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Welcome Greeting

Dear reader,

Welcome to the fourth 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:

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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 FRANCE

⇒ Stakeholder meeting in Lyon, France



Date: 23rd of May

Location: Hôtel de Région Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes

This day provided an opportunity to present the objectives and activities of the Interreg EU GPP-STREAM project in the morning in a plenary format, as well as to present the second version of the National Plan for Sustainable Public Procurement (PNAAPD) to communities. This day was an opportunity to create a link between public actors in the field wishing to integrate sustainable development into their markets, on the one hand, and between the Ministry, the AuRA region and the members of the regional network of public buyers led by AURA-EE, on the other hand.

During the second part of the day, group work was carried out to take stock of current practices, define a target situation and identify the levers and means necessary to advance sustainable purchasing on 3 themes (3 working groups):

- **#2** - organization, conditions and means for sustainable procurement
- **#3** - development of CCTPs/ special technical specifications/, from sourcing to supplier selection
- **#4** - evaluation and monitoring of implementation

This first group work is one of the axes proposed by AURA-EE to the French Ministry for Ecological and Solidary Transition within the framework of GPP-STREAM, in order to draw up an inventory of practices and reflect on the organization necessary for sustainable purchasing, the elements of effective CCTP/special technical specification/ in terms of sustainable development, and indicators for monitoring and evaluating contracts.

Overall, the actors on the ground expect the Plan to be directly exploitable and provide concrete elements necessary for the implementation of sustainable procurement in the territories (a State Plan for the territories and not a State Plan for the State). The constraint is then for the State to propose an effective document, "light" and sufficiently precise to meet the clearly identified needs of the territories. These major trends are not surprisingly highlighted again by the survey launched in April 2019 by AURA-EE for field workers, again as part of GPP-STREAM:

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- **Need** for concrete and reproducible examples, need for simple and effective tools
- **Need** to be sensitized and trained in sustainable purchasing (arguments, facts)
- **Need** to be accompanied and need local and regional facilitation
- **Need** to define specific and measurable objectives

The lessons learned from this work (survey + working group #1 session) will be continued at a future working-group #2 session on the 25th of June at the AURA-EE premises. Finally, the conclusions will be presented at a third working-group session #3 in September 2019, leading to the drafting of a summary note for the Ministry at the end of 2019. This note will provide a basis for recommendations to the Ministry for rewriting the Plan in 2020.

NEWS FROM ITALY

⇒ **Kick off training cycle for public administration and private stakeholders of Italian action group TERRE DI PRE.GIO**

Considering the role of Lazio Region in the GPP STREAM project, i.e. promoting and integrating the GPP approach in European funding policies, with particular reference to the EAFRD funds, Lazio Region will involve the (LAGs).



LAGs are Associations constituted by local public Administrations and local private stakeholders, whose Local Rural Development Plans (LRDP) are funded by RRDP within Measure 19 (article 35th EU Regulation 1305/2013).



Each LAGs realizes a LRDP and integrates, as established for RRDP, the priorities of sustainable growth, defined by European Regulations, activating local public tenders in order to support specific development measures, including the measures of interest for GPP STREAM project, i.e. measures 4 (art. 17th EU Regulation 1305/2013), 6 (art. 16th EU Regulation 1305/2013) and 7 (art. 20th EU Regulation 1305/2013).

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The interaction between LAGs and Lazio Region will take place through meetings focused on the GPP key analysis of the LRDPs and on their monitoring results and effects.

Lazio Region has already involved in the project a specific LAG (Terre di Pre.GIO.) constituted by 11 local public Administrations and 18 local private stakeholders.

On June 12, 2019 LAG Terre di Pre. Gio., with the collaboration of Lazio Region, has organized the kick off training cycle addressed to public administrations and private stakeholders of LOCAL ACTION GROUP TERRE DI PRE.GIO. One of the training courses activated by the LAGs concerns the green solutions for public administration and private stakeholders. Fondazione Ecosistemi and Lazio Region have participated to this event to support the LAG and their stakeholder on GPP matter.

