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1 Introduction and premises from the Transnational Strategy

The **Transnational Strategy for Circular Green Public Procurement (C/GPP) in Central Europe,** developed by the CE-PRINCE project, identified three overarching strategic objectives:

1. increasing the adoption of C/GPP practices,
2. developing shared C/GPP standards and criteria,
3. enhancing awareness and building capacities of public and private stakeholders in C/GPP field.

In addition, the Strategy outlines Specific Objectives addressing key challenges and opportunities to take actionable steps towards an actual implementation of C/GPP practices in the public and private sectors.

The successful implementation of the Transnational Strategy relies on **two dedicated and complementary Action Plans** — one targeting the public sector and the other the private sector. These Action Plans act as strategic roadmaps that translate the Strategy's overarching goals and specific objectives into concrete, country-level measures aimed at embedding Circular and Green Public Procurement principles into procurement policies, administrative practices, and operational decisions, for both public administrations and private entities.

This document presents the **Transnational Action Plan to improve Public Sector practices for C/GPP in Central Europe** as a key operational tool within the CE-PRINCE project to strengthen the implementation of Circular and Green Public Procurement (C/GPP) practices across Central Europe. By **targeting the public authorities**, the plan aims at reinforcing their capacity to design, implement, and monitor procurement procedures that integrate environmental and circularity criteria in public tenders to ensure the implementation of circular practices throughout the products and services' lifecycle.

In particular, this Action Plan translates the CE-PRINCE Transnational Strategy into actionable measures for Public Authorities to support the uptake of Circular and Green Public Procurement (C/GPP) across Central Europe, by addressing the following Specific Objectives of the Strategy:

- **Enhance institutional awareness, capacity, and cross-departmental coordination** to systematically integrate circularity criteria in public procurement, thus ensuring that circular procurement knowledge is embedded in long-term administrative practices.
- Leverage on the transnational cooperation to recommend and **promote the adoption of more consistent environmental and circular criteria by public entities across different governance levels and regions**, while contributing to the integration of new standardized tools in public procurement processes to facilitate the application of GPP and its alignment to EU-wide circular economy objectives.
- **Strengthen capacity-building programs** (and leverage on existing ones) for public procurement officials to improve technical expertise and confidence in implementing C/GPP criteria.

At project level, the Transnational Action Plan for the public sector provides a structured and shared framework to guide the activities that project partners will carry out in each CE-PRINCE partner country, dedicated to public administrations. It builds directly on the findings of the Initial Assessment and responds to specific national and regional needs and priorities. As such, the Plan aims to bridge the implementation gap that currently limits the role of GPP as a driver for the circular economy. It identifies specific tools of intervention to empower public authorities and create enabling conditions for enhancing the circular procurement:

- **Training and capacity building sessions**: Addressing knowledge gaps and strengthening the technical skills of public procurement officials, including the use of existing EU tools and methodologies.
- **Design and deployment of practical tools and templates**: Supporting contracting authorities in the operational integration of circular criteria into tender documentation.
- **Peer learning and exchange**: Facilitating cross-country and inter-institutional cooperation through best practice sharing, peer-to-peer exchanges, and pilot actions.
- **Strategic engagement and advocacy**: Promoting political commitment and policy alignment to mainstream C/GPP at national and regional levels.

1.1 Target Groups of the Action Plan

The primary targets of this Action Plan are:

- **Decision-makers** at the national, regional, and local levels;
- **Public procurers** and technical staff within contracting authorities;
- **Policy officers and sustainability experts** working in or with public administrations.

The Plan also addresses stakeholders involved in the governance of procurement processes, circular economy strategies, and green transition policies.

1.2 Implementation Period

All activities included in this Action Plan will be implemented between **June 2025 and November 2026**.

1.3 Methodological Approach and Reference Framework

The preparation of this Action Plan has followed a **coordinated transnational methodology**, based on common tools and structured partner inputs. In particular, the Plan relies on:

- The **Application Form** and project rationale;
- The **Initial Assessment** results and analytical framework;
- The **Transnational Strategy** for Circular GPP , which sets out shared objectives and directions in Central Europe;
- **EU-level guidance documents** (e.g., EU GPP criteria, Circular Economy Action Plan, Green Deal).

Action Plans are defined based on the specific needs and capacity of each country involved in the project. Activities are thus planned on a **country basis**, and Partners from the same country collaborate for planning and coordinating activities. This collaborative and structured process ensures that the Action Plan is both strategic and actionable, while also respecting the variety of contexts and levels of readiness across Central European countries.
The national sections of this Action Plan are structured in single **Country Datasheet** and organized as follows:

- Section on “Capacity building to match circular economy with green public procurement”: involves minimum 7 capacity building activities, including 2 meetings orienting the political willingness towards circular economy and GPP topics and 5 training sessions for Public administration representatives, targeting decision-makers and public procurers.
- Section on “Peer-to-Peer exchange and demand-supply symposia on C/GPP”: encompasses minimum 1 peer-to-peer event (public to public or private to private), 1 symposium (event

between the public and the private sector) and 1 dissemination event (also open to wider participation).

- Section on "Pilot action - nurturing public authorities' technical ability for circular GPP": partners is a preliminary planning of national pilot actions consisting of testing an upgraded set of circular criteria into public tenders.

Although information in the country datasheets may be subject to **minor adjustments during implementation**, each Action Plan is defined in sufficient detail based on:

- The **findings of the Initial Assessment**, especially about barriers, drivers, and enabling factors for the uptake of circular and green public procurement;
- The **national/regional state of implementation of GPP** and circular policies.

Furthermore, wherever possible, actions **build upon existing tools, methodologies, or experiences developed at the national or EU level** to avoid duplication of content and promote synergies with other ongoing initiatives, projects, or networks.

Section 3 thus provides the detailed action plan of each Country introduced by brief description of the GPP status in each country and the methodological approach each partner followed for planning activities with their public administrations.

2 Overall outcomes from the National Action Plans

Based on the insights gathered from the individual country datasheets, some reflections emerge and provide a consolidated overview, at project level, of the measures and expected results defined in each country.

The economic sectors that are the primary focus of the Project (agri-food, construction, manufacturing, and tourism-related goods and services) are covered in the Action Plans of all countries. Specifically:

- The agrifood sector is covered in dedicated training sessions in Austria, Germany and Italy. In addition, it is also included in training sessions of other countries along with all other sectors.
- The construction sector is addressed primarily in Slovenia, Germany and Italy, and then included in more generic training sessions of other countries.
- The manufacturing sector is covered by specific activities in Poland and Croatia, and then invited in more generic training sessions of other countries.
- The tourism-related goods and services sector is specifically targeted by the activities planned in Croatia as well as addressed in more generic activities planned in all other countries.

Furthermore, most of the activities planned in all countries are open to wider participation to all economic sectors as topics are suitable for relevant learning and advancement towards the circular economy and the green transition in Europe.

All the Action Plans address the proper target groups expected by the Project. Specifically:

- The advocacy meetings target directors and/or representatives of administrative authorities regulating the Project key economic sectors of local, national and regional territories (e.g. department of agriculture, construction, tourism and development, urbanism and municipal services, and public procurement practices).
- The training sessions are more practical activities focusing on knowledge and skills directed at public procurers and officers of economic departments pertaining to the Project key economic sectors as well as representatives of municipalities and public companies working with economic development and public procurement;
- Peer-to-peer events for exchange and collaboration address public officers and procurers as well as decision makers of local and regional administrations and public shareholders influencing the political decision;
- Symposia target public and private representatives for effective exchanges of experiences and dialogue between public buyers and suppliers on the public procurement and economic development towards circularity;
- Dissemination events bring broad awareness and visibility of results and are open for the wider citizenry engagement, including representatives of public administrations as well as of private companies, decision makers, sector associations, academics, press corps, consumer associations and citizens.

Each country defines the topics of activities depending on national and/or regional needs related to the status of GPP in each territory and the advancement towards circularity of their economies. Nevertheless, topics can be clustered by event type and they are mostly addressed by all countries:

- Capacity building activities include topics on:

  - General foundation of GPP and circular economy in EU and national legislations, shared knowledge on environmental criteria in public sectors' tenders and monitoring and evaluation of impacts;
  - Sector-specific applications of environmental criteria to specific product categories and best practices;
  - Practical skills through designing tenders with circular criteria, drafting templates, certifications and compliance with procurement law;
  - Cross-cutting themes and awareness raising on political readiness and advocacy meetings, as well as alignment of procurement with green transition strategies (e.g. Green Deal).

- Peer-to-peer exchanges are all planned among Public authorities (in this Action Plan) and they include the following topics:
  - Experience-sharing among municipalities and regions to exchange best practices on circular economy and GPP adoption, often referring to specific economic sectors (e.g. construction, food and tourism), as well as sharing joint problem-solving on legal, organizational and technical barriers.
  - Public sector collaboration for strengthening inter-municipal cooperation, aligning regional/national guidelines and political commitment.

- Symposia are conferences for promoting dialogue between public buyers and private suppliers on the following topics:
  - Exchange experiences, needs and solutions on how to integrate circular principles into procurement practices;
  - Discussions on regulatory frameworks, EU/national guidelines and innovative tools to support demand-supply cooperation;
  - Innovation and business opportunities for meeting circular criteria and accessing new procurement markets;
  - Aligning supply products and services with circular economy and green tenders' requirements

- Dissemination events are for broadening awareness, citizen engagement and visibility of results and are focused on the following topics:
  - Presenting CE-PRINCE results, GPP successful stories and pilot testing outcomes, as well as showcasing tools, guidelines and lessons learned at the end of the project;
  - Spreading knowledge on GPP and its relevance for advancing circular economy;
  - Providing practical guidance, tools and contacts for stakeholders in the field of C/GPP and encouraging them to replicate and scale-up practices across regions.

This action plan structure aims at covering a wide variety of activity types and engagement formats that effectively address the key economic sectors, target groups, and learning objectives of the Project, thereby ensuring a balanced mix of capacity building, knowledge exchange, stakeholder dialogue, and broad dissemination. These activities will collectively contribute to achieving the objectives defined in the **Transnational Strategy** for Circular GPP and the overall goals of CE-PRINCE Project.

Section 3 digs deeper into the detailed national Action Plan of each country participating in the CE-PRINCE project.

3 Detailed National Action Plans for Public Authorities

3.1 ITALY Action Plan for Public Authorities

3.1.1 GPP status

Following the European Commission communication EC COM(2003) 302, Italian ministries in collaboration with technical organizations (i.e., ENEA, ISPRA, ARPA, CONSIP), developed the first Action Plan for Green Public Procurement (PAN GPP) in 2008 and updated it in 2023. Since then, the use of Minimum Environmental Criteria (MEC - or CAM as Italian acronym hereby used) is mandatory in all public procurement processes. Currently, CAMs cover 21 product groups - in alignment with EU GPP and Ecolabel standards - that are constantly revised and updated, while new CAMs are under study. Despite this strong framework, challenges still exist in evaluating the broader environmental results of GPP.

Among the Italian regions, Liguria (lead partner of CE-PRINCE) has been at the forefront of GPP issues since 2007, when criteria were still voluntary, by promoting and disseminating informative/educational events on GPP and CAMs for regional public procurers and enterprises. Liguria region has already concluded two regional GPP tree-years plans (2017-2019 and 2022-2024) and it recently published the current regional GPP plan for 2025-2027. Furthermore, ongoing discussions and working groups are active at the regional institutional level.

3.1.2 Methodological approach for identifying training needs and planning activities

The Department of Environment and the Department of Economic Development at Liguria Region conducted a series of internal meetings to coordinate the organization of advocacy meetings, the capacity building activities, the peer-to-peer and demand-supply symposia events, including the identification of main topics to address in each event. In general, it was decided that the capacity-building activities should be as interactive as possible with participants, involving working groups for exchanging knowledge and experiences in order to advance concrete actions within the public administrations.

As for the organization of activities, it was agreed that the advocacy meetings would be conducted at the regional level involving policy-makers and general directors of the Region, while for the capacity building activities, it was agreed to assign the management of training sessions to an external consultancy via direct assignment.

As for the thematic issue to address during the activities, Liguria Region focused on the results of the initial assessment at the beginning of the project as well as the interviews conducted with n°5 Public Administrations for the complementary qualitative analysis. Also, the Liguria Region conducted additional one-to-one meetings with stakeholders of the Project to collect further information, needs, requests, and proposals in relation to GPP, CAM, and circular economy topics. Specifically, the contacted stakeholders were:

- 1 Associated partners: Città Metropolitana di Roma
- 5 interviewed during the initial assessment (qualitative analysis): National Park of 5 Terre, Liguria Region department of contracting authority (SUAR), Municipality of Genoa, Municipality of Celle ligure, Municipality of Badalucco

Based on the collected information, the following table summarizes the topics identified that would be most beneficial for the regional Public Administrations to address during the formative events. Such topics will be requested to the external consultancy appointed to conduct the training.

