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***Greek Action Plan for GPP –
REMTH's Action Plan for CircPro
project***

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Green Public Procurements (GPP) in Greece

Main institutional features and competences:

- **a) National Central Purchasing Body for goods and general services**
 - providing central purchasing activities (eg Framework Agreements) and ancillary ones
 - setting out the categories of goods and services for which it is mandatory that PAs address to the GSCCP (General Secretariat for Commerce and Consumer Protection) to cover their needs.
- **b) Proceeding Authority for national policy making on GPP issues** and for preparing the National Action Plan for GPP in cooperation with other Ministries

Sustainable Development

**National
Strategy for
Public
Procurement**

GPP

**National
Strategy for
Circular
Economy**

**National
Action Plan for
Energy Saving
– Energy
Refurbishment
of Public
Buildings**

Circular Economy

Climate Change

GPP implementation in Greece

GPP criteria and the implementation of EU and national GPP legislation have been promoted to the Purchasing Authorities via **centralized public procurement** of the National Central Purchasing Bodies, as GSCCP.

- **Framework Agreements** for energy efficient products for all Ministries of the Central Government
- **GPP Criteria** in unified technical specifications for products (paper, computers, monitors, imaging equipment, office furniture, interior lighting (led lamps), air condition machines)
- **Important initiatives at regional and local level.** Ministries, Regions and Municipalities implement GPP as partners in European funded projects.

National Action Plan for GPP

- The National Action Plan is a provision of Law 4342/2015
- In 02.2021 it was approved by a Joint Decision of the Ministers of
 - i) Development and Investments and of ii) Environment and Energy
- It refers to public procurement for goods, services and public works
- A special Committee for GPP has been established:

Ministry of Development and Investments,

Ministry of Environment and Energy,

Ministry of Infrastructure and Transports,

Ministry of Health,

Ministry of Interior,

Hellenic Single Public Procurement Authority - HSPPA

National Action Plan for GPP

The gradual application of environmental criteria in public procurement is expected to contribute in:

- **reducing the energy and ecological footprint**, contributing to tackling climate change and reducing greenhouse gas emissions
- **reduce the negative impact on the environment**
- contribute to the **sustainable and more efficient use of natural resources energy**
- **promoting innovation and competitiveness.**
- **saving public resources**, taking into account the cost of life cycle
- **stimulate the demand for secondary materials**, strengthening the domestic entrepreneurship, environmental technologies, repair services and reuse, as well as the cyclical pattern of production and consumption instead linear
- **enhancing social awareness on protection issues environment**, in the reproduction and extension of the procurement model and in private sector

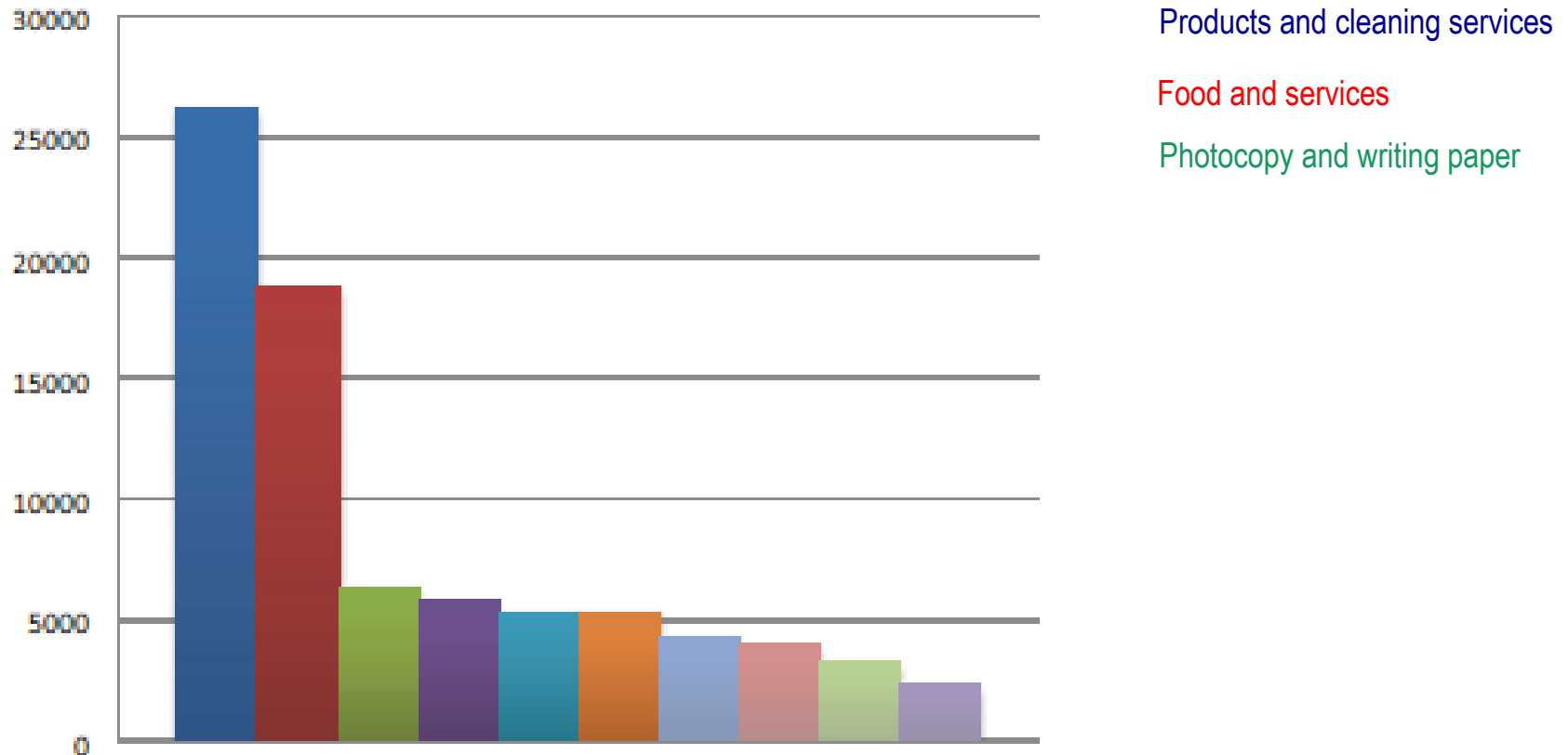
Selected PP categories of the National Action Plan for GPP

