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Welcome Greeting

Dear reader,

Welcome to the third 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 current 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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Second Transnational Learning Event in Alzira, Spain



From 16th to 18th of April 2019, GPP – STREAM project partners from all 5 countries gathered together again for the second transnational learning event that took place in Alzira, Spain. During the event, major Spain institutions presented best GPP practices. Within the project, the consortium should identify at least 50 best GPP practices, 10 in each country.



Part of the event schedule was a site-visit demonstrating GPP approach in Alzira, Spain.

The project partner “Association of Municipalities of Ribera Alta Region - MANRA” was hosting the event. All GPP-STREAM stakeholders were invited to attend. They had

the opportunity to gather and to discuss ongoing and upcoming activities of GPP-STREAM.

The project itself will proceed with publishing of the 50 best GPP practices. They will be described and uploaded on the project website. In addition, the project foresees 3 more transnational learning events. They should be held in Romania, France and Bulgaria correspondingly.



News from Gabrovo, Bulgaria

The Bulgarian GPP-STREAM kick-off conference was organized on the 23rd of April 2019 in Gabrovo.

The event was opened by Mrs. Tanya Hristova, the mayor of Gabrovo municipality. She gave a speech on the environmental benefits that can be achieved by a partnership between public authorities, citizens and the business. She also put emphasize on the fact that GPP-STREAM is not only an EU project to Gabrovo, but it is also a part of a long-term strategy for the sustainable development of the municipality. Another main accent, on the part of the mayor was the importance of local governments and all public institutions that have to contribute to the ambitious goal of reaching 32% renewable energy sources by 2030. Concrete, result oriented measures and instruments should be

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identified and described in all public plans and strategies.

What followed was a brief introduction on the part of Mrs. Desislava Koleva, representative of Gabrovo municipality, outlining the main objectives of the project as well as the main benefits which must be achieved by the municipality. Afterwards, Mr. Georgi Simeonov, from Association CSEG, made a detailed presentation of the project itself and underlined what could be the benefits for municipalities from South Central Region of Bulgaria.

The event proceeded with Mrs. Valeria Natseva, a state expert on GPP at the Public Procurement Agency, who made a presentation on the benefits and challenges of “greening” the public procurements. She also emphasized on how contracting authorities should apply GPP criteria in their public procurement because the trend or the movement to circular economy foresees the active utilization of this tool.



Mrs. Lyubomira Kolcheva from Foundation Ecoobshtnost made a presentation on good GPP practices from around the world.

After the presentations, there was a slot dedicated to discussions on GPP issues – some experts from municipal and state bodies

expressed their concerns on the GPP policy framework at national and local level and how this policy framework could be improved.



First Stakeholder Meeting in Gabrovo Municipality took place on 23rd of April 2019

First GPP Roundtable on Identification of Priority Groups of Goods, Services and Construction for Municipal Development Plan of Gabrovo Municipality

The Round Table was the first of a series of discussions, organised by Gabrovo Municipality within the GPP-STREAM project. It was attended by 20 representatives of local and national institutions (municipalities, District Government, the Bulgarian Public Procurement Agency, Directorate of Central Balkan National Park, Regional Hospital), NGOs and funds in support of local and regional development. The objective of the forum was to present the legal framework of GPP and to stimulate a discussion on identifying the priority groups of goods, services and construction, to be laid out as GPP focus in the Municipal Development Plan of Gabrovo. Nikolay Dimitrov, Head of Public Procurement and Concession Agreements Department of Gabrovo municipality, made an overview of existing procurement practices and

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challenges, incl. criteria and standards used, and market and administrative challenges faced. The Roundtable also identified collaboration interest and potential with institutional stakeholders on GPP.

Various aspects to be considered in the process of developing the methodology for GPP integration, implementation and monitoring in the Municipal Development Plan were discussed, e.g. need for GPP awareness raising of both general public and institutional and business stakeholders; building administrative capacity and improving the levels of effective implementation of GPP in the municipality; GPP planning, based on local needs assessment; identification of cross-linkages of GPP with other local policies and plans.



