



GPP-STREAM Press release

GPP-STREAM elaborates a toolkit to support EU beneficiaries in GPP compliance

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GPP-STREAM project is part of the Interreg Europe programme which helps regional and local governments across Europe to develop and deliver better and improved policies. The project seeks to address public authorities and policies in 5 partner countries that cooperate with the common objective of promoting eco-innovation, resource efficiency and green growth by implementing Green Public Procurement. The project is coordinated by Region Friuli Venezia Giulia and is implemented in partnership with institutions from Bulgaria, France, Italy, Romania and Spain that have complementary environmental and GPP expertise.

The third transnational learning event of the project took part in Sibiu, Romania from 11th to 13th of September, 2019. The event was organized by the Romanian Ministry of Environment and was attended by project partners as well as local and foreign stakeholders. All participants were acquainted with the GPP state-of-play in Romania, the Law on GPP and with a set of good practices implemented at local level. The project partner “Association of Municipalities of Ribera Alta Region - MANRA” presented a summary of the good practices identified by project partners within the GPP-STREAM project. The full report of the best practices is available on the project website at:

www.interregeurope.eu/fileadmin/user_upload/tx_tevprojects/library/file_1562327044.pdf

GPP-STREAM project was presented at the most important Italian and European event for public and private policies, projects and initiatives on green and sustainable procurement namely the Compraverde Buygreen Forum, which took place in Rome on 17 and 18 October 2019. Within the frame of the forum, project partners met for an open discussion divided into two main sessions:

- Capacity building of public administrators: the role of European funding and actions in the diffusion of environmental competences
- Greening national and regional spending to spread the GPP in sectoral policies

A major output of the project that currently is being developed by project partners is the elaboration of a **toolkit for GPP compliance** for beneficiaries of EU funds, rural and urban development strategies. The toolkit will outline the legal framework relevant to GPP implementation, and will point out the *Buying Green!* handbook together with the *Public Procurement for a Circular Economy* brochure as useful references for policy makers and companies responding to green tenders. It will also cover GPP criteria, a set of useful case studies revealing GPP impact on EU funding and will include a useful set of checklists for GPP policy makers.

Referring to the toolkit, GPP criteria are developed to facilitate the inclusion of green requirements in public tender documents. While the adopted EU GPP criteria aim to reach a



good balance between environmental performance, cost considerations, market availability and ease of verification, procuring authorities on the other hand, may choose according to their needs and ambition level, to include all or only certain requirements in their tender documents.

The GPP toolkit guidance will take a procurement officer step-by-step through the procurement process, including the all-important planning stage, highlighting along the way areas where mistakes are typically made and how to avoid them. In order to verify GPP compliance, the toolkit suggests applying 5 checklists at every stage of the procurement process: planning, selection, award, implementation and avoiding a conflict of interest.

The toolkit will soon be available and published on the project website in the 'Library' section (<https://www.interregeurope.eu/gpp-stream/library>). From the GPP-STREAM website you can also subscribe to our newsletter and receive news on project progress, products and future events.

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