Type of module	Topic	Economic sector(s) involved
General Module	GPP as a tool to enhance the circular economy in the society – EU and national legislation	all
General Module	National CAM – what they are and why they are important beyond legislation	all
General Module	Role issues: Make GPP and CE more effective in all procurement phases, from tender specification to execution.	all
General Module	Public procurement national regulation and interpretation of CAMs – guidelines and rules on how to apply and verify circular criteria within CAM and related documentation. Also: focus on awarding criteria	Construction Agrifood Manufacturing Tourism-related goods and services
General Module	How to adapt Circular requirements within CAMs to territories with different needs and capacities (i.e., large vs. small territories)	all
General Module	Certifications and related documentation (e.g., ISO, EMAS)	all
General Module	How to apply CAMs in lower amount procedures (i.e. direct assignments vs. regular tender procedure): practical examples applicable, for instance, to buying individual protection disposals	all
General Module	Regional price list and CAMs (Prezziario regionale)	all
Practical Module	Practical lab: design a circular tender	all
Specific module	Updated CAM 2024 in construction	Construction
Specific module	To be defined	Agrifood – catering
Specific module	To be defined	Agrifood – school canteens

More specific information on each event has been provided in the tables below ('Detail of planned activities'). Activities and contents will be further detailed and defined with the expert external consultant, in the contractualization.

3.1.3 Capacity Building to match Circular Economy with Green Public Procurement

In each partner country at least seven initiatives among the following will be realised:

- 2 meetings orienting the political willingness
- 5 capacity building sessions for PA representatives

Initiative		**Meetings orienting the political willingness**
Quantity		2 specific meetings per country
Target		Decision-makers al local, regional and national level
Meeting 1 (GPP working group)	Beneficiaries	GPP regional working group members. Expected 15 members from various Department offices and organisations within the regional System
	Expected timing	01 July 2025
	Key economic sector	Agrifood, Construction, Manufacturing, and tourism-related goods and services
	Open to wider participation	Only the above mentioned
	Short description	The GPP regional working group generally gathers twice a year. This meeting will happen at the regional premises in July 2025 addressing topics on the advancement of CE-PRINCE project and upcoming capacity building activities. Aim of the meeting will be to collect comments and suggestions on how to conduct capacity building activities at regional level and what specific topics are the priority for the hierarchy of the Region (DG directors and council member). The meeting will be in a hybrid form, allowing in-person and remote participation.
	Synergies with other ongoing or existing tools, initiatives, projects or networks	During the July meeting, the new regional GPP Plan 2025-27 will be officially presented
Meeting 2 (round-table meeting on circular economy and GPP)	Beneficiaries	Regional Public Administrations - various departments and officers dealing with public procurement practices
	Expected timing	spring /summer 2026
	Key economic sector	All
	Open to wider participation	All
	Short	A round-table meeting to discuss topics on circular economy

	description	and its benefits at environmental and socio-cultural levels. The aim is to share the Region work on GPP and circular economy projects as well as to collect reflections, opinions, request and needs from different PAs officers that deal with the local private sector and public procurement
	Synergies with other ongoing or existing tools, initiatives, projects or networks	To be defined Possible synergies with projects and initiatives of MASE, ENEA, ICESP.

Initiative		**Capacity building sessions**
Quantity		5 initiatives per country
Target		Public procurers
Capacity building Session 1 **Training session on general topics of Circular economy/GPP**	Beneficiaries	Representatives from regional PAs in the region (expected 40 representatives from 20 different PAs)
	Expected timing	Fall 2025
	Key economic sector	All
	Open to wider participation	All
	Topic	General modules as listed above: GPP as a tool to enhance the circular economy in the society - EU and national legislation National CAM - what they are and why they are important beyond legislation with special reference to circular principles and practices Role issues: Make GPP and CE more effective in all procurement phases, from tender specification to execution. How to adapt Circular requirements within CAMs to territories with different needs and capacities Public procurement national regulation and interpretation of CAMs - guidelines and rules on how to apply and verify circular criteria within CAM and related documentation

		Also: focus on awarding criteria How to apply circular requirements CAMs to territories with different needs and capacities (i.e. large vs. small territories) Certifications and related documentation (e.g. ISO, EMAS) How to apply CAM in direct assignment vs. regular tender procedure Regional price list and CAMs (Prezziario regionale)
	Short description	A seminar for deepening knowledge on the importance of Circular Economy and how to enhance it through the application of GPP. Then, dive deep into GPP and Italian legislation with a focus on CAMs and their application. Exchange of experiences and good practice will be encouraged across participants
	Synergies with other ongoing or existing tools, initiatives, projects or networks	Compraverde GPP academy https://www.forumcompraverde.it/archivio-gpp-academy-2024/ https://gpp.mase.gov.it/CAM Regional Circular economy forum Synergy/collaboration with ENEA and MASE
Capacity building Session 2 **WORKSHOP Practical lab**	Beneficiaries	Public procurers from various PA in the region (expected **10 procurers**)
	Expected timing	Spring 2026
	Key economic sector	1 practical exercise to design/create a template tender in one or two economic sectors of the project (Agrifood, Construction, Manufacturing, and tourism-related goods and services)
	Open to wider participation	YES
	Topic	Practical laboratory on how to design a circular procurement for work, services or supplies by applying relevant CAMs
	Short description	This will be a workshop (or practical laboratory) providing practical instructions and hands on experience on how to develop and design a tender with circular principles and practices in a given sector. In-person event is strongly encouraged
	Synergies with other ongoing or existing	To be defined with the consultant

	tools, initiatives, projects or networks	
Capacity building Session 3 **Construction**	Beneficiaries	Public procurers working in the field of constructions (expected **10 procurers**)
	Expected timing	Winter 25/26
	Key economic sector	Construction
	Open to wider participation	NO
	Topic	CAMs related to construction sector (including the updated CAM in 2024) and the regional price list (Prezziario regionale). Also, circular principles applicable to this sector.
	Short description	Training aimed at providing participants with knowledge and technical indications on the application of CAMs related to the construction sector and the regional price list (Prezziario regionale). It will include the recent update on the CAM for road work (strade), It will explain the circular principles applicable in this sector and will bring some examples from real-case studies in the Region.
	Synergies with other ongoing or existing tools, initiatives, projects or networks	Synergies with the work done at the Italian Ministry of environment and energy security (MASE) and follow up of event organized by Regione on the same topics (evento CAM strade on 15 May)
Capacity building Session 4 **Agrifood catering**	Beneficiaries	Public procurers interested in the organization of events - catering (expected 5 procurers)
	Expected timing	Winter 2025/2026
	Key economic sector	Agrifood
	Open to wider participation	No
	Topic	To be defined
	Short description	To be defined
	Synergies with other ongoing	To be defined

	or existing tools, initiatives, projects or networks	
Capacity building Session 5 **Agrifood school canteens**	Beneficiaries	Public procurers interested in procurement for school canteens (expected **5 procurers**)
	Expected timing	Late Spring 2026
	Key economic sector	Agrifood
	Open to wider participation	NO
	Topic	To be defined
	Short description	To be defined
	Synergies with other ongoing or existing tools, initiatives, projects or networks	To be defined

3.1.4 Peer-to-Peer exchange and Demand-Supply Symposia on C/GPP

In each partner country, at least the following activities will be realised:

- 1 Peer-to-peer event
- 1 Symposium (also aimed at the private sector)
- 1 Dissemination event (also aimed at the private sector)

Initiative	**Peer-to-peer event organized with MASE and ENEA/ICESP**
Quantity	1 per country
Target	Decision-makers and public procurers
Beneficiaries	Public procurers, representatives from regional and local PAs (**expected 30 participants from min 15 different PAs)**
Expected timing	June/July 2026
Key economic sector	All
Open to wider participation	Yes

Short description	Initiative organized with MASE and ENEA on… TO BE DEFINED Hybrid event
Synergies with other ongoing or existing tools, initiatives, projects or networks	Materials from ICESP

Initiative	**Symposium - Forum on Circular economy - in collaboration with Chamber of commerce**
Quantity	1 per country
Target	Decision-maker, public procurers & Private organizations
Beneficiaries	Representatives from Public authorities and private companies (expected 70 representatives – from 20 different PAs and 30 different companies), chamber of commerce (2 representatives), enterprises associations (10 representatives)
Expected timing	30 June 2025 + another in September 2026
Key economic sector	All
Open to wider participation	YES
Short description	To be defined
Synergies with other ongoing or existing tools, initiatives, projects or networks	To be defined

Initiative	**Dissemination event - event to disseminate final results of the CE-PRINCE project in Liguria**
Quantity	1 per country
Target	Decision-maker, public procurers & Private organizations & other categories
Beneficiaries	Public and private sector, journalist, universities…
Expected timing	Sept/Oct 2026
Key economic sector	All
Open to wider participation	Yes
Short description	To be defined
Synergies with other ongoing	To be defined

or existing tools, initiatives, projects or networks	

3.1.5 Pilot action - Nurturing public authorities' technical ability for Circular GPP

At project level, at least **1 set of environmental criteria per key economic sector** will be defined, in collaboration between all the project partners and mainly among the ones selecting the same economic sector. Then, the developed set of criteria will be **tested in at least one tender per country.** Please provide the **preliminary information already available on the pilot testing in your country.**

Initiative	**Environmental Criteria set testing - Pilot action**
Quantity	1 testing tender per country
Target	Decision-makers at local, regional and national level & public procurers
Key economic sector chosen at country level for the pilot action	Agrifood Construction Manufacturing (tentative)
Preliminary and functional actions for the success of the pilot action	RL conducted one-to-one meetings with stakeholders of the project (città Metropolitana di Roma, Regione Liguria, Comune di Genova, Parco Nazionale 5 terre) to collect information on upcoming tenders and ask for willingness and availabilities to test criteria in such tenders. Also, information on possible future tenders were also collected from other projects going on at regional level
(if tender-test already identified) Expected testing phase	Testing phase in all tenders happening between end of 2025 and spring/summer 2026
(if tender-test already identified) Testing tender short description	Tenders could be about: • works of renovations and refurbishing of buildings in 5 Terre and management of harbour in La Spezia (construction), • catering food for a project event in Rome and a Fair in 5 Terre (agrifood), • uniform textiles in Genoa (manufacturing), • maintenance and management of hiking/biking trails (tourism-related good and services)

3.2 AUSTRIA Action Plan for Public Authorities

3.2.1 GPP status

The EU defines Green Public Procurement (GPP) as a process where public authorities purchase goods, services, and work with lower environmental impact across their life cycle. GPP aims to replace traditional procurement methods with greener alternatives. The European Commission offers voluntary GPP criteria for several product groups and increasingly introduces mandatory requirements in sector-specific laws. Eco-labels, such as the EU Ecolabel, are often used in technical specifications and award evaluations. Recent reforms in EU procurement emphasize non-price factors, especially sustainability, over purely cost-based decisions. Joint procurement initiatives are encouraged to promote green innovation in the market.

Austria's national action plan for sustainable procurement (naBe-Aktionsplan), launched in 2010, mandates green criteria for 16 product categories including textiles, ICT, and construction. These categories also cover cleaning services, (agri) food, and lighting products. The naBe platform supports implementation with help-desk services, events, and informative factsheets. Austria's Federal Procurement Agency (BBG) manages a centralized e-procurement platform called e-Shop with millions of listed products. Regional governments like Vorarlberg, Tyrol, and Lower Austria adopt naBe's criteria as minimum standards. Austria's efforts in sustainable procurement have gained recognition at an international level. It is widely regarded as a global leader in green public procurement practices.

3.2.2 Methodological approach for identifying training needs and planning activities

The agrifood sector is a priority for Styria due to its direct connection with public health, local economy, and environmental sustainability. There is particular potential in school catering, hospital kitchens, and municipal canteens, where regional and organic sourcing can be combined with waste reduction and circular economy measures. These initiatives will be aligned with the national naBe criteria for sustainable food procurement and supported by guidance from the naBe platform. Additionally the "BVN" (federal procurement Network) will carry out an overview of existing standards used in Styria.

The programme for Styria will focus on integrating circular economy principles into public food procurement, with particular attention to regional, seasonal, and organic sourcing. Internal workshops will be held with regional authorities and key municipalities such as Graz, Gleisdorf and Feldbach to identify current procurement practices for food and catering, assess existing capacities, and determine priority areas for improvement. These sessions will serve to map both the demand for sustainable agrifood procurement and the institutional readiness to implement it.

Then, at least seven initiatives will be carried out: **two strategic meetings** aimed at orienting and reinforcing political willingness at the regional and municipal levels, and **five capacity-building sessions** for representatives of public authorities, focusing on practical approaches to integrating regional, seasonal, and organic products into public catering, as well as methods for aligning procurement processes with the naBe criteria and circular economy principles.

In parallel, **three major exchange formats** will be organised, drawing on existing resources and initiatives from the Climate Alliance network and other regional platforms and involving actors from

the federal procurement Network, Department of agriculture, municipalities, local food suppliers, and Clusters:

- **One peer-to-peer event** enabling municipalities and public institutions to share experiences and best practices in sustainable food procurement;
- **One symposium** aimed at fostering dialogue between public buyers and local agrifood suppliers;
- **One dissemination event** to communicate outcomes and promote successful models to a broader audience, including the private sector.

