidance also covers traffic signals/lights. The recommendations are an update of the guidance developed a few years ago, and come in the form of practical criteria (EU GPP Criteria) which can be inserted into public calls for tender.

The environmental aspects covered by the new EU GPP criteria for road lighting are split into three areas: energy consumption, light pollution and lifetime. An accompanying technical report and a guidance (coming online soon) document provide further rationale supporting the selection of these criteria and references for further information. Procurement of traffic signals is considered separately, using criteria that are predominantly centred on life cycle costs.

1.3% of all electricity consumed in 2005 (by the EU25) was by road lighting installations – thus the use phase is the dominant impact category, according to life cycle assessment studies.

Source: <http://ec.europa.eu/environment/gpp>

## Upcoming project events

### Second Transnational Learning Event and Project Partners meeting within GPP-STREAM project.

The Second transnational learning event within GPP-STREAM project will be held on 16-18 April 2019 in Alzira, Spain. The project partner “Association of Municipalities of Ribera Alta Region - MANRA” will host and organize the event. GPP-STREAM stakeholders are cordially invited to attend the event. In order to do this, please contact MANRA at [ibas@manra.org](mailto:ibas@manra.org)



During the event, Spanish institutions will share and present best practices in the area of GPP. Project partners will meet in order to discuss ongoing and upcoming activities of GPP-STREAM.

More information and Agenda of the event are available at: <https://www.interregeurope.eu/gpp-stream/events/event/2524/second-transnational-learning-event/>

### National kick-off meeting of GPP-STREAM in Bulgaria



The first GPP-STREAM event which will target Bulgarian GPP stakeholders at national level will take place in the city of Gabrovo on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April 2019. Local, regional, and national stakeholders are invited to take part in this project event. It will be hosted by the Municipal Administration of Gabrovo.



## 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 Program 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  
Giulia (Lead Partner), Italy



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