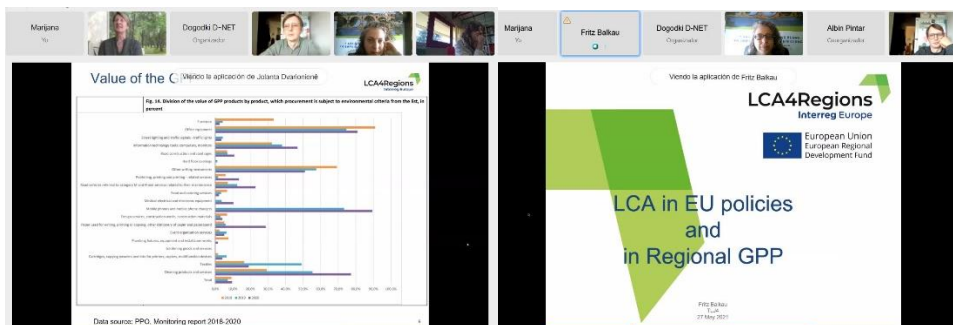


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The adventure continues: LCA4Regions virtually in Slovenia

Life Cycle Approaches (LCA) for sustainable regional development have been in the spotlight of the so-called “Transnational Learning Journey” of the Interreg Europe LCA4Regions project. After the first learning voyage in Lithuania, 2nd in Navarra (SP) and 3rd in Satakunta (FI), the National Institute of Chemistry from Slovenia organized the 4th transnational learning journey as an online three-day event where partners shared experiences on life cycle approaches and public procurement tools.



In the last months, the [LCA4Regions](#) partners have added new pieces to the challenging puzzle of this project: they have deepened and completed their seven regional analysis, collected regional good practices and refined the strategy for the future, strengthening the interregional cooperation that characterises this Interreg Europe project.

The main protagonist of this new virtual journey was Slovenia as host partner of this exchange of experiences. The event took place on **25th, 26th, and 27th May**, and this time the agenda had a virtual touch, the meeting being organised online and entirely live-streamed on [Twitter](#). The event was focused on **LCA in green public procurement and a lot of good practices were shared**.

On the 1st day of the event the participants had the chance to hear a presentation by the Ministry of Public Administration in Slovenia, presenting activities leading to the adoption of green public procurement legislation, including 20 groups of green government procurement goods awarded by public procurement authorities. In the same day, the Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning, also from Slovenia, shared about the activities of the EU project “Care4Climate” related to the adoption of life cycle costing.

At the end of the 1st day session, participants were acquainted with the collaborative initiative on [La Clause Verte](#) that covers many public procurement options such as new construction, rehabilitation, highways, supplies and services.

The 2nd day of the event started with many good practices from partners including usage of life cycle tools and methods on public procurement: sustainable school menus (SP), barriers of green public procurements (LI), management of municipal public procurement (FI), public procurement for innovation in rehabilitation buildings (PT), sustainable purchase and LCA in mega events (IT), LCC in green vehicles (SI) and LCC calculator in public procurement (PL) It continued with a presentation discussing key features of the Slovenian public green procurement portal as well as case studies in preparing tenders and submitting tenders on the portal.

During the 3rd i.e. the last day of the event, participants had the chance to listen to the speech by the Finish Environment Institute talking about KEINO platform and certain general points of view on public procurement in Finland. As a finishing of the 2nd day, Dr. Fritz Balkau shared about the usage of LCA in Europe and green public procurement. An exchange of experience concluded with a peer review of ideas for the development of the future action plan in Slovenia.

Every session of the TLJ4 was closed with a live discussion among the participants. Due to COVID-19 measures, it was not possible to carry out the learning process in Slovenia, however it turned out into a great 3-day event with abundant exchange of experiences on life cycle methodologies and tools for public procurement.

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The LCA4Regions project - Improved Environment and Resource Efficiency through use of Life Cycle Instruments for implementation of regional policies of the European Union - aims at promoting life-cycle based approach in policy instruments through the introduction of the Life Cycle Assessment methodology.

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