Mandatory	Non-mandatory
Photocopying paper	Furniture
Computers and monitors	Textiles
Imaging equipment	Public Space Maintenance
Interior lighting – LED lamps	Waste Water Infrastructure
Air-conditioning machines	Electrical and Electronic Equipment used in the Health Care Sector
Engine oils	Office Building Design, Construction and Management
Transport (vehicles and transport services)	Road Design, Construction and Maintenance

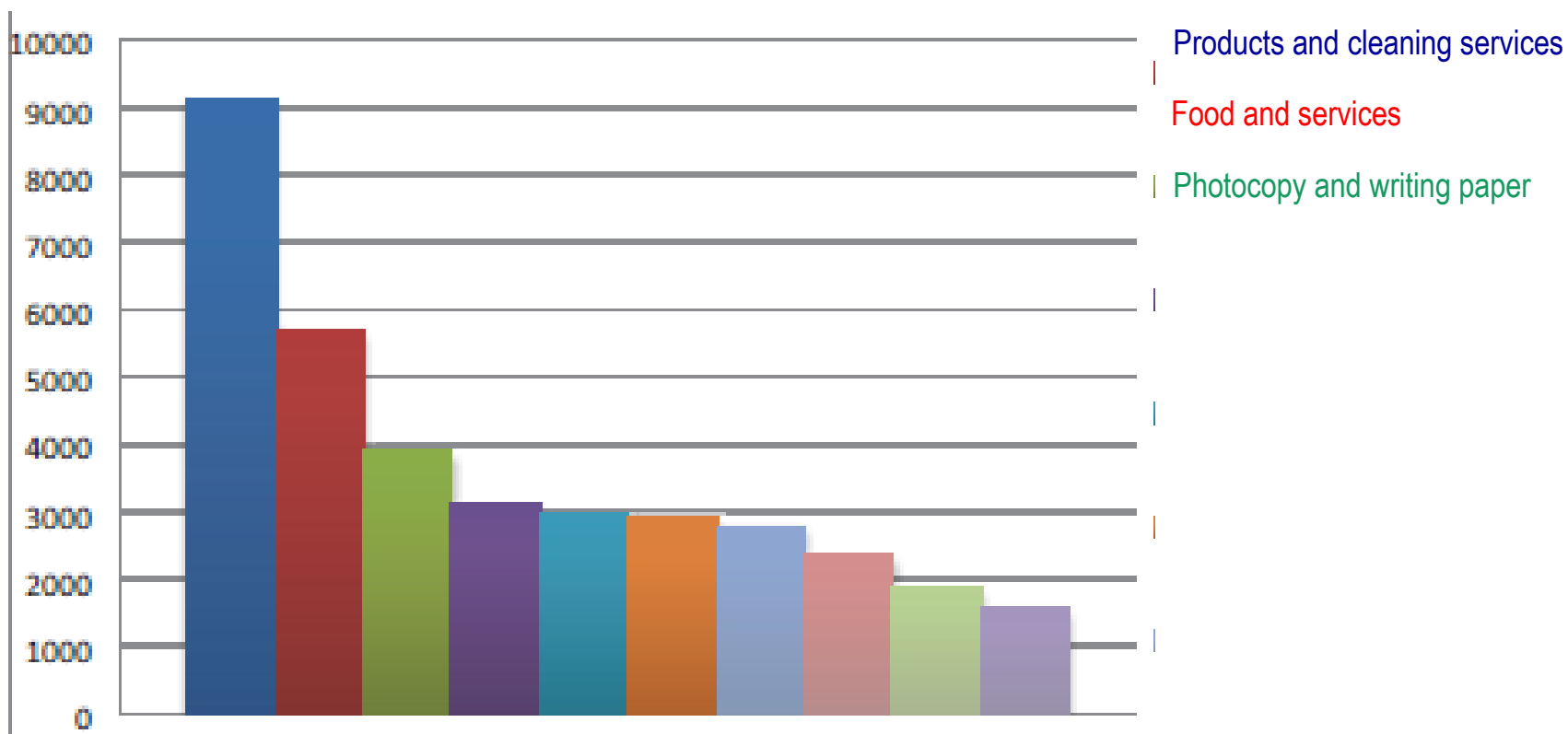
Challenges and opportunities



Number of contracts by category of goods (2015-2019)



Number of authorities by category of goods (2015-2019)



REMTH's Action Plan

Policy instruments addressed by the action plan