To ensure high-quality and practical training delivery, an external consultant or specialised organisation will be contracted to design and implement the workshops and to find a structure to promote green public procurement and local, regions food in Styria.

This facilitation will mirror the interactive, hands-on approach used, focusing on real case studies, tender examples, and practical exercises. The sessions will address the full procurement cycle in the agrifood sector – from defining sustainability criteria in tender specifications, to verifying compliance during contract execution, to evaluating environmental and social impacts.

3.2.3 Capacity Building to match Circular Economy with Green Public Procurement

In each partner country at least seven initiatives among the following will be realised:

- 2 meetings orienting the political willingness
- 5 capacity building sessions for PA representatives

Initiative		**Meetings orienting the political willingness**
Quantity		2 specific meetings per country
Target		Decision-makers al local, regional and national level
Meeting 1	Beneficiaries	1. Department for Economy and Finances- 1 person 2. Department for agriculture – 1 person 3. Department for Health- 1 person 4. Department for Tourism and Development – 1 person 5. Department for Water management and sustainability – 1 person
	Expected timing	The meetings with the Styrian departments will take place until October 2025
	Key economic sector	Agrifood
	Open to wider participation	No
	Short description	Planned In-Person Meeting in the Smart Business Center or SFG (until October 2025): Strengthening Political Commitment for Circular and Green Public Procurement (C/GPP) in the Food Sector

		A high-level in-person meeting is scheduled in the summer month 2025 in Graz to secure political commitment from five key administrative departments of the Styrian regional government. The meeting will focus on advancing the implementation of Circular and Green Public Procurement (C/GPP) practices specifically within food-related procurement. Discussions will include the practical application of Austria's federal and EU GPP mandates, integration into public and simplified procurement procedures, and potential synergies with the Styrian sustainability strategy "Lebensmittel sind kostbar!", "Grüner Teller" as well as "Grüne Haube" and other national/regional circular food initiatives.
	Synergies with other ongoing or existing tools, initiatives, projects or networks	Austria's implementation of the EU Green Public Procurement framework is supported by national and regional regulations, aligning with: Federal Procurement Law (Bundesvergabegesetz, BVergG 2018) incorporating EU Directive 2014/24/EU EU Policy Reference - Sustainable Procurement Styria's Regional Sustainability Strategy, which includes climate-smart procurement goals, reduction of food waste, and promotion of organic and locally sourced products.
Meeting 2	Beneficiaries	Round Table: Economy and Agriculture - 15 participants The regular Round Table discussion, as the representative body of the key institution, plays a central role in shaping policy and adopting measures within its legal and statutory authority in the (agri)food sector. In areas where legislation does not explicitly assign responsibility, the official round is tasked with regulating matters of local self-governance, particularly those affecting economic development and agricultural policy. Executive functions and implementation responsibilities in these areas fall under the authority of the Mayor. This round table brings together 15 participants from local government, economic development agencies (SFG), and the agricultural sector to discuss how we can effectively support sustainable local food systems, rural development, and circular economy initiatives through targeted policies and procurement strategies.
	Expected timing	4 meetings per year - we will join the 3rd meeting in autumn
	Key economic sector	Agrifood
	Open to wider participation	No
	Short description	In person meeting to discuss regional strategy on GPP for agricultural and economic food producers, emphasising the GPP mandate and alignment with the regulations of the province of Styria.

	Synergies with other ongoing or existing tools, initiatives, projects or networks	The "Lebensmittel sind kostbar!" ("Food is precious!") initiative is a nationwide campaign by the Austrian Federal Ministry for Climate Action (BMK) aimed at reducing food waste across the entire value chain. In Styria, this initiative is actively supported through regional programs and partnerships.

Initiative		**Capacity building sessions**
Quantity		5 initiatives per country
Target		Public procurers
Capacity building Session 1	Beneficiaries	Province of Styria – 15 Participants Public procures, Department officers, Support institutions
	Expected timing	Start June 2025 until June 2026
	Key economic sector	Agrifood
	Open to wider participation	Y Tourism & Health
	Topic	Developing incentive systems for regional (agri)food in public procurement
	Short description	Workshop at SFG to get a common understanding of the running initiatives and bringing them together. 10 Participants. June 2025
	Synergies with other ongoing or existing tools, initiatives, projects or networks	Educational Campaigns: The Styrian platform "Lebensmittel im Abfall" collaborates with various stakeholders to promote awareness about food waste. Publications: The brochure "100 Fakten und Tipps" offers practical advice on food storage, understanding expiration dates, and utilizing leftovers. Community Engagement: Events like the "Bäuerinnen-Aktionstag" in Steyr provide tasting sessions and information on food waste prevention.
Capacity building Session 2	Beneficiaries	Province of Styria – 10 Participants
	Expected timing	Start June 2025 until June 2026
	Key economic sector	Agrifood
	Open to wider participation	Y Tourism & Health
	Topic	Defining Common Criteria for Regional Food Initiatives:

		Toward a Coordinated Evaluation and Awarding System".
	Short description	Workshop to define criteria in order to examine the various initiatives for regional food products. Involvement of the Austrian Health Fund. Survey and evaluation of the status quo and conclusion for a new, coordinated approach with regard to criteria, evaluation and awards. Smart Business Center - 10 Participants.
	Synergies with other ongoing or existing tools, initiatives, projects or networks	The Grüner Teller is a quality label awarded to communal catering services in Styria that offer balanced and diverse meals throughout the week. This initiative encourages healthy eating habits and supports regional food producers. The **Grüne Haube** is a prestigious certification for restaurants and hotels that offer high-quality, predominantly vegetarian meals prepared with organic and regional ingredients. Both **Grüner Teller** and **Grüne Haube** are part of a broader movement in Styria to promote sustainable food systems. They are supported by organizations like **Styria vitalis**, which offers guidance and certification to institutions aiming to improve their food offerings.
Capacity building Session 3	Beneficiaries	Province of Styria - 10 participants
	Expected timing	Start June 2025 until June 2026
	Key economic sector	Agrifood
	Open to wider participation	Y Tourism & Health & Sustainability
	Topic	Workshop on Circularity: "Rethinking Food Procurement: Innovation for a Sustainable Agrifood Future"
	Short description	This workshop explores how public procurement can become a powerful driver for circular agrifood systems. Participants will examine strategies to reduce food waste, prioritize regional and seasonal sourcing, and close resource loops through sustainable menu planning and supply chain innovation. The goal is to align procurement practices with circular economy principles—creating added value for communities, the environment, and local producers.
	Synergies with other ongoing or existing tools, initiatives, projects or networks	"Zweite Chance für Lebensmittel" (Second Chance for Food) - Styria An initiative promoting the recovery and use of surplus food through collaboration with local producers and social organizations. Synergy: Ideal model for incorporating food rescue networks into public catering contracts. Grüne Haube A certification for gastronomy offering organic, seasonal, and predominantly plant-based meals, rooted in ethical and

		sustainable sourcing. Grüner Teller Quality assurance for communal catering (schools, hospitals, etc.) based on health, sustainability, and food diversity. Styrian Bioeconomy Strategy Styria's regional approach to integrating circular principles into agriculture, forestry, and food systems—emphasizing resource efficiency, innovation, and local value chains. Österreich isst regional (Austria Eats Regional) A platform promoting regional food procurement in public kitchens and institutions.
Capacity building Session 4	Beneficiaries	Styrian Food Hub – 10 participants
	Expected timing	Start June 2025 until June 2026
	Key economic sector	Agrifood
	Open to wider participation	No
	Topic	Training on NaBe Platform (Nachhaltige Beschaffung) – Federal Procurement Agency (BBG) Provides criteria catalogs and guidelines for sustainable procurement across sectors, including food and catering. Finding and combining criteria for circularity and regional food.
	Short description	This training, offered in cooperation with the Federal Procurement Agency (BBG), introduces participants to the NaBe Platform—a central tool for implementing sustainable public procurement in Austria. The session focuses on how to navigate and apply the platform's criteria catalogs, with a special emphasis on selecting and combining criteria for circularity, regional sourcing, and sustainable food services. Ideal for procurement officers, municipal staff, and institutions aiming to align their practices with Austria's climate and circular economy goals.
	Synergies with other ongoing or existing tools, initiatives, projects or networks	Federal and Regional Sustainability Strategies: The NaBe Platform aligns closely with Austria's national sustainability goals and regional policies such as Styria's Bioeconomy Strategy, supporting consistent standards across government levels. Climate Action Programs (Klimaaktiv): NaBe supports climate-friendly procurement decisions, complementing climate action efforts with practical, sector-specific guidelines. Digital Procurement Tools & E-Tendering: NaBe integrates with Austria's broader digital procurement ecosystem,

		enhancing transparency, efficiency, and compliance in sustainable purchasing.
Capacity building Session 5	Beneficiaries	Department of Tourism – 10 participants
	Expected timing	Start June 2025 until June 2026
	Key economic sector	Agrifood, Culinary and Tourism
	Open to wider participation	Y Culinary and Tourism
	Topic	Workshop on “Circularity in Public Procurement: Sustainable Food and Culinary Practices for the Tourism Sector”
	Short description	This workshop explores how circular economy principles can be integrated into public procurement processes within the tourism, culinary, and food sectors. Participants will learn strategies to promote sustainable sourcing, reduce food waste, and prioritize local and seasonal products in public catering and hospitality services. The session aims to equip stakeholders with practical tools and best practices to foster circularity, enhance resource efficiency, and support regional economies while delivering high-quality culinary experiences.
	Synergies with other ongoing or existing tools, initiatives, projects or networks	Styria Vitalis A regional health promotion initiative that supports sustainable food systems, including training and resources for public kitchens and tourism establishments. Connects participants with expertise on healthy, sustainable catering aligned with circular economy principles.

3.2.4 Peer-to-Peer exchange and Demand-Supply Symposia on C/GPP

In each partner country, at least the following activities will be realised:

- 1 Peer-to-peer event
- 1 Symposium (also aimed at the private sector)
- 1 Dissemination event (also aimed at the private sector)

Initiative	**Peer-to-peer event**
Quantity	1 per country
Target	Decision-makers and public procurers
Beneficiaries	The Event will include the following Departments of the Province of Styria: - Department of Economics and F - inances

	- Department of Agriculture - Department of Tourism - Department of Health - Department of Sustainability With 20 participants
Expected timing	Jan 2026 – September 2026
Key economic sector	Agrifood
Open to wider participation	Y – Tourism, Agriculture, Health, Green Tech
Short description	In-person peer-to-peer event to facilitate 20 administrative and utility representatives sharing C/GPP best practices for food procurement, aligning with the GPP mandate and the national and Styrian guidelines on sustainability. The event fosters knowledge transfer on sustainable sourcing, food waste reduction, and regional supplier engagement to enhance circularity in public procurement.
Synergies with other ongoing or existing tools, initiatives, projects or networks	Exchange on practical implementation of the NaBe Platform criteria in tourism-related public procurement. Integration of Grüner Teller and Grüne Haube standards for healthy, regional food in public and private sectors. Networking with initiatives like Lebensmittel sind kostbar! for food waste prevention. Collaboration with regional bioeconomy actors promoting circular agrifood systems in Styria and Austria. Collaboration with the culinary department of the Tourism Departement

Initiative	**Symposium**
Quantity	1 per country
Target	Decision-maker, public procurers & Private organizations
Beneficiaries	Decision-makers, policymakers, SMEs, tourism operators, public procurement agencies, sustainability experts, industry associations. With 20 participants
Expected timing	Jan 2026 – September 2026
Key economic sector	Agrifood
Open to wider participation	Y – Tourism, Agriculture, Health, Green Tech
Short description	In-person symposium to engage 20 public and private representatives in C/GPP demand-supply dialogue for food and tourism, aligning with the GPP mandate planned for 2026. The event will feature expert panels,

	case studies, and strategic discussions on policies, market opportunities, and innovative procurement tools that support sustainable regional economies and climate goals.
Synergies with other ongoing or existing tools, initiatives, projects or networks	Showcase of successful integration of Österreich isst regional platform in procurement strategies. Insights on regulatory frameworks supporting circular public procurement from the Federal Procurement Agency (BBG) and the NaBe Platform. Promotion of circular economy projects within the Styrian Bioeconomy Strategy.

Initiative	**Dissemination event**
Quantity	1 per country
Target	Decision-maker, public procurers & Private organizations & other categories
Beneficiaries	Wide audience including public procurers, SMEs, tourism businesses, NGOs, academia, media. – 25 participants
Expected timing	Jan 2026 – September 2026
Key economic sector	Agrifood/Tourism/Economy
Open to wider participation	Y
Short description	In-person dissemination event to share C/GPP project results in the food sector with 25 public, private, and citizen participants, promoting tourism and construction solutions, aligning with the GPP. The event will provide practical guidance, tools, and contacts for stakeholders to implement circular procurement practices, encouraging replication and scaling-up across regions.
Synergies with other ongoing or existing tools, initiatives, projects or networks	Distribution of practical guidelines developed using the NaBe Platform criteria. And a presentation of the Status-Quo of all initiatives mentioned.

