

Semester one:

First transnational learning event & kick-off meeting

Trieste, 28th to 30th November 2018

Report

The work session

The work session has been developed in the following agenda, adapting and rearranging the plan of activities described in the A.F. to take into account of the actual project's state of advancement and the initial capacity to involve stakeholders:

28th November 2018

15.30 Welcome

16.00 Opening session: Presentation of the project and partnership, Livia Mazzà, Fondazione Ecosistemi and Friuli Venezia Giulia Autonomous Region

16.30 Presentation of matrix for the identification of GPP areas of intervention (Action A5), Laura Bas, Mancomunidad de la Ribera Alta, Spain

17.00 Presentation of some Italian best practices: Maria Roselli, Lazio Region, the regional action plan for GPP, Nicolò Tudorov, Autonomous Region Friuli Venezia Giulia

18.00 Welcome address, Fabio Scoccimarro, regional minister for energy and environmental issues, Autonomous Region Friuli Venezia Giulia

18.15 Discussion on results related to best practices and on the structure and objectives of the action plans, Nicolò Tudorov, Autonomous Region Friuli Venezia Giulia)

20.00 Official dinner

29th November 2018

09.00 Working groups: sharing Italian know how related to the integration of sustainability principles in the action plans, coordinates, Livia Mazzà, Fondazione Ecosistemi

12.15 Plenary discussion

13.00 Lunch

Joint GPP capacity building programme of the partners staff & stakeholders;

14.30 Capacity building sessions on GPP, Livia Mazzà, Fondazione Ecosistemi and Giuseppe Cane, Autonomous Region Friuli Venezia Giulia

15.30 , the GPP4GROWTH interreg europe project, Skype call with SZREDA, the lead partner

16.00 Regione Veneto's green public procurement action plan (par gpp 2016-2018), Laura Salvatore, Veneto Region, relevant external stakeholder

17.00 Methodology "GPP-STREAM activators", Amelia Turtorean, Romanian Ministry of Environment

17.20 Methodology for identification and analysis of stakeholders, Matteo Gordini, Fondazione Ecosistemi

17.40 GPP Learning methodology, Livia Mazzà and Matteo Gordini, Fondazione Ecosistemi

18.30 First meeting of the Steering Committee and Quality management plan and project management Giuseppe Cane, acting project coordinator at the Autonomous Region Friuli Venezia Giulia

30th November 2018

09.00 Communication strategy, Georgi Simeonov - Centre for Sustainability and Economic Growth, Bulgaria

10.30, Guidelines for the sustainable management, Matteo Gordini, Fondazione Ecosistemi

During the transnational event the following presentations have been displayed:

Author / partner or stakeholder	Title/subject
Livia Mazzà / fondazione Ecosistemi	Presentation of the project and the partnership
Mariaincoronata Roselli / Regione Lazio	role of lazio region in gpp stream project
Livia Mazzà on behalf of Autonomous Region Friuli Venezia Giulia	Regional GPP action plans: the example of Friuli Venezia Giulia
Laura Bas Marian MANRA (Mancomunidad de la Ribera Alta)	Matrix GPP areas of intervention (activity A4)
Laura Salvatore, Veneto Region	Regione Veneto's green public procurement action plan (par gpp 2016-2018)
Amelia Turturean /Romanian Ministry for Environment	Activity a2. methodology for identification of the key staff that will be involved in the project
Matteo Gordini, Fondazione Ecosistemi	Methodology for identification and analysis of stakeholders (Activity A3)
Livia Mazzà, Fondazione Ecosistemi	GPP Learning methodology (activity A1)
Matteo Gordini, Fondazione Ecosistemi	Guidelines for the sustainable management (Activity C3)

The outcomes/outputs

Learning and exchange activities

Key learning contents of the meeting have been:

- GPP nature and objectives and the European policy framework
- GPP Action Plans

Working groups for the exchange of activities have focussed on:

- sharing expectations from the implementation of the project i.e. what partners would like to happen in their regions thanks to the implementation of GPP-STREAM;
- identifying needs in terms of knowledge, tools, actions
- identifying possible obstacles and stakeholders (individuals/organizations) able to support overcoming those obstacles.