- Operational Programme of the Region of Eastern Macedonia and Thrace

REMTH's Action Plan aims at the development of actions which will affect and/or will be included in a policy tool of REMTH and will be implemented by the end of the CircPro project.

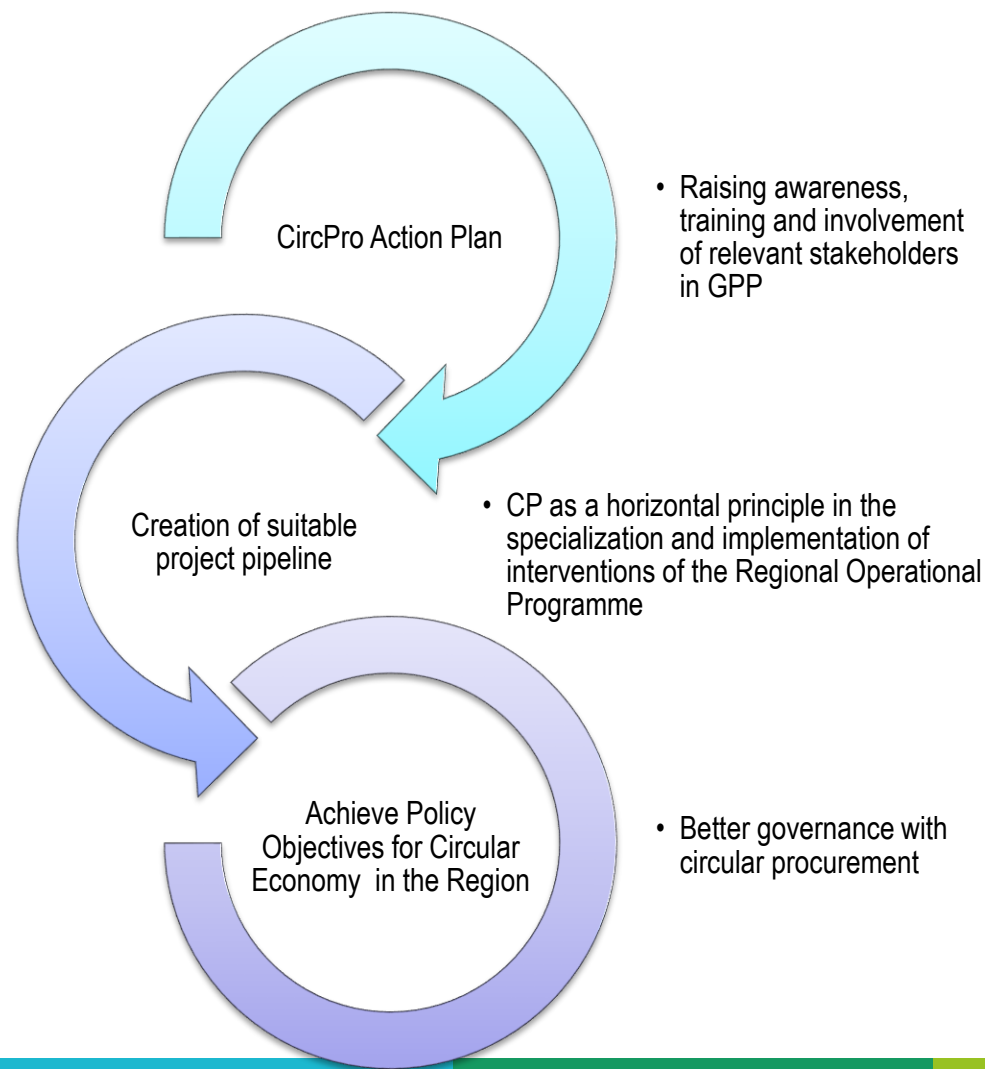
It should be mentioned that:

- Due to the end of the 2014-2020 programming period, the available resources of the Operational Program of the Region of Eastern Macedonia-Thrace have been fully committed
- Use of financing funds for covering and deal with the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic

The Action Plan was developed during the last period of Phase 1 of the project and was finally validated by JS in November 2021.