3.2.5 Pilot action - Nurturing public authorities' technical ability for Circular GPP

At project level, at least **1 set of environmental criteria per key economic sector** will be defined, in collaboration between all the project partners and mainly among the ones selecting the same economic sector. Then, the developed set of criteria will be **tested in at least one tender per country.** Please provide the **preliminary information already available on the pilot testing in your country.**

Initiative	**Environmental Criteria set testing - Pilot action**
Quantity	1 testing tender per country
Target	Decision-makers at local, regional and national level & public procurers
Key economic sector chosen at country level for the pilot action	Agrifood
Preliminary and functional actions for the success of the pilot action	Based on the Stakeholder engagement and the discussions so far, SFG is focusing on public procurement for regional food production, as programs with more regionality, thus a small carbon footprint and short transportation routes are not established yet. It is therefore proposed to evaluate the regional situation of incentive mechanism for sustainable procurement cycles with focus on food for commercial kitchen, restaurants and business kitchens. After the development of a coordinated incentive system in Styria, a advertising concept for awards/events etc. will be established. After the pilot action is established and development phase is completed the results will be evaluated.
(if tender-test already identified) Expected testing phase	2026
(if tender-test already identified) Testing tender short description	Additional meetings will be organised during 2025 and 2026 in order to clarify what exactly will be tested and how the implementation will be adapted.

3.3 GERMANY - Action Plan for Public Authorities

3.3.1 GPP status

Sustainable public procurement in Germany is shaped by a multi-level legal framework that integrates European Union directives, federal legislation, and state-level (Federal States) regulations. Since the transposition of the 2014 EU Procurement Directives, federal laws such as the Act against Restraints of Competition (GWB – "Gesetz gegen Wettbewerbsbeschränkungen"), the Regulation on the Award of Public Contracts (VgV – "Vergabeverordnung"), and sector-specific rules like the Sub-threshold Procurement Regulation (UVgO – "Unterschwellenvergabeordnung"), the Procurement and Contract Procedures for Services (VOL/A – "Vergabe- und Vertragsordnung für Leistungen") and the Procurement and Contract Procedures for Construction Works (VOB/A – "Vergabe- und Vertragsordnung für Bauleistungen") form the legal basis for environmentally and socially responsible procurement.

German procurement law mandates consideration of life-cycle costs, energy efficiency, CO_2 emissions, and resource conservation, particularly through instruments like the Circular Economy Act (KrWG – "Kreislaufwirtschaftsgesetz") and the Federal Climate Protection Act ("Bundes-Klimaschutzgesetz"). These laws enable contracting authorities to give preference to products and services with superior environmental performance, provided these criteria are transparent, non-discriminatory, and relevant to the contract. Moreover, environmental procurement applies across sectors: while VOB/A governs construction tenders, and UVgO or VOL/A apply to supplies and services (depending on implementation at the state level), all frameworks permit the inclusion of sustainability criteria—provided legal proportionality and relevance are ensured.

Due to Germany's federal structure, the 16 Federal States have the authority to adopt their own procurement laws for contracts below EU thresholds. As a result, sustainability requirements vary across states: some Federal States, such as Berlin, Bremen or North Rhine-Westphalia, have enacted progressive procurement acts mandating compliance with environmental and fair-trade standards; others apply more general rules without binding sustainability obligations. In parallel, municipalities as the largest group of contracting authorities possess significant leeway within the legal framework. They can adopt their own procurement guidelines, specify award criteria (e.g., environmental labels, recyclability, CO_2 performance), and introduce weighting schemes that prioritize sustainability over price alone. Local procurement statutes or administrative orders often complement state-level regulations. The federal system thus allows states and municipalities to tailor and expand sustainability requirements. This decentralization offers opportunities for innovation and leadership at subnational levels but also results in considerable variation in practice across the country.

3.3.2 Methodological approach for identifying training needs and planning activities

The development of the event concept is based on ABW's established connections with its public stakeholders, including the City of Leipzig and the surrounding districts of Leipzig, Northern Saxony, and Central Saxony. These relationships provide access to key regional actors and institutional support. The methodological foundation draws on existing networks and initiatives, such as the regional Competence Centre for Sustainable Procurement and the model region within the German Federal Government's Circular Rural Regions programme. Both initiatives are already

engaged in implementing sector- and theme-specific formats and maintain strong ties to relevant stakeholders and expert communities.

ABW will implement the event formats in close cooperation with these actors, either by organising its own events with their involvement or by contributing to their existing programme calendars. This collaborative approach ensures relevance, continuity, and high levels of participation. A distinctive element of the methodology is the integration of a European perspective, particularly through insights and findings from the CE-PRINCE project. This dimension is currently underrepresented in the region and adds significant value to the discourse. All key economic sectors are addressed with specific formats for Agrifood and Construction, the main sectors selected by ABW in the earlier stage of the project.

To ensure methodological transferability, the approach foresees the development of comparable formats across various sectors. In general, events will be conducted online in order to include stakeholders from across the entire federal state. When in-person formats are pursued, they will be attached to events of partner organisations, allowing ABW to benefit from existing venues and networks, and to maximise outreach and resource efficiency.

3.3.3 Capacity Building to match Circular Economy with Green Public Procurement

In each partner country at least seven initiatives among the following will be realised:

- 2 meetings orienting the political willingness
- 5 capacity building sessions for PA representatives

Initiative		**Meetings orienting the political willingness**
Quantity		2 specific meetings per country
Target		Decision-makers al local, regional and national level
Meeting 1	Beneficiaries	Public shareholders of ABW, about 5 participants expected
	Expected timing	August 2025 and/or November 2025
	Key economic sector	Not specified, cross-sectoral
	Open to wider participation	No, as the shareholder meeting is non-public
	Short description	Biannual shareholder meetings with the City of Leipzig, the Districts of Leipzig, North and Central Saxony are obligatory for ABW. Topics up for discussion include internal matters, project progress and the planning of upcoming activities. There, ABW can raise awareness of the different dimensions and economic potential of circularity to decision-makers and further support of the shareholders to disseminate the project activities. The meeting will be held in person at the ABW Office in Leipzig.
	Synergies with	Synergies are derived from the network of the shareholders,

	other ongoing or existing tools, initiatives, projects or networks	their own initiatives and the authority inside the administration (f.e. Circular Rural Regions model region in the District of Central Saxony)
Meeting 2	Beneficiaries	Public administrators and decision makers, about 5 participants expected
	Expected timing	Q3 2025
	Key economic sector	Not specified, cross-sectoral
	Open to wider participation	Yes, as the topic addresses the economic sectors as a whole
	Short description	Meeting with representatives of the District of Central Saxony and the related project team of the model region in the national Circular Rural Regions programme further advancing circular economic principles in a bottom-up approach. The idea is to raise awareness for the European perspective through the transnational data generated by CE-PRINCE, project results and synergies in the upcoming project activities, focussing on the four economic sectors. The meeting will be held online, but depending on the actors can potentially take place in person in ABWs Office in Leipzig.
	Synergies with other ongoing or existing tools, initiatives, projects or networks	The meeting builds on synergy with ABWs shareholder, the District of Central Saxony. It is part of the new national funding programme Circular Rural Regions and thus acts as a model region for cradle-to-cradle strategies. In this project, they bring public authorities, economic actors, Start-Ups, and NGOs together to increase circularity in the region. They hold networking events and presentations, and consult regional actors on the matter.

Initiative		**Capacity building sessions**
Quantity		5 initiatives per country
Target		Public procurers
Capacity building Session 1	Beneficiaries	Public procurers from municipal offices and public companies, 5-10 participants expected
	Expected timing	Q1 2026
	Key economic sector	Agrifood
	Open to wider participation	No

	Topic	The aim is to educate participants in C/GPP criteria, requirements and tender models specific to this key economic sector including relevant circularity principles and best practices. It will be carried out in a tangible and practical way to provide the participants with added value in their everyday work. This is especially relevant, as the lack of transparent, consistent and sector-specific procurement frameworks was named as one of the great barriers to adoption in the initial assessment.
	Short description	This activity will be held in the form of a seminar respectively a webinar with room for discussion among the participants. The meeting will preferably be held online, but can be held in person in Saxony, depending on the implementation partner. ABW aims at connecting the session to existing trainings, seminars and conferences in the region.
	Synergies with other ongoing or existing tools, initiatives, projects or networks	The session will be coordinated with the Kompetenzstelle Nachhaltige Beschaffung Sachsen (Competence Center for Sustainable Procurement Saxony), a state-level organisation educating public authorities, economic actors and other stakeholders about C/GPP practices. They already implement seminars and events to all aspects of sustainable procurement and have a large pool of experts at their disposal. Another synergy with ABWs shareholder, the District of Central Saxony, will be leveraged. It is part of the new national funding programme Circular Rural Regions and thus acts as a model region for cradle-to-cradle strategies. In this project, they bring public authorities, economic actors, Start-Ups, and NGOs together to increase circularity in the region. They hold networking events and presentations, and consult regional actors on the matter. Alternatively, external experts on sustainability and circularity will be brought in by ABW to hold the session.
Capacity building Session 2	Beneficiaries	Public procurers from municipal offices and public companies, 5-10 participants expected
	Expected timing	Q1 2026
	Key economic sector	Construction
	Open to wider participation	No
	Topic	The aim is to educate participants in C/GPP criteria, requirements and tender models specific to this key economic sector including relevant circularity principles and best practices. It will be carried out in a tangible and practical way to provide the participants with added value in their everyday work. This is especially relevant, as the lack of transparent, consistent and sector-specific procurement frameworks was named as one of the great barriers to adoption in the initial assessment.

	Short description	This activity will be held in the form of a seminar respectively a webinar with room for discussion among the participants. The meeting will preferably be held online, but can be held in person in Saxony, depending on the implementation partner. ABW aims at connecting the session to existing trainings, seminars and conferences in the region.
	Synergies with other ongoing or existing tools, initiatives, projects or networks	The session will be coordinated with the Kompetenzstelle Nachhaltige Beschaffung Sachsen (Competence Center for Sustainable Procurement Saxony), a state-level organisation educating public authorities, economic actors and other stakeholders about C/GPP practices. They already implement seminars and events to all aspects of sustainable procurement and have a large pool of experts at their disposal. Another synergy with ABWs shareholder, the District of Central Saxony, will be leveraged. It is part of the new national funding programme Circular Rural Regions and thus acts as a model region for cradle-to-cradle strategies. In this project, they bring public authorities, economic actors, Start-Ups, and NGOs together to increase circularity in the region. They hold networking events and presentations, and consult regional actors on the matter. Alternatively, external experts on sustainability and circularity will be brought in by ABW to hold the session.
Capacity building Session 3	Beneficiaries	Public procurers from municipal offices and public companies, 5-10 participants expected
	Expected timing	Q1 2026
	Key economic sector	Manufacturing
	Open to wider participation	No
	Topic	The aim is to educate participants in C/GPP criteria, requirements and tender models specific to this key economic sector including relevant circularity principles and best practices. It will be carried out in a tangible and practical way to provide the participants with added value in their everyday work. This is especially relevant, as the lack of transparent, consistent and sector-specific procurement frameworks was named as one of the great barriers to adoption in the initial assessment.
	Short description	This activity will be held in the form of a seminar respectively a webinar with room for discussion among the participants. The meeting will preferably be held online, but can be held in person in Saxony, depending on the implementation partner. ABW aims at connecting the session to existing trainings, seminars and conferences in the region.
	Synergies with other ongoing or existing	The session will be coordinated with the Kompetenzstelle Nachhaltige Beschaffung Sachsen (Competence Center for Sustainable Procurement Saxony), a state-level organisation

	tools, initiatives, projects or networks	educating public authorities, economic actors and other stakeholders about C/GPP practices. They already implement seminars and events to all aspects of sustainable procurement and have a large pool of experts at their disposal. Another synergy with ABWs shareholder, the District of Central Saxony, will be leveraged. It is part of the new national funding programme Circular Rural Regions and thus acts as a model region for cradle-to-cradle strategies. In this project, they bring public authorities, economic actors, Start-Ups, and NGOs together to increase circularity in the region. They hold networking events and presentations, and consult regional actors on the matter. Alternatively, external experts on sustainability and circularity will be brought in by ABW to hold the session.
Capacity building Session 4	Beneficiaries	Public procurers from municipal offices and public companies, 5-10 participants expected
	Expected timing	Q1 2026
	Key economic sector	Tourism-related goods and services
	Open to wider participation	No
	Topic	The aim is to educate participants in C/GPP criteria, requirements and tender models specific to this key economic sector including relevant circularity principles and best practices. It will be carried out in a tangible and practical way to provide the participants with added value in their everyday work. This is especially relevant, as the lack of transparent, consistent and sector-specific procurement frameworks was named as one of the great barriers to adoption in the initial assessment.
	Short description	This activity will be held in the form of a seminar respectively a webinar with room for discussion among the participants. The meeting will preferably be held online, but can be held in person in Saxony, depending on the implementation partner. ABW aims at connecting the session to existing trainings, seminars and conferences in the region.
	Synergies with other ongoing or existing tools, initiatives, projects or networks	The session will be coordinated with the Kompetenzstelle Nachhaltige Beschaffung Sachsen (Competence Center for Sustainable Procurement Saxony), a state-level organisation educating public authorities, economic actors and other stakeholders about C/GPP practices. They already implement seminars and events to all aspects of sustainable procurement and have a large pool of experts at their disposal. Another synergy with ABWs shareholder, the District of Central Saxony, will be leveraged. It is part of the new national funding programme Circular Rural Regions and thus acts as a model region for cradle-to-cradle strategies. In this project, they bring public authorities, economic actors, Start-Ups, and NGOs together to increase circularity in the region. They hold