NEWS FROM ROMANIA

⇒ **First Stakeholder Meeting in Piatra Neamt, Romania**



The first meeting of the stakeholder working group took place in Piatra Neamt. The

participants were representatives of the public and private environment of the North-East Region. The topics under discussion were:

- **Presentation** of the GPP-STREAM project;
- **Presentation** of a first set of good practices identified by partner regions in Italy and Spain and the most important aspects that the project team identified;
- **Establishing** the knowledge level and priorities of the North-East Region stakeholders in the implementation of this project.

In the first instance, the project was presented and the activities already implemented and the next steps were discussed along the presentation.

The most important issues discussed referred to:

- Principles and possibilities to implement competitive dialogue in Romania, based on the example from Castellon;
- Intervention areas possible to address as GPP within ROP;
- Need to organize training on GPP (especially on LCC), similar to the approach of RA Friuli-Venezia-Giulia in implementing the RAP on GPP, but

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also to facilitate the meeting between demand (awareness) and offer (prepare a green offer of services and products);

- Necessity to identify and use the independent certification and verification entities;
- The need for the national authorities to follow-through the NAP on GPP the entire chain: targets, compliance, incentives and/or penalties.

The discussions showed that although the principles of sustainability are transversal priorities, the implementation needs to be improved both in public and private sectors. The furniture manufacturer who attended the meeting was open to this new business opportunity, but still needs to better understand what this change of paradigm will generate for his business.

The initial knowledge questionnaire revealed that the participants should be supported with more information on legal aspects and criteria use, assessment and verification for GPP.

As the 2nd transnational meeting of the project was also attended by a representative of the MA for the ROP, a stream of the discussions covered also the hypothesis of integrating GPP into this programme and the repercussions of this upon the beneficiaries of the projects.

The most important aspect that this first meeting revealed was the openness of the public actors to explore the more innovative approaches in public procurement, in general

and in GPP, in particular: using the competitive dialogue and their acute interest in building the know-how for the inclusion of LCC into public procurement procedures.

NEWS FROM SPAIN

⇒ **National Kick-off Conference in Alzira, Spain on 17/07/2019**

National Conference to present the GPP-STREAM project took place on 17/07/2019 in Mancomunitat de la Ribera Alta.

Main stakeholders that visited the conference were Public procurers, environmental experts, lawyers, local authorities



Technicians of the local and regional administration and representatives of private companies have participated in the conference organized by the Mancomunidad de la Ribera Alta to present the project GPP-STREAM. In the conference, in addition to the presentation of the European project, has presented the report in depth analysis of good practices compiled by the partners, prepared by the Mancomunidad de la Ribera Alta, and the online tool Guf Tool for the evaluation of environmental criteria in the public purchase of street furniture. In

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In addition, a practical case has been presented with the introduction of environmental criteria in the tenders currently being carried out by the Alzira City Council, after these presentations, there was a debate on future activities.

