

Life Cycle Catalyst #4



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Closing an eventful first half of the year, the LCA4Regions partners are heading towards July. It will be well-remembered once after a peer review session analysing the Lithuanian policy context and a Transnational Learning Journey (TLJ) to Slovenia on LCA for green public procurement. But that is not all! Partners in all corners of Europe worked hard and not only to spread the use of life cycle methods when conceiving and implementing public policies but also to deepen their knowledge on the topic. Like this, the LCA4Regions partners presented a training course in GP and the P4Partners initiative, the Government of Navarra, and the Kaunas University of Technology enrolled in a course on food sustainability. And they will share their best practices with the LCA4Regions community through the success stories on partners' territories, have been added to the database. If you want to find concrete examples of LCA in buying green vehicles, for example - have a look at them.

We hope that you will attend your territories during the summer as a busy season is ahead of us with no less than two TLJ planned. The first one on the last week of September will investigate LCA for training and capacity building. Two months after evaluation and monitoring for LCA will be on the menu. Each time partners will make sure to look for and share Good Practices on the topic. Together with the ones already published they will be part of a Good Practice Guide. Without forgetting the bi-annual meeting gathering partners' Regional Stakeholders and some celebration for the two years of the project. A busy autumn ahead of us, as we said.

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Project's buzz



Good Practices keep arriving
Throughout their exploration of the various topics, the LCA4Regions partners are uncovering many interesting examples of practices related to environmental protection and resource efficiency in the context of the Green Public Procurement (GPP) Policy Learning Platform. Have you seen the latest one we added?



Lithuania on its way towards increased sustainability
Although Lithuania still has to meet more from sustainable development and innovation to reach the EU27 average level, an analysis of the overall use of policy instruments from the 2014 to 2020 shows a high potential for re-investments and greater business models and a high internal coherence of actions and practices.

The Life Cycle route, fourth stop: Slovenia

Life cycle approaches and public procurement
The 4th TLJ took place online organized by the Slovenian National Institute of Chemistry. This three-day event on life cycle approaches and public procurement had included three sessions: LCA4Regions - LCA in public procurement; LCA good practices on public procurement; Case Studies & Peer review. If you missed the live activities, you have the possibility to watch the recording online.



Področje in dobrotli v Sloveniji
Do you know which country is currently leading the presidency of the Council of the European Commission? Yes, Slovenia! What do you know about the country? We have prepared a short presentation of the base of our 4th TLJ, focusing on its environmental performance.



Review of good practices on public procurement
Partners presented 13 good practices of the cycle methodologies in public procurement. They approached different themes such as transportation, school canteen menus, training, street cleaning.

Reviewing the Slovenian policy context
The peer review is an essential part of the exchange of experience process. Three graphics summarize the discussion on the Slovenian context: delivery of policy instruments in Slovenia to enhance practices; extent and sufficiency of the cycle methods in buying; policy instruments: one experience that could possibly be replicated in your region.

Public procurement in practice
Participants of the TLJ had the opportunity to share and to receive advice and learn from each other. They enriched the discussion and allowed to analyse different angles of the application of LCA principles to public procurement.

Think globally, act locally - snaps from the partners



More Circularity: Less Carbon campaign gears up
Navarra is one of the three additional territories that joined the campaign "More Circularity: Less Carbon" launched by ACR to encourage its members to reduce their carbon emissions. Based on their research, the project will support the region to follow its path towards CO2 neutrality by assessing the carbon emissions of its waste management system, and improve the monitoring of the Navarra Waste Plan 2019-2025.



Navarra waste fund 2021
For the second year, the Navarra Waste Fund will finance research to prevent waste generation, encourage selective collection, improve recycling and material recovery, boost preparation for reuse, and to support eco-innovating activities. With this LCA4Regions initiative, collected from the tax on landfill disposal and different interventions in the waste regulation that will be distributed.

The life-cycle impacts of wind energy
Sustainable LCA studies agree to not be limited to understand "What is not the cost of a new study on embodied and off-site emissions" that discusses the results of the technical studies, other than the life cycle LCA footprint. The importance of correctly setting the scope of the study that it provides a complete picture of the impacts.



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