		networking events and presentations, and consult regional actors on the matter. Alternatively, external experts on sustainability and circularity will be brought in by ABW to hold the session.
Capacity building Session 5	Beneficiaries	Public procurers from municipal offices and public companies, 5-10 participants expected
	Expected timing	Q4 2025
	Key economic sector	Not specified, cross-sectoral
	Open to wider participation	Yes, as the topic addresses the economic sectors as a whole
	Topic	The aim is to give the participants more info on monitoring systems to improve C/GPP implementation, as the lack of common frameworks was named as one of the great barriers to adoption in the initial assessment.
	Short description	This activity will be held in the form of a short input leading to a discussion table. The meeting will preferably be held online, but can be held in person in Saxony, depending on the implementation partner. ABW aims at connecting the session to existing trainings, seminars and conferences in the region.
	Synergies with other ongoing or existing tools, initiatives, projects or networks	The session will be coordinated with the Kompetenzstelle Nachhaltige Beschaffung Sachsen (Competence Center for Sustainable Procurement Saxony), a state-level organisation educating public authorities, economic actors and other stakeholders about C/GPP practices. They already implement seminars and events to all aspects of sustainable procurement and have a large pool of experts at their disposal. Another synergy with ABWs shareholder, the District of Central Saxony, will be leveraged. It is part of the new national funding programme Circular Rural Regions and thus acts as a model region for cradle-to-cradle strategies. In this project, they bring public authorities, economic actors, Start-Ups, and NGOs together to increase circularity in the region. They hold networking events and presentations, and consult regional actors on the matter. Alternatively, external experts on sustainability and circularity will be brought in by ABW to hold the session.

3.3.4 Peer-to-Peer exchange and Demand-Supply Symposia on C/GPP

In each partner country, at least the following activities will be realised:

- 1 Peer-to-peer event
- 1 Symposium (also aimed at the private sector)
- 1 Dissemination event (also aimed at the private sector)

Initiative	**Peer-to-peer event**

Quantity	1 per country
Target	Decision-makers and public procurers
Beneficiaries	Public shareholders, public procurers from municipal offices and public companies, about 10 participants expected
Expected timing	Q2 2026
Key economic sector	Agrifood
Open to wider participation	Yes, as agrifood can be linked to tourism-related goods and services, so representatives of this second sector can participate
Short description	An online event in Saxony in cooperation with the state-level Competence Center, the model region in Central Saxony and/or the Chambers of Industry and Commerce will be focussed on the exchange of experiences among public buyers to exchange best practices. The topic of regional produce is especially relevant for ABWs regional context and some uncertainties are experienced on how to effectively use C/GPP criteria. The aim is to mitigate the lack of exchange to learn about practical measures, issued in the initial assessment.
Synergies with other ongoing or existing tools, initiatives, projects or networks	The event will be coordinated with the Kompetenzstelle Nachhaltige Beschaffung Sachsen (Competence Center for Sustainable Procurement Saxony), a state-level organisation educating public authorities, economic actors and other stakeholders about C/GPP practices. They already implement seminars and events to all aspects of sustainable procurement and have a large pool of experts at their disposal. Another synergy with ABWs shareholder, the District of Central Saxony, will be leveraged. It is part of the new national funding programme Circular Rural Regions and thus acts as a model region for cradle-to-cradle strategies. In this project, they bring public authorities, economic actors, Start-Ups, and NGOs together to increase circularity in the region. They hold networking events and presentations, and consult regional actors on the matter. Alternatively, external experts on sustainability and circularity will be brought in by ABW to hold the event.

Initiative	**Symposium**
Quantity	1 per country
Target	Decision-maker, public procurers & Private organizations
Beneficiaries	Public shareholders, public procurers from municipal offices and public companies, SMEs and enterprises, Start-Ups, Business Associations etc., about 20 participants expected
Expected timing	Q2 2026
Key economic sector	Construction
Open to wider	No

participation	
Short description	In Germany, there are specific regulations for the building sector, differing from other procurement frameworks. Also, construction is one of the biggest industries and main CO2-emitters in Germany, posing great leverage for improvement. An in-person symposium in Saxony in cooperation with the state-level Competence Center, the model region in Central Saxony and/or the Chambers of Industry and Commerce will be focussed on the exchange of experiences and good practices to provide practical perspectives to improve circularity in the sector. The aim is to mitigate communication barriers between buyers and suppliers, issued in the initial assessment. The event could also be held online, if necessary.
Synergies with other ongoing or existing tools, initiatives, projects or networks	The event will be coordinated with the Kompetenzstelle Nachhaltige Beschaffung Sachsen (Competence Center for Sustainable Procurement Saxony), a state-level organisation educating public authorities, economic actors and other stakeholders about C/GPP practices. They already implement seminars and events to all aspects of sustainable procurement and have a large pool of experts at their disposal. Another synergy with ABWs shareholder, the District of Central Saxony, will be leveraged. It is part of the new national funding programme Circular Rural Regions and thus acts as a model region for cradle-to-cradle strategies. In this project, they bring public authorities, economic actors, Start-Ups, and NGOs together to increase circularity in the region. They hold networking events and presentations, and consult regional actors on the matter. Alternatively, external experts on sustainability and circularity will be brought in by ABW to hold the event.

Initiative	**Dissemination event**
Quantity	1 per country
Target	Decision-maker, public procurers & Private organizations & other categories
Beneficiaries	Public shareholders, public procurers from municipal offices and public companies, SMEs and enterprises, Start-Ups, Business Associations etc., about 20 participants expected
Expected timing	Q3 2026
Key economic sector	Not specified, cross-sectoral
Open to wider participation	Yes, as the topic addresses the economic sectors as a whole
Short description	An in-person event in Saxony in cooperation with the state-level Competence Center, the model region in Central Saxony and/or the Chambers of Industry and Commerce will be focussed to raise awareness and advocacy on circular economy strategies and C/GPP using experiences from the earlier formats and project deliverables. The aim is to mitigate communication barriers between buyers and suppliers as

	well as the lack of coherent information on applicable guidelines issued in the initial assessment. The event could also be held online, if necessary.
Synergies with other ongoing or existing tools, initiatives, projects or networks	The event will be coordinated with the Kompetenzstelle Nachhaltige Beschaffung Sachsen (Competence Center for Sustainable Procurement Saxony), a state-level organisation educating public authorities, economic actors and other stakeholders about C/GPP practices. They already implement seminars and events to all aspects of sustainable procurement and have a large pool of experts at their disposal. Another synergy with ABWs shareholder, the District of Central Saxony, will be leveraged. It is part of the new national funding programme Circular Rural Regions and thus acts as a model region for cradle-to-cradle strategies. In this project, they bring public authorities, economic actors, Start-Ups, and NGOs together to increase circularity in the region. They hold networking events and presentations, and consult regional actors on the matter. Alternatively, external experts on sustainability and circularity will be brought in by ABW to hold the event.

3.3.5 Pilot action - Nurturing public authorities' technical ability for Circular GPP

At project level, at least **1 set of environmental criteria per key economic sector** will be defined, in collaboration between all the project partners and mainly among the ones selecting the same economic sector. Then, the developed set of criteria will be **tested in at least one tender per country.** Please provide the **preliminary information already available on the pilot testing in your country.**

Initiative	**Environmental Criteria set testing - Pilot action**
Quantity	1 testing tender per country
Target	Decision-makers at local, regional and national level & public procurers
Key economic sector chosen at country level for the pilot action	Agrifood, Construction, Manufacturing or tourism-related goods and services
Preliminary and functional actions for the success of the pilot action	Since ABW acts as a service provider for different tenders connected to projects and mandates, it has the ability to choose tenders flexibly and can influence the applied criteria directly. As those tasks have no fixed schedule in advance and come up on the basis of spontaneous needs, no specific tenders have to be identified in advance. As agreed earlier, ABW will focus on the priority sectors Construction and/or Agrifood and will choose at least one tender accordingly as soon as the test criteria are available. Of course, ABW stays in close contacts with the representatives of the shareholders and will preemptively monitor tenders and ensure alignment with the key economic sectors of the project.

	Also, as Germany uses the unified tender platform eVergabe, ABW can look for relevant tenders, if the needs of the clients would not fit the CE-PRINCE project.
(if tender-test already identified) Expected testing phase	Not yet identified
(if tender-test already identified) Testing tender short description	Not yet identified

3.4 SLOVENIA - Action Plan for Public Authorities

3.4.1 GPP status

Slovenia's Green Public Procurement (GPP) framework is anchored in the Decree on Green Public Procurement (Uredba o zelenem javnem naročanju), accessible via the national legal portal. The initial National Action Plan on GPP (including the Policy Statement) was adopted on 21 May 2009, forming the foundation for mandatory environmental criteria in procurement procedures. The current decree has been iteratively updated through several amendments to strengthen alignment with EU policies on circular economy and decarbonisation of the built environment:

- Official Gazette RS, No. 51/17 (19 September 2017) – introduction of core mandatory GPP obligations;
- No. 64/19 (25 October 2019) – expansion of product groups and criteria;
- No. 121/21 (23 July 2021) – updates on technical specifications and verification mechanisms;
- No. 132/23 (22 December 2023) – integration of Level(s) sustainable construction indicators;
- No. 43/25 (17 June 2025) – comprehensive revision, entering into force on 17 September 2025, extending GPP obligations to additional building categories (e.g., healthcare and residential facilities), reinforcing near zero-energy standards (sNES) for design and construction, and expanding the mandatory use of timber in several new building types (CC-SI 111, 112, 121).

So, Slovenia is in the process of significantly strengthening its GPP framework, with the new Decree on Green Public Procurement (ZeJN) formally adopted and entering into force on 17 September 2025. The updated decree expands the scope of mandatory sustainability requirements to include reconstruction and change-of-use projects, as well as the purchase or lease of buildings involving construction works requiring building permits. Additionally, nearly zero-energy building standards (sNES) are now mandatory, alongside obligatory minimum wood share targets in public buildings, which now also apply to healthcare, residential (CC-SI 111, 112), and hospitality (CC-SI 121) buildings.

These updates align Slovenia's GPP with the EU Public Procurement Directive (2014/24/EU) and circular economy targets, promoting life-cycle approaches, the use of eco-labels, and reduced carbon footprints in public tenders. Building on the CE-PRINCE baseline assessment, Slovenia's GPP implementation remains uneven across sectors due to legal uncertainties and a historically strong focus on lowest-price criteria. The integration of circular economy (CE) principles is still emerging, but the new ZeJN decree, combined with planned training and pilot activities, will act as a key accelerator for embedding CE practices into national procurement.

In Slovenia, GPP criteria remain compulsory for 22 product and service groups, covering electricity, food and catering, construction works (buildings and roads), furniture, textiles, vehicles, and more. These criteria are largely harmonised with EU GPP guidance and regularly revised, with the most recent guidelines update completed in February 2020. Slovenia applies Level(s) indicators for sustainable construction as part of its national framework, linking circularity goals, carbon reduction, and sustainable financing to practical procurement standards. Monitoring is performed annually via the national public procurement portal and statistical reports, tracking tenders, contracts, and compliance across all public entities, including national and local authorities.

3.4.2 Methodological approach for identifying training needs and planning activities

The Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Slovenia (CCIS), through its Division for Construction and Building Materials Industry (CCBMIS), applies a multi-step methodology to identify training needs and design CE-PRINCE capacity-building activities for Slovenian public authorities and enterprises. The methodology builds on stakeholder data gathered via field interviews, surveys, and desk research (completed December 2024) and aligns with national priorities, the newly adopted Decree on Green Public Procurement (ZeJN, adopted 17 June 2025 and entering into force 17 September 2025), EU GPP guidance, and the CE-PRINCE Transnational Strategy (adopted May 2025).

The construction sector serves as the primary economic focus due to its strategic weight in Slovenia's GDP, its regulatory exposure to GPP obligations, and its pivotal role in advancing circular economy (CE) principles.