Second stakeholder meeting in Pazardzhik, Bulgaria

The Second stakeholder meeting within GPP-STREAM project of PP7-CSEG was organized on the 25th of April 2019 at the municipal building of Pazardzhik municipality

Mr. Simeonov /CSEG/ presented the progress within the GPP-STREAM project. Mrs. Tatyana Kurtakova presented best practices in the area of green public procurement which have been identified so far by CSEG.



There were some introductions about green activities from other municipal representatives like Pazardzhik and Peshtera, and the modification of their energy programmes with the purpose to take into account the green public procurement when organizing tenders for energy saving equipment and services. There was a discussion session dedicated to the current state of the art in regards to GPP integration into different local by-laws across the participating local and public authorities.

The North-East Regional Development Agency kindly invites us to visit a conference dedicated to research and innovation in Romania



The 10th edition of the “Week of Innovative Regions in Europe” conference will take place in Iași (North-East Region of Romania), June 26 – 28th, 2019, being the last event dedicated to

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research and innovation in the calendar of the Romanian Presidency of the Council of the European Union. Agenda of the event is available here: www.wire2019.eu.

Current project events

France

On the 23rd of May 2019, AURA-EE organizes an information and training day on sustainable public procurement seeking answers to the question: ***How to integrate sustainable development into public tenders?***

Main objectives of the meeting are:

- Better understand the National Action Plan for Sustainable Public Procurement (PNAAPD)
- Learn about the state of the art in sustainable purchasing
- Train in good practices for awarding contracts at least in accordance with regulations
- Prepare and anticipate future regulatory developments for the most advanced
- Test its sustainable public procurement strategy
- Identify and clarify its needs, exchange with neighboring territories and act as a network

Read more in the [agenda](#) of the meeting.

Italy

A national GPP-STREAM conference in Italy takes place on the 21st of May 2019. The host city is Udine, and the event is organized by the Autonomous Region Friuli Venezia Giulia, Lead partner of GPP-STREAM. The other two Italian partners, Lazio Region and Foundation Ecosistemi, are also taking part with thematic presentations. All Italian stakeholders are cordially invited to take part, or visit [the event website](#) for additional information.

Infographic on GPP



The first [infographic](#) of the GPP-STREAM project is already available on the website. It is dedicated on the benefits of GPP.

Current activities and regular updates on project events can be found in the [NEWS](#) and [EVENTS](#) section of our website.



NEWS from the EU

The GPP criteria for Computers and Monitors is under revision

The GPP criteria on Computers and Monitors will be revised taking into account the “life-cycle approach”. It will be based on the existing EU GPP criteria – SWD (2016) 346 final "EU GPP Criteria for Computers and Monitors". In making the revision, not only environmental, but also technical and functional aspects will be considered and taken into account.



Currently, the Joint Research Centre's Directorate B, Growth and Innovation ([JRC](#)) is launching a [study on the revision](#) of the EU GPP criteria for Computers and Monitors.

During the revision, there will be an on-going consultation with experts and stakeholders, manufacturers, supply chain representatives, trade associations, consumer organizations and NGOs. The proposed criteria will be at two levels: core criteria and comprehensive criteria. Core criteria are those suitable for any contracting authority across the Member States and address the key environmental impacts. Comprehensive criteria are developed for those who wish to purchase the best environmental products available on the market.

JRC kindly invites all potential stakeholders or interested organizations, to share any relevant information for the revision of the criteria by [registering here](#).

A “GREEN” MEETING is 7 steps away



In the quest for offering advice to staff from the European Commission (EC) on how to organise meetings/events with less of an impact on sustainability, the EC has published a list of

Guidelines on organising sustainable meetings and events at the Commission. The Guidelines come in the form of seven main steps, which can be followed using a series of checklists and guidance providing ‘minimum requirements’ and ‘advanced options’ for taking action. More information [here](#):

Source: [GPP News Alert April 2019](#)



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.

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Lazio region, Italy



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Ecosistemi Foundation, Italy



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Municipality of Gabrovo, Bulgaria



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www.cseg.eu

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