Action Plan for the Cohesion region Western Slovenia

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Summary

1. Proposed actions

2. Challenges
Two actions

- Green public procurement optimization
- LCA training/workshop
Policy context

The Action Plan aims to impact:

• European Territorial Cooperation Programme
• Other regional development policy instruments

Name of the policy instrument addressed:

Operational Programme for the Implementation of the EU Cohesion Policy for the period 2014–2020; Slovenian Smart Specialisation Strategy – Area of Application 2.2: Networks for the Transition into Circular Economy (Environmental policy instrument → Life Cycle Methodologies)
Action 1: Green Public Procurement Optimization
Our plan is to study, present and implement **mathematical models/tools** for green public procurement (LCA costing model, i.e. LCC calculators) into the Slovenian Public Procurement system (legislation and procedures) to help with **calculating the costs of the purchase** and use when buying **vehicles** for public authorities.
We have presented the idea of the LCA costing model (i.e. LCC calculators) to the Slovenian Public Procurement Directorate. We are in active communication with the Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning and the Slovenian Public Procurement Directorate, where we have obtained general support for concrete actions towards improvement of the current public procurement legislation. In particular, we got the confirmation from the Directorate on implementing this LCC model by modifying the Decree on Green Public Procurement.
Timeframe

**Spring/Summer 2022** – Studying the Polish LCA cost model, adapting it to the Slovenian procedure, preparing the guidelines and other presentation materials; Meetings with the Slovenian Public Procurement Directorate representatives and presentation of the LCA costing model options; Starting the implementation of the LCA costing model.

**Autumn/Winter 2022/2023** – Final implementation of the LCA costing model; Additional meetings with the Slovenian Public Procurement Directorate representatives and presentation of the LCA costing model options, if needed.

**Spring/Summer 2023** – Monitoring the implementation of the Action 1 and assessment of the results.
Action 2: LCA training/workshop

Smart specialisation is a strategy for strengthening the **competitiveness of economy**, **innovation capacity** and the **diversification of the existing industry** as well as the growth of new and booming industries and companies, respectively.

The **Strategic Research and Innovation Partnership** – Networks for the transition into circular economy is a connection of Slovenian business subjects, educational and research institutions (RDI), non-governmental organizations and other interested parties, in collaboration with the state, aiming to establish new value chains according to the economic principles of closed material flows.
Our plan is to study the circular economy training course (good practice from the Navarra region) and present it to the interested participants from the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Štajerska – the leader of the Strategic Research and Innovation Partnership – Networks for the transition into circular economy. Therefore, it is very suitable for organizing our action of LCA training/workshop.
In this action, we will initiate large debate about the improvements, including all relevant stakeholders and participate at the Government-initiated public debate on concrete changes in the policy instruments.
Timeframe

Spring/Summer 2022 – Studying the circular economy training course example, adapting it to the Slovenian business needs, preparing the draft of the training programme; Meetings with Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Slovenia and Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Štajerska representatives, and presentation of the circular economy training course becoming a part of the organized events for their members.

Autumn/Winter 2022/2023 – Final implementation of the Action 2 plan; Additional meetings with Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Slovenia and Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Štajerska representatives, if needed.

Spring/Summer 2023 – Monitoring the implementation of the Action 2 and assessment of the results.
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<th>CHALLENGES</th>
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<td>Insufficient knowledge of the details of good practice examples that we want to transfer to Slovenia.</td>
<td>We will strengthen our partner-to-partner communication (organize online meetings) and encourage the exchange of information.</td>
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<td>The officials may not show enough interest for the presented ideas.</td>
<td>We will adapt our draft and presentations according to their needs and interests.</td>
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<td>Small number of contact points for the transfer of examples of good practice.</td>
<td>We will actively search for new contacts and ask the currently proposed partners (we have a strong communication with them) for further ideas.</td>
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<td>The crisis of European security regarding the covid-19 pandemic and Russia-Ukraine war.</td>
<td>We will closely monitor the situation and follow official guidelines and procedures in the hope of successfully implementing our actions from the action plan. The delays in our proposed process are possible due to the urgent matters regarding the crisis and the focus of the officials being on other relevant topics. In that case we will continue with our action plan activities as soon as the time is right (this affects mainly the actual implementation phase, not the preparation).</td>
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Questions welcome