The methodology includes:

1. **Stakeholder segmentation** – Mapping and grouping public authorities (ministries, municipalities, SDH, DSU), sectoral agencies, and businesses (large enterprises and SMEs) according to sectoral relevance, with construction and related value chains as the lead sector.
2. **Gap analysis** – Evaluating the current level of knowledge and implementation of GPP and CE principles across contracting authorities and suppliers, compared to the enhanced requirements of the September 2025 ZeJN decree, EU GPP benchmarks, and CE-aligned best practices (e.g., use of Level(s) indicators, circularity criteria).
3. **Training programme design** – Developing tailored capacity-building modules for:
    - Public authorities – focused on legal clarity, early market engagement, integration of circular and Level(s)-based criteria, and practical use of tools such as the Dutch SPP Tool to simplify tender preparation and evaluation.
    - Enterprises (with a priority on construction and materials SMEs) – centred on product and process transformation, innovation adoption, and uptake of international and European standards (ISO 14001, EMAS, EPD, Cradle to Cradle, WELL Building Standards, Level(s), STAR-rated schemes) to ensure credibility and competitiveness in public tenders.
4. **Action planning and piloting** – Under CE-PRINCE project, CCIS will co-develop sector-specific action plans and initiate pilot testing for construction-related GPP tenders. Activities will run from **autumn 2025 through winter 2026**, combining hybrid workshops, peer-to-peer exchanges, supplier engagement sessions, and pilot tenders with embedded circular criteria to build market readiness.

3.4.3 Capacity Building to match Circular Economy with Green Public Procurement

In each partner country at least seven initiatives among the following will be realised:

- 2 meetings orienting the political willingness
- 5 capacity building sessions for PA representatives

Initiative		**Meetings orienting the political willingness**
Quantity		2 specific meetings per country
Target		Decision-makers al local, regional and national level
Meeting 1	Beneficiaries	6 mayors/representatives of municipalities
	Expected timing	09-10/2025
	Key economic sector	Construction
	Open to wider participation	Y (municipalities cover all sectors)
	Short description	In person meeting with 6 mayors of smaller municipalities in which we will present the strategic value of C/GPP for national and EU targets (EU Green Deal, Slovenian green transition agenda, RePowerEU). The goal is to show how municipalities can be drivers of systemic change through public spending and emphasize that circular procurement is not more expensive in the long run — it's smarter and future-oriented. Points to get across: 1. Public procurement is one of the strongest tools municipalities have to promote circularity principles and circular economy. 2. Circular procurement is about better use of public money — buying services, not just stuff. 3. Political support unlocks innovation. Without it, procurement stays stuck in the status quo. 4. This isn't about doing everything at once — it's about doing the first thing and doing it right. 5. Slovenian Circular Economy Centre. 6. CE-PP annual summit.
	Synergies with other ongoing or existing tools, initiatives, projects or networks	- Slovenian Green Public Procurement Regulation - Circular Public Procurement Centre in Novo Mesto - Central Europe Green Procurement and Innovation Network (CEGPI) - proCURE Project - REBUILT project - RECREATE project - CircularPSP - City Network Slovenia - EU Green Public Procurement Helpdesk - "Buying Green!" Handbook - Slovenian Circular Economy Centre
Meeting 2	Beneficiaries	6 public housing funds directors

	Expected timing	09-10/2025
	Key economic sector	Construction
	Open to wider participation	No
	Short description	In person meeting with 6 public housing funds directors in which we will present the strategic value of C/GPP for national and EU targets (EU Green Deal, Slovenian green transition agenda, RePowerEU). The meeting will offer a focused opportunity to promote circular and green public procurement (GPP) in residential construction, renovation, and maintenance projects. Points to get across: 1. Housing funds are custodians of public assets and must ensure sustainability, affordability, and resilience. 2. Circular procurement leads to lower life-cycle costs, reduced waste, and better public value for money. 3. Your investment decisions shape not just homes — they shape tomorrow's urban resilience. 4. Green doesn't mean gold-plated. It means smarter, longer-lasting, and future-proofed. 5. Show how standardized criteria (e.g., from the EU or national GPP rules) make this easier. 6. Including GPP metrics in annual reports or impact assessments. 7. Slovenian Circular Economy Centre. 8. CE-PP annual summit. 9. Changes of green public procurement decree. We will also address the most common concerns/myths: ● "Green is more expensive" → introduce life-cycle costing. ● "We lack technical know-how" → tools, templates, training available. ● "Legal grey zones" → compliance pathways with EU and national GPP guidance.
	Synergies with other ongoing or existing tools, initiatives, projects or networks	- Slovenian Green Public Procurement Regulation - Circular Public Procurement Centre in Novo Mesto - Central Europe Green Procurement and Innovation Network (CEGPI) - proCURE Project - REBUILT project - RECREATE project - CircularPSP – City Network Slovenia - EU Green Public Procurement Helpdesk - "Buying Green!" Handbook - Slovenian Circular Economy Centre

Initiative		**Capacity building sessions**
Quantity		5 initiatives per country
Target		Public procurers
Capacity building Session 1	Beneficiaries	10-15 public procurement officers
	Expected timing	10/25 – 02/26
	Key economic sector	Construction
	Open to wider participation	No
	Topic	Workshop on C/GPP criteria and requirements
	Short description	An in-person workshop for public procurement officers from municipalities and public housing funds that will focus on 1. Understanding C/GPP Fundamentals 2. How to Apply Criteria in Tender Documents 3. Circular Economy in Practice 4. Life Cycle Costing (LCC) and Value-for-Money 5. Legal and Regulatory Confidence 6. Supplier Engagement and Market Readiness and 7. Overcoming Barriers Through Practical Tools
	Synergies with other ongoing or existing tools, initiatives, projects or networks	- Slovenian Green Public Procurement Regulation - Circular Public Procurement Centre in Novo Mesto - Central Europe Green Procurement and Innovation Network (CEGPI) - proCURE Project - REBUILT project - RECREATE project - CircularPSP – City Network Slovenia - EU Green Public Procurement Helpdesk - "Buying Green!" Handbook - Slovenian Circular Economy Centre
Capacity building Session 2	Beneficiaries	10-15 public procurement officers
	Expected timing	10/25 – 02/26
	Key economic sector	Construction
	Open to wider participation	No
	Topic	Training session on C/GPP tender models

	Short description	This in-person training will focus on practical tender models for circular and green public procurement (C/GPP). Participants will learn how to structure procurement procedures that integrate circularity, how to translate C/GPP principles into clear and enforceable tender clauses, and how to select the most suitable tender model depending on the subject matter and market conditions. The session will provide concrete examples of tender templates, model clauses, award criteria, and contract performance requirements used in the EU and Slovenia, with step-by-step guidance on how public buyers can replicate them in their own procedures.
	Synergies with other ongoing or existing tools, initiatives, projects or networks	- Slovenian Green Public Procurement Regulation - Circular Public Procurement Centre in Novo Mesto - Central Europe Green Procurement and Innovation Network (CEGPI) - proCURE Project - REBUILT project - RECREATE project - CircularPSP – City Network Slovenia - EU Green Public Procurement Helpdesk - "Buying Green!" Handbook - Slovenian Circular Economy Centre
Capacity building Session 3	Beneficiaries	10-15 public procurement officers
	Expected timing	10/25 – 02/26
	Key economic sector	Construction
	Open to wider participation	No
	Topic	Exchange of experiences among public procurers
	Short description	An interactive peer-exchange session where public procurers from municipalities and public housing funds share their practical experiences with implementing circular and green public procurement. The workshop will highlight real challenges, successful approaches, lessons learned, and examples of what works in practice. Through facilitated discussion, participants will compare procurement methods, explore solutions to common barriers, and identify opportunities to harmonize C/GPP practices across public institutions in Slovenia. The session aims to build a national community of practice and strengthen mutual learning among public buyers.
	Synergies with	- Slovenian Green Public Procurement Regulation

	other ongoing or existing tools, initiatives, projects or networks	- Circular Public Procurement Centre in Novo Mesto - Central Europe Green Procurement and Innovation Network (CEGPI) - proCURE Project - REBUILT project - RECREATE project - CircularPSP – City Network Slovenia - EU Green Public Procurement Helpdesk - "Buying Green!" Handbook - Slovenian Circular Economy Centre
Capacity building Session 4	Beneficiaries	10 – 15 public procurement officers communication officers, sustainability officers, and stakeholders from municipalities and housing funds
	Expected timing	01/26 – 03/26
	Key economic sector	Construction
	Open to wider participation	The topic will be transsectoral
	Topic	Workshop on how to communicate to citizens and private organizations' stakeholders the achieved benefits
	Short description	"Telling the Story of Impact: Communicating Circular & Green Public Procurement Success" An on-line workshop on how public institutions can effectively communicate the real-world benefits of circular and green public procurement (C/GPP) to citizens and private sector partners? This interactive online workshop will explore practical strategies for showcasing the economic, environmental, and social value of C/GPP initiatives. Participants will learn how to turn data into compelling stories, engage local communities, and build trust with suppliers and stakeholders. - How to frame C/GPP benefits in citizen-friendly language? - Tools to visualize results (CO_2 saved, waste reduced, local jobs created) - Communication channels that work (web, social media, press, events) - Storytelling strategies for public and private audiences - Case studies from leading cities and institutions
	Synergies with other ongoing or existing tools, initiatives, projects or networks	- Slovenian Green Public Procurement Regulation - Circular Public Procurement Centre in Novo Mesto - Central Europe Green Procurement and Innovation Network (CEGPI) - proCURE Project - REBUILT project

		- RECREATE project - CircularPSP – City Network Slovenia - EU Green Public Procurement Helpdesk - "Buying Green!" Handbook - Slovenian Circular Economy Centre
Capacity building Session 5	Beneficiaries	30-40 public procurement officers from housing funds and municipalities
	Expected timing	05/2026
	Key economic sector	Construction
	Open to wider participation	No
	Topic	Webinar to improve the monitoring system on C /GPP implementation
	Short description	In an on-line webinar we will present the participants in more detail the content of the Guidelines for Low-Carbon Buildings of Slovenian Housing Funds and their usefulness for assessing the effects of circular and green public procurement.
	Synergies with other ongoing or existing tools, initiatives, projects or networks	- Low Energy and Passive Housing in Ljubljana by The Public Housing Fund of the Municipality of Ljubljana - Ljubljana's Municipal Housing Fund's Low-Carbon Innovations - Eco Fund's ZERO500 Program by the Slovenian Eco fund - Affordable Housing Initiative (AHI) - SHAPE II Partnership ed by Housing Europe - Housing 4.0 Energy (H4.0E) Project - Low Carbon Building Initiative (LCBI) - Bo01 in Malmö, Sweden: Known as the "City of Tomorrow," - Solar Settlement at Schlierberg, Germany - Stad van de Zon, Netherlands: Translating to "City of the Sun,"

3.4.4 Peer-to-Peer exchange and Demand-Supply Symposia on C/GPP

In each partner country, at least the following activities will be realised:

- 1 Peer-to-peer event
- 1 Symposium (also aimed at the private sector)
- 1 Dissemination event (also aimed at the private sector)

Initiative	**Peer-to-peer event**

Quantity	1 per country
Target	Decision-makers and public procurers
Beneficiaries	• 10 public procurement officers (municipalities and housing funds) • 10 decision makers (mayors, directors)
Expected timing	01/26 – 03/26
Key economic sector	Construction
Open to wider participation	No
Short description	Peer-to-peer event exclusively for public authorities, including decision-makers (mayors, directors) and public procurement officials, focused on exchanging experiences, challenges, and good practices in circular and green public procurement. The aim is to strengthen inter-municipal collaboration, align approaches, and jointly identify legal, technical, and organizational enablers.
Synergies with other ongoing or existing tools, initiatives, projects or networks	- Mandatory Green Public Procurement (GPP) Regulation - National Guidelines on Innovation Procurement - European Commission's GPP Criteria and Circular Economy Action Plan - Procura+ European Sustainable Procurement Network - Buy Better to Build Better (BBBB) Coalition - Central Europe Green Procurement and Innovation Network (CEGPI) - proCURE Project - REBUILT project - RECREATE project - CircularPSP – City Network Slovenia - EU Green Public Procurement Helpdesk - "Buying Green!" Handbook - Slovenian Circular Economy Centre

Initiative	**Symposium**
Quantity	1 per country
Target	Decision-maker, public procurers & Private organizations
Beneficiaries	• 5 public procurement professionals (municipalities, housing funds) • 5 SME representatives (suppliers from relevant sectors)
Expected timing	01/26 – 03/26

Key economic sector	Construction
Open to wider participation	No
Short description	Exclusive, small-format symposium will bring together public authorities (PAs) and private sector actors (SMEs, enterprises) to exchange experiences, needs, and solutions in the field of circular and green public procurement. These events will serve as a platform to connect demand and supply sides, focusing on how to integrate circular economy principles into procurement practices. The goal is to promote dialogue, share best practices, identify market challenges, and encourage innovation in product and service offerings aligned with public sector needs.
Synergies with other ongoing or existing tools, initiatives, projects or networks	- Slovenian GPP Regulation (Decree on Green Public Procurement) - Circular Public Procurement Centre – Novo Mesto - ZERO500 Program – Eco Fund Slovenia - Buy Better to Build Better (BBBB) Coalition - Procura+ Network (ICLEI Europe) - EU GPP Helpdesk & “Buying Green!” Handbook - Central Europe Green Procurement and Innovation Network (CEGPI) - proCURE Project - REBUILT project - RECREATE project - CircularPSP – City Network Slovenia - EU Green Public Procurement Helpdesk - "Buying Green!" Handbook - Slovenian Circular Economy Centre