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Action 1: Enhanced capacity for utilizing Green Public Procurement

Nature of the action:

- Skills development of the contracting authorities about the benefits and opportunities from the implementation of the Green Public Procurement
- Informing market representatives and entrepreneurs about the intention of the public sector to proceed with the "greening" of public procurement, but also about the benefits that arise for the various sectors from the certification of products and the promotion of environmentally friendly production as well as the adaptation of the Greek market to the new data

Action 1: Enhanced capacity for utilizing Green Public Procurement

Planned and implemented activities:

1.1 Dissemination of Regional Guidebook to local stakeholders

For enhancing capacity for utilizing Green Public Procurement, REMTH proceeded to updating the produced Regional Guidebook, translated and printed in Greek for dissemination in local stakeholders and involved bodies



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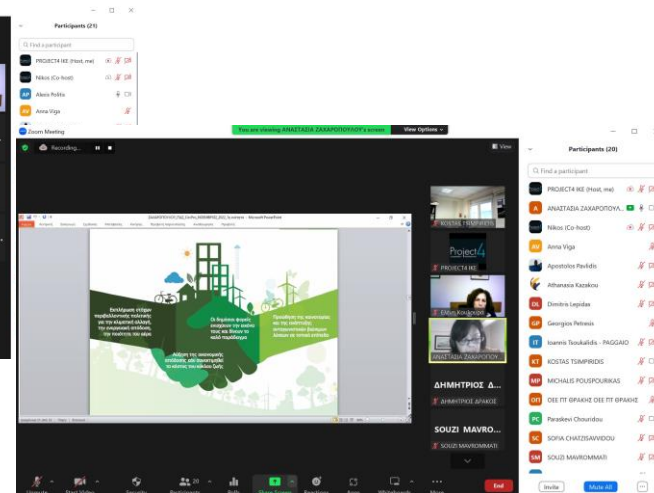
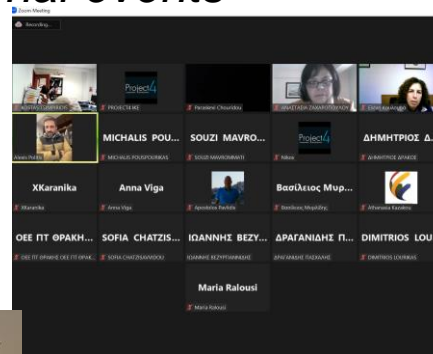
1.2 Awareness events for market actors

1.3 Training of relevant units of contracting authorities

In order to activate and mobilize private and public sector, were already organized workshops – educational events

- *Online event on 17.11.2022*

- *On 19.12.2022, in Kavala*



These events were carried out in collaboration with the Ministry of Development and Investments / General Directorate of Public Contracts, which is the main

Action 2: Introducing CPP in interventions of the Regional Operational Programme

Nature of the action:

In order to achieve the objectives of the circular economy of the policy tool of the REMTH, introduced means of prioritization and/or premiums of interventions that choose to use green contracts, according to the basic criteria of the CPP of EU, for their implementation

Action 2: Introducing CPP in interventions of the Regional Operational Programme

Planned and implemented activities:

2.1 Identification of relevant types of actions in the interventions of the Funds of the Program 2021-2027 of the Region

2.2 Assessment and proposal of indicative methodology for introduction of CPP criteria

2.3 Informing the Managing Authority and the Monitoring Committee

2.4 Adoption of relevant criteria in the specialization or evaluation in selected action categories of the Program of the Region 2021-2027

In terms of introducing CPP in interventions of the Regional Operational Programme, working meetings are taking part in regular basis with Managing Authority of ROP in order to activate and emerge the involved stakeholders

REMTH's Action Plan:

More general activities and actions in order to stay engaged with principles and scope of Regional AP:

- Updating deliverables, gather achievements and outputs during Phase 1 of the project and make them available to regional stakeholders
- Updated contact details of all stakeholder members, which was initially formed during the 1st stakeholders meeting
- Internal meetings in regular basis between working team members of RDF of EMTH in order to activate partner's participation during the Phase 2 of the project and keep activate and mobilize all involved stakeholders

All aforementioned specific and more general activities focus in keeping all involved bodies and stakeholders active with project's outputs in the field of CPP



Thank you!