The tables below contain a summary of the working groups outcomes.

Table 1 Expectations (answering the question: what would you like to happen in your regions thanks to the implementation of GPP-STREAM?)

COUNTRY/REGION	RESULTS
FRANCE	Local authorities aligned with GPP NAP Local authorities ready to uptake new legislation Feedback provided to national level
SPAIN	Local municipalities receive guidance for GPP implementation The market is well informed about GPP
LAZIO	The effects of the introduction of environmental criteria are known The conditions for further improvement are created Useful and feasible proposals for farmers are developed
BULGARIA	Policy makers will know what GPP is Policy makers will integrate GPP into local policies
ROMANIA	Market will be ready to offer green products GPP legislation will be in place Environmental criteria will be extended to more product groups
<i>TRANSVERSAL</i>	Harmonization of legislation Support to the shift towards circular economy Improved knowledge of all actors Improved competences of partners Support to behaviour change

	Market maturity
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Table 2 Needs, obstacles, who can help

NEEDS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share of best practices (toolbox) Time Identify the right person Process planning More knowledge on GPP implementation Training of policy makers Help desks Communication strategy Expert and independent knowledge Laws and regulations Map of different experiences in certifications
OBSTACLES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policy makers do not give priority to GPP and/or have short-term visions Difficult to have a consistent control system Lack of legislation on GPP Too many laws to comply with on the offer side Higher costs of green products Difficult to change existing information systems Resistance to change of procurers Different needs between technicians and politicians Different expectations and requests of involved actors Lack time and planning GPP just seen as another option for procurers
INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT CAN HELP TO OVERCOME OBSTACLES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Front-runners companies NGOs Environmental experts (for highlighting benefits) National and regional governments Universities and researchers Well prepared journalists More advanced local authorities

First Steering Committee

The quality management plan has been briefly discussed in the first steering committee, some issue have been arisen and discussed and everything has been solved. During the KOM. The north east development agency request to do non repeat again the recruitment accomplished for that project, even the recruitment methodology described by the Romanian ministry has been displayed during the KOM. Granted.

Some partners need to make minor adjustments to their respective budget and the steering committee voted, unanimously, to notify the lead partner any changes in their budged, before adopt it. The lead partner ask for that communication, because it is a need to avoid to reach the budgetary change limit in any activity and this is a way to have a control over it.



About communication, it is adopted to join asap twitter. It is a need as well to join the circular economy platform, as mean to implement the project.

The outputs of the working groups have been summarized by the Fondazione Ecosistemi and luckily some new ideas, not included in the A.F., pops-out during the discussion.

The outcome is favourable, the partners already know how to go further and the activities are speeding up with the collaboration with the circular economy project CircPRo and the GPP4GROWTH on the GPP.

Areas of improvement and general assessment

Any project, at its kick-off meeting, keeps running very slowly and gaining momentum by the end of the event. The purpose of the transnational event has been achieved, as any activity foreseen has been accomplished, except the involvement of a significant group of stakeholders. The procedure of invitation of regional stakeholders of Friuli Venezia Giulia Region needs to be improved and, in some ways, the official language of the project is still a limit or filter, as the local stakeholders they do not have a sufficient working knowledge or command of that language. The lead partner is recovering such activity in the very next future.

The activities of identification and engagement of stakeholders in the other regions had not kicked off yet, thus it was not possible to let them intervene to the first transnational meeting.

A GPP knowledge assessment questionnaire and a meeting evaluation questionnaire were filled in by participants. The outcomes have been used to complete the *Transnational learning events organization guidelines*.

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Giuseppe Cane, the acting project coordinator