Initiative	**Dissemination event**
Quantity	1 per country
Target	Decision-maker, public procurers & Private organizations & other categories
Beneficiaries	30-40 participants from public authorities, SMEs, sector associations, policy-makers and project partners
Expected timing	05/26 – 09/26
Key economic sector	Construction
Open to wider participation	No

Short description	The dissemination event will serve as the main platform to communicate the results, lessons learned, and success stories of the project, with a strong focus on advancing circular economy principles through public procurement. It will target a broad audience, including public authorities, private sector representatives, media, civil society, and the general public, aiming to raise awareness, promote replicable practices, and stimulate continued dialogue on integrating circularity into public purchasing and supply chains.
Synergies with other ongoing or existing tools, initiatives, projects or networks	- Slovenian GPP Regulation (Decree on Green Public Procurement) - ZERO500 Program – Eco Fund Slovenia - Buy Better to Build Better (BBBB) Coalition - Procura+ Network (ICLEI Europe) - EU GPP Helpdesk & "Buying Green!" Handbook - Slovenian Green Public Procurement Regulation - Circular Public Procurement Centre in Novo Mesto - Central Europe Green Procurement and Innovation Network (CEGPI) - proCURE Project - REBUILT project - RECREATE project - CircularPSP – City Network Slovenia - EU Green Public Procurement Helpdesk - "Buying Green!" Handbook - Slovenian Circular Economy Centre

3.4.5 Pilot action - Nurturing public authorities' technical ability for Circular GPP

At project level, at least **1 set of environmental criteria per key economic sector** will be defined, in collaboration between all the project partners and mainly among the ones selecting the same economic sector. Then, the developed set of criteria will be **tested in at least one tender per country.** Please provide the **preliminary information already available on the pilot testing in your country.**

Initiative	**Environmental Criteria set testing - Pilot action**
Quantity	1 testing tender per country
Target	Decision-makers at local, regional and national level & public procurers
Key economic sector chosen at country level for the pilot action	Construction
Preliminary and functional actions for the success of the pilot action	Discussions with PA's have been ongoing for a couple of months. We are trying to identify the best cases to perform the testing phase. Currently we're identifying and analyzing the mandatory and voluntary criteria which will be very valuable in further steps of the project. We are also trying to attend similar workshops and seminars that could broaden our knowledge on the subject and give us a more in-depth experience.

(if tender-test already identified) Expected testing phase	[insert Month/year]
(if tender-test already identified) Testing tender short description	[insert further details about the testing tender selected, eg. contracting public administration, main topic, amount, etc, if available]

3.5 HUNGARY - Action Plan for Public Authorities

3.5.1 GPP status

Hungary has progressively integrated Green Public Procurement (GPP) into its national environmental and procurement policies. The Hungarian Ministry of Energy, in collaboration with the Ministry of Public Administration and relevant technical institutions such as the National Directorate General for Environment and the Herman Ottó Institute, has developed national guidance and support tools for GPP implementation. Although Hungary has not yet adopted a legally binding National Action Plan (NAP) for GPP, several strategic documents and sectoral policies emphasize the importance of sustainability in public procurement.

Hungary follows the EU GPP criteria and incorporates them into voluntary national guidelines aimed at enhancing the uptake of environmental considerations in tenders. Efforts have been made to promote the use of green criteria in specific sectors such as construction, energy-efficient office equipment, and cleaning services, with reference to EU Ecolabel and GPP standards. However, the application of green criteria is still largely non-mandatory, and implementation varies significantly across public authorities.

At the regional level, several pilot projects and training programs have been initiated, particularly under EU co-funded projects like LIFE and Interreg. Municipalities such as Budapest and Szeged have shown leadership by integrating GPP into local procurement strategies. Capacity building activities, awareness-raising events, and workshops for contracting authorities have also been regularly organized by NGOs and environmental organizations, including the Hungarian Cleaner Production Centre.

While Hungary continues to make progress, key challenges remain, particularly in mainstreaming GPP across all procurement levels and improving monitoring systems to evaluate its environmental and economic impacts. Ongoing dialogue and cooperation among ministries, local authorities, and civil society are essential to further embed GPP practices and move towards a more sustainable procurement culture.

3.5.2 Methodological approach for identifying training needs and planning activities

The South Transdanubian Regional Innovation Agency (STRIA) conducted a series of internal meetings to coordinate the organization of advocacy meetings and the capacity building activities, and the peer-to-peer and demand-supply symposia events, including the most precise definition of topics possible for all events.

Based on STRIA previous experiences and public administration sector busy schedule, it was decided that the advocacy meetings and the capacity-building activities should be organised online and each session would be recorded and shared with participants, involving stakeholder groups for exchanging knowledge and experiences in order to satisfy the public administration sector real needs in regard of GPP/CPP as well as the peer-to-peer and demand- supply symposia event.

As for the organization of activities, it was agreed that the advocacy meetings would be conducted at national level involving policy-makers and general directors of the South Transdanubian region, while for the capacity building activities, it was agreed to propose reputable lecturers for the workshops upon invitation depending on the activities topics.

As for the thematic issue to address during the activities, STRIA took into consideration the experiences of the interviews, and surveys and its results of the initial assessment with the Public Administrations actors for the complementary qualitative analysis. As mentioned, STRIA conducted further discussions with the associated partner, stakeholder groups, and supporting organisations to have further information, needs, requests, and proposals in relation to GPP, CAM, and circular economy topics.

Based on the gathered information and requests, all events will be open for the general public and for all sectors ensuring the opportunity to learn for each interested party and raise awareness for the circular economy in Central Europe.

3.5.3 Capacity Building to match Circular Economy with Green Public Procurement

In each partner country at least seven initiatives among the following will be realised:

- 2 meetings orienting the political willingness
- 5 capacity building sessions for PA representatives

Initiative		**Meetings orienting the political willingness**
Quantity		2 specific meetings per country
Target		Decision-makers at local, regional and national level
Meeting 1	Beneficiaries	**expected number** of participants: 8-10 Municipalities in the South Transdanubian region and from Hungary, regional authorities, policymakers on national levels and supporting organisations who have influences on political decisions, public procurement authority.
	Expected timing	10/2025-12/2025, end of 2025
	Key economic sector	Agrifood, Construction, Manufacturing, and tourism-related goods and services – all 4 sectors as it's an orienting meeting
	Open to wider participation	Yes, any of the other sectors.
	Short description	Webinar/online workshop to secure political commitment and ensure access to all interested parties who couldn't attend otherwise, due to lack of time or other commitments. Recording the meetings therefore and make it available for public as proof of the meeting and learning material/tool. Presentation of the Transnational Strategy and core topics, action plans, which would be discussed and subject to the capacity building sessions. Upon specific requests, STRIA considers to change the topics, objectives of the capacity building sessions. Introduction circular economy and circularity principles within the GPP.

	Synergies with other ongoing or existing tools, initiatives, projects or networks	Public Procurement Authorities https://fenntarthato.kozbeszerzes.hu/ The Hungarian Public Procurement Authority has a long-standing commitment to ensuring that sustainability (green, social and innovation) considerations are embedded and become a natural part of the domestic public procurement culture in the preparation and conduct of public procurement procedures. In order to make information on this topic more easily accessible, the Authority has created a sustainability microsite, which provides thematic access to information and good practices on environmental, social and innovative public procurement, both at home and abroad. Public catering with short supply chain *Corporal Decree 676/2020 (XII. 28.) on the specific rules applicable to public catering procurement procedures Public procurement advisers (PPAs) Article 187 (2) a) ae) of Act CXLIII of 2015 on Public Procurement (hereinafter referred to as: Kbt.) Circular Minds Interreg Europe project: Through capacity building, it will equip public authorities, and stakeholders with tools and knowledge to implement circular procurement. https://www.interregeurope.eu/circular-minds
Meeting 2	Beneficiaries	**expected number** of participants: 8-10 Municipalities in the South Transdanubian region and from Hungary, regional authorities, policymakers on national levels and supporting organisations who have influences on political decisions, public procurement authority.
	Expected timing	01/2026-02/2026, beginning of 2026
	Key economic sector	Agrifood, Construction, Manufacturing, and tourism-related goods and services – all 4 sectors as it's an orienting meeting
	Open to wider participation	Yes, any of the other sectors.
	Short description	Webinar/online workshop to secure political commitment and ensure access to all interested parties who couldn't attend otherwise, due to lack of time or other commitments. Recording the meetings therefore and make it available for public as proof of the meeting and learning material/tool. Presentation of the Transnational Strategy and core topics, action plans, which would be discussed and subject to the capacity building sessions. Upon specific requests, STRIA considers to change the topics, objectives of the capacity building sessions. Presentation of circular criteria within public procurement tenders) to advance CE.

		Introduction of the 5 planned capacity building sessions.
	Synergies with other ongoing or existing tools, initiatives, projects or networks	Public Procurement Authorities https://fenntarthato.kozbeszerzes.hu/ The Hungarian Public Procurement Authority has a long-standing commitment to ensuring that sustainability (green, social and innovation) considerations are embedded and become a natural part of the domestic public procurement culture in the preparation and conduct of public procurement procedures. In order to make information on this topic more easily accessible, the Authority has created a sustainability microsite, which provides thematic access to information and good practices on environmental, social and innovative public procurement, both at home and abroad. Public catering with short supply chain *Corporal Decree 676/2020 (XII. 28.) on the specific rules applicable to public catering procurement procedures Public procurement advisers (PPAs) Article 187 (2) a) ae) of Act CXLIII of 2015 on Public Procurement (hereinafter referred to as: Kbt.) Circular Minds Interreg Europe project: Through capacity building, it will equip public authorities, and stakeholders with tools and knowledge to implement circular procurement. https://www.interregeurope.eu/circular-minds

Initiative		**Capacity building sessions**
Quantity		5 initiatives per country
Target		Public procurers
Capacity building Session 1	Beneficiaries	**expected number** of participants: 8-10 Municipalities in the South Transdanubian region and from Hungary, regional authorities, policymakers on national levels and supporting organisations who have influences on political decisions, public procurement authority.
	Expected timing	2026 Spring- Autumn
	Key economic sector	Agrifood, Construction, Manufacturing, and tourism-related goods and services
	Open to wider participation	Yes, any of the other sectors.
	Topic	Promoting long-term economic benefits encourages to sustainable choices in GPPs, CE aspects-effects (may change)

	Short description	Online training emphasizing the benefits of green/circular choices and focusing on circular economy
	Synergies with other ongoing or existing tools, initiatives, projects or networks	Public Procurement Authorities https://fenntarthato.kozbeszerzes.hu/ The Hungarian Public Procurement Authority has a long-standing commitment to ensuring that sustainability (green, social and innovation) considerations are embedded and become a natural part of the domestic public procurement culture in the preparation and conduct of public procurement procedures. In order to make information on this topic more easily accessible, the Authority has created a sustainability microsite, which provides thematic access to information and good practices on environmental, social and innovative public procurement, both at home and abroad. Public catering with short supply chain *Corporal Decree 676/2020 (XII. 28.) on the specific rules applicable to public catering procurement procedures Public procurement advisers (PPAs) Article 187 (2) a) ae) of Act CXLIII of 2015 on Public Procurement (hereinafter referred to as: Kbt.) Circular Minds Interreg Europe project: Through capacity building, it will equip public authorities, and stakeholders with tools and knowledge to implement circular procurement. https://www.interregeurope.eu/circular-minds
Capacity building Session 2	Beneficiaries	**expected number** of participants: 8-10 Municipalities in the South Transdanubian region and from Hungary, regional authorities, policymakers on national levels and supporting organisations who have influences on political decisions, public procurement authority.
	Expected timing	2026 Spring- Autumn
	Key economic sector	Agrifood, Construction, Manufacturing and tourism-related goods and services
	Open to wider participation	Yes, any of the other sectors.
	Topic	Training for PAs staff to enhance employees' skills in GPP requirement and in raising awareness for circular economy (may change)
	Short description	Online training/workshop with recording the training for accessibility reasons and shared learning materials
	Synergies with other ongoing or existing tools,	Public Procurement Authorities https://fenntarthato.kozbeszerzes.hu/ The Hungarian Public Procurement Authority has a

	initiatives, projects or networks	long-standing commitment to ensuring that sustainability (green, social and innovation) considerations are embedded and become a natural part of the domestic public procurement culture in the preparation and conduct of public procurement procedures. In order to make information on this topic more easily accessible, the Authority has created a sustainability microsite, which provides thematic access to information and good practices on environmental, social and innovative public procurement, both at home and abroad. Public catering with short supply chain *Corporal Decree 676/2020 (XII. 28.) on the specific rules applicable to public catering procurement procedures Public procurement advisers (PPAs) Article 187 (2) a) ae) of Act CXLIII of 2015 on Public Procurement (hereinafter referred to as: Kbt.) Circular Minds Interreg Europe project: Through capacity building, it will equip public authorities, and stakeholders with tools and knowledge to implement circular procurement. https://www.interregeurope.eu/circular-minds
Capacity building Session 3	Beneficiaries	**expected number** of participants: 8-10 Municipalities in the South Transdanubian region and from Hungary, regional authorities, policymakers on national levels and supporting organisations who have influences on political decisions, public procurement authority.
	Expected timing	2026 Spring- Autumn
	Key economic sector	Agrifood, Construction, Manufacturing and tourism-related goods and services
	Open to wider participation	Yes, any of the other sectors.
	Topic	Political push and legislation through public tenders from a circular economy point of view (may change)
	Short description	Workshop/webinar about legislation and future directive, laws in G/CPP in-person or online
	Synergies with other ongoing or existing tools, initiatives, projects or networks	Public Procurement Authorities https://fenntarthato.kozbeszerzes.hu/ The Hungarian Public Procurement Authority has a long-standing commitment to ensuring that sustainability (green, social and innovation) considerations are embedded and become a natural part of the domestic public procurement culture in the preparation and conduct of public procurement procedures. In order to make information on this topic more easily

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Capacity building Session 4	Beneficiaries	**expected number** of participants: 8-10 Municipalities in the South Transdanubian region and from Hungary, regional authorities, policymakers on national levels and supporting organisations who have influences on political decisions, public procurement authority.
	Expected timing	2026 Spring- Autumn
	Key economic sector	Agrifood, Construction, Manufacturing and tourism-related goods and services
	Open to wider participation	Yes, any of the other sectors.
	Topic	Financial Incentives, central european perspective for a circular economy (may change)
	Short description	(Online) seminar/informal event about available funding programs for C/GPPs in Hungary and in the CE
	Synergies with other ongoing or existing tools, initiatives, projects or networks	Public Procurement Authorities https://fenntarthato.kozbeszerzes.hu/ The Hungarian Public Procurement Authority has a long-standing commitment to ensuring that sustainability (green, social and innovation) considerations are embedded and become a natural part of the domestic public procurement culture in the preparation and conduct of public procurement procedures. In order to make information on this topic more easily accessible, the Authority has created a sustainability microsite, which provides thematic access to information and good practices on environmental, social and innovative public procurement, both at home and abroad. Public catering with short supply chain *Corporal Decree 676/2020 (XII. 28.) on the specific rules

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Capacity building Session 5	Beneficiaries	**expected number** of participants: 8-10 Municipalities in the South Transdanubian region and from Hungary, regional authorities, policymakers on national levels and supporting organisations who have influences on political decisions, public procurement authority
	Expected timing	2026 Spring- Autumn
	Key economic sector	Agrifood, Construction, Manufacturing and tourism-related goods and services
	Open to wider participation	Yes, open also to any other economic sectors.
	Topic	ESG for PAs as the tool of circular economy (may change)
	Short description	Online presentation for PAs: Act CVIII of 2023 on the rules of corporate social responsibility, taking into account environmental, social and social aspects, promoting sustainable financing and uniform corporate responsibility, and on the amendment of other related laws *
	Synergies with other ongoing or existing tools, initiatives, projects or networks	Public Procurement Authorities https://fenntarthato.kozbeszerzes.hu/ The Hungarian Public Procurement Authority has a long-standing commitment to ensuring that sustainability (green, social and innovation) considerations are embedded and become a natural part of the domestic public procurement culture in the preparation and conduct of public procurement procedures. In order to make information on this topic more easily accessible, the Authority has created a sustainability microsite, which provides thematic access to information and good practices on environmental, social and innovative public procurement, both at home and abroad. Public catering with short supply chain *Corporal Decree 676/2020 (XII. 28.) on the specific rules applicable to public catering procurement procedures Public procurement advisers (PPAs)

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3.5.4 Peer-to-Peer exchange and Demand-Supply Symposia on C/GPP

In each partner country, at least the following activities will be realised:

- 1 Peer-to-peer event
- 1 Symposium (also aimed at the private sector)
- 1 Dissemination event (also aimed at the private sector)

Initiative	**Peer-to-peer event**
Quantity	1 per country
Target	Decision-makers and public procurers
Beneficiaries	**expected number** of participants: 20 Municipalities in the South Transdanubian region, regional authorities, policymakers on national levels and supporting organisations who have influences on political decisions, public procurement authorities
Expected timing	2026 Spring- Autumn (possibly planned after the pilot action)
Key economic sector	Agrifood, Construction, Manufacturing and tourism-related goods and services
Open to wider participation	Yes, open also to any other economic sectors.
Short description	after the pilots to exchange experiences and improve PPs, exchanging experiences, having discussions on G/CPP in-person or online (may change)
Synergies with other ongoing or existing tools, initiatives, projects or networks	Public Procurement Authorities https://fenntarthato.kozbeszerzes.hu/ The Hungarian Public Procurement Authority has a long-standing commitment to ensuring that sustainability (green, social and innovation) considerations are embedded and become a natural part of the domestic public procurement culture in the preparation and conduct of public procurement procedures. In order to make information on this topic more easily accessible, the Authority has created a sustainability microsite, which provides thematic access to information and good practices on environmental, social and innovative public procurement, both at home and abroad. Public catering with short supply chain *Corporal Decree 676/2020 (XII. 28.) on the specific rules applicable to

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Initiative	**Symposium**
Quantity	1 per country
Target	Decision-maker, public procurers & Private organizations
Beneficiaries	**expected number** of participants: 20 Municipalities in the South Transdanubian region, regional authorities, policymakers on national levels and supporting organisations who have influences on political decisions, public procurement authority, SMEs
Expected timing	2026 Spring- Autumn (planned before the pilot action)
Key economic sector	Agrifood, Construction, Manufacturing and tourism-related goods and services
Open to wider participation	Yes, open also to any other economic sectors.
Short description	Discussion/workshop with a moderator on behalf of STRIA, with prepared questions and topics to be discussed to start the conversation such as the needs, expectations and doubts of the target audiences (both public and private) and tailor the pilot actions to these demands in the specific sector. (Online or in-person, may change)
Synergies with other ongoing or existing tools, initiatives, projects or networks	Public Procurement Authorities https://fenntarthato.kozbeszerzes.hu/ The Hungarian Public Procurement Authority has a long-standing commitment to ensuring that sustainability (green, social and innovation) considerations are embedded and become a natural part of the domestic public procurement culture in the preparation and conduct of public procurement procedures. In order to make information on this topic more easily accessible, the Authority has created a sustainability microsite, which provides thematic access to information and good practices on environmental, social and innovative public procurement, both at home and abroad. Public catering with short supply chain *Corporal Decree 676/2020 (XII. 28.) on the specific rules applicable to public catering procurement procedures Public procurement advisers (PPAs)

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Initiative	**Dissemination event**
Quantity	1 per country
Target	Decision-maker, public procurers & Private organizations & other categories, general public
Beneficiaries	**expected number** of participants: 20 Municipalities in the South Transdanubian region, regional authorities, policymakers on national levels and supporting organisations who have influences on political decisions, public procurement authorities, public, universities, press
Expected timing	2026 Spring- Autumn (possibly after the pilot action)
Key economic sector	Agrifood, Construction, Manufacturing and tourism-related goods and services, all sectors due to the event's nature
Open to wider participation	Yes, open also to any other economic sectors.
Short description	Online dissemination event to introduce the project and share the experiences and the tested solutions with other organisations and participants and with the interested public (may change)
Synergies with other ongoing or existing tools, initiatives, projects or networks	Public Procurement Authorities https://fenntarthato.kozbeszerzes.hu/ The Hungarian Public Procurement Authority has a long-standing commitment to ensuring that sustainability (green, social and innovation) considerations are embedded and become a natural part of the domestic public procurement culture in the preparation and conduct of public procurement procedures. In order to make information on this topic more easily accessible, the Authority has created a sustainability microsite, which provides thematic access to information and good practices on environmental, social and innovative public procurement, both at home and abroad. Public catering with short supply chain *Corporal Decree 676/2020 (XII. 28.) on the specific rules applicable to public catering procurement procedures Public procurement advisers (PPAs) Article 187 (2) a) ae) of Act CXLIII of 2015 on Public Procurement (hereinafter referred to as: Kbt.)

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3.5.5 Pilot action - Nurturing public authorities' technical ability for Circular GPP

At project level, at least **1 set of environmental criteria per key economic sector** will be defined, in collaboration between all the project partners and mainly among the ones selecting the same economic sector. Then, the developed set of criteria will be **tested in at least one tender per country.** Please provide the **preliminary information already available on the pilot testing in your country.**

Initiative	**Environmental Criteria set testing - Pilot action**
Quantity	1 testing tender per country
Target	Decision-makers at local, regional and national level & public procurers
Key economic sector chosen at country level for the pilot action	Construction, or tourism-related goods and services
Preliminary and functional actions for the success of the pilot action	discussions with PA & online meetings, emailing
(if tender-test already identified) Expected testing phase	to be identified
(if tender-test already identified) Testing tender short description	In 2025, the Local Government of Szekszárd County won a significant 600 million forint European Union grant (project ID: TOP_PLUSZ-1.3.2-23-SE1-2025-00002) for the purpose of "Cyclist-friendly developments in Szekszárd." The project started on July 1, 2025. During the planning phase, they were already interested in what circular criteria set from CE-PRINCE could be tested in the public procurement tender for the planning.

3.6 CROATIA - Action Plan for Public Authorities

3.6.1 GPP status

Croatia's Green Public Procurement (GPP) framework was established in response to EU Directive 2014/24/EU, with the National Action Plan for GPP (NAP GPP) adopted in 2015 and extended through 2020, targeting 50% of public procurement to incorporate green criteria by 2020. The 2024 Government Decision on GPP Implementation (Official Gazette 137/24, effective January 1, 2025) made criteria mandatory for central procurement "where feasible," covering 10 priority product groups like paper, energy, and IT, aligned with EU standards to promote circular economy practices such as waste reduction and low-carbon sourcing. Despite this progress, uptake remains low at ~10% of

contracts in 2019 (per One Planet Network reports), with challenges including voluntary implementation in smaller entities, limited training for procurers, and data gaps in monitoring, as highlighted in the 2025 updated National Energy and Climate Plan (NECP 2021-2030). Dubrovnik, GPP adoption is nascent but tied to the city's tourism-driven economy, where ~5% of municipal tenders in 2024 included green criteria, primarily in energy-efficient lighting and waste management for public spaces. As a UNESCO-protected site, Dubrovnik's Respect the City initiative (a sustainable tourism plan) complements the national mandate, emphasizing eco-friendly procurement to balance 1.8 million annual visitors with heritage preservation. Local reflection reveals opportunities in tourism sectors like transport and hospitality, but barriers such as small supplier pools and budget constraints persist; CE-PRINCE's focus on capacity-building workshops can bridge these gaps, fostering GPP integration to support the county's 3.2% projected GDP growth in 2025.

3.6.2 Methodological approach for identifying training needs and planning activities

The Dubrovnik Development Agency (DURA) coordinated a series of internal workshops with the City of Dubrovnik's Administrative Departments (e.g., Culture, Tourism, Urbanism) to align advocacy meetings and capacity-building activities, alongside peer-to-peer and demand-supply symposia. Emphasis was placed on interactive formats, incorporating working groups to facilitate knowledge exchange and actionable GPP strategies among public procurers. Advocacy meetings targeted regional policymakers and directors, held in-person at Dubrovnik City Hall, while capacity-building sessions were planned for external facilitation via a public tender, ensuring expertise in circular economy and GPP. Training needs were identified using the Initial Assessment findings, which highlighted barriers like limited GPP awareness and skills in Dubrovnik's public sector, supplemented by qualitative interviews with five local stakeholders (e.g., Libertas Dubrovnik d.o.o., Dubrovnik Utility Company, Municipality of Dubrovnik, DURA procurement team, and Respect the City coordinators). Additional one-to-one discussions with CE-PRINCE partners refined priorities. Based on this, key topics were selected, focusing on tourism and transportation sectors (aligned with Action Plans for public and private enterprises), to address GPP compliance, circular procurement, and sustainable transport solutions. These will guide the external trainer's curriculum.

This approach ensures tailored, sector-specific training, leveraging existing synergies like the GPP mandate (NN 137/24) and Respect the City initiative.

3.6.3 Capacity Building to match Circular Economy with Green Public Procurement

In each partner country at least seven initiatives among the following will be realised:

- 2 meetings orienting the political willingness
- 5 capacity building sessions for PA representatives

Initiative		**Meetings orienting the political willingness**
Quantity		2 specific meetings per country
Target		Decision-makers at the local, regional, and national level
Meeting 1	Beneficiaries	1. Administrative Department for Culture, Heritage and Tourism - 1 person

		2. Administrative Department for Education, Sports, Social Welfare, and Civil Society – 1 person 3. Administrative Department for Municipal Services, Transport, Sea, and Local Self-Government – 1 person 4. Administrative Department for Urbanism, Spatial Planning and Environmental Protection – 