⇒ GPP Good Practices Review Report

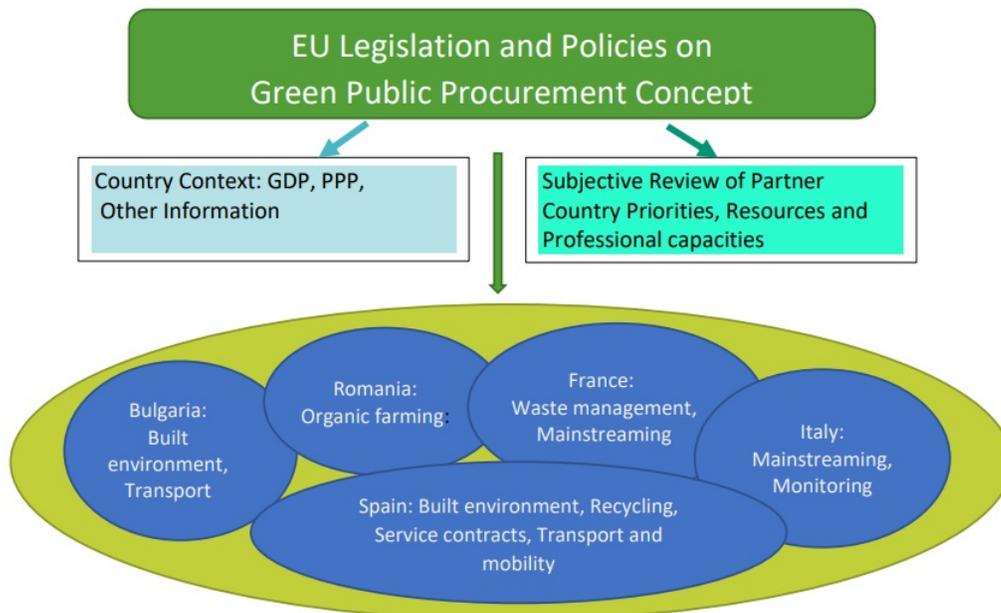


One of the specific objectives of the GPP-Stream project is to identify, collect and share good practices and support tools for the adoption of green public procurement, oriented towards efficient use of resources with the institutions responsible for policy instruments. The Mancomunidad de la Ribera Alta (Spain) is one of the project partners and is entrusted with the elaboration of an in-

depth report of the 49 best practices that have been identified in terms of GPP by the five participating countries.

The report aims to identify good practices currently being carried out in regions or cities, to study and analyse them, creating recommendations to take into account in tendering processes.

The Mancomunidad has recently completed (July 2019), the preparation of this report, which offers an analysis of good practices collected, classifying them in six major groups: 1) Construction, 2) Contracts for waste management, recycling and services, 3) Integration of the GPP through guidelines and templates 4) Management systems and monitoring 5) Organic agriculture and food supply and 6) Transport and sustainable mobility. At the same time the study specifies what are the objectives, identifications, design, implementation and difficulties of the good



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practices analyzed.

From the analysis we can see the purposes of the GPP are basically the same in each country, being common to all projects: minimize climate change agents, greenhouse gases and energy use, etc. However, the report contextualizes every good practice within the political reality of its country of origin, when a clear specific influence of the national socioeconomic framework is detected. This contextualization enriches the understanding of the good practices collected and also the future transnational learning among the project partners.

The report also incorporates the contributions of several experts from the different countries participating in the GPP-Stream project, regarding the strengths and weaknesses of the current situation of the GPP. Thus, some of the main conclusions are: Cooperation fosters GPP integration; lack of precision of environmental criteria creates uncertainty; stakeholder GPP training increases competition at all levels; recurrent learning events are useful; adoption and implementation of appropriated GPP is not easy; and transnational cooperation builds confidence in GPP implementation.



NEWS FROM THE EU

⇒ LCC tools developed by the EC



The European Commission is in the process of developing a series of sector specific LCC calculation tools which aim to facilitate the use of LCC amongst public procurers.

LCC tools for the following sectors will be available soon:

- Outdoor Lighting (summer 2019)
- Indoor Lighting (summer 2019)
- Vending Machines (autumn 2019)
- Imaging equipment (autumn 2019)

The European Commission has developed a new tool to calculate the Life-Cycle Costs (LCC) of computers and monitors for public sector purchases. The tool is accompanied by a User Guide aiming to make its use for GPP easier.

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[Life-cycle costing](#)



⇒ New guidance on green purchasing for road transport



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Vehicles are purchased or used by many public authorities, and play a role in the delivery of other contracts such as for construction, landscaping, waste management, social care, facilities management and highways maintenance. Specialized vehicles, such as buses and waste collection trucks, are examples

of market sectors where public demand may be particularly influential in moving towards lower emissions and greater fuel efficiency.

In January, the European Commission (EC) published new guidance to help support public authorities in Europe with their public procurement decisions for cars, buses and trucks. The new guidance comes in the form of EU Green Public Procurement (GPP) criteria and is an update of previous guidance issued in 2012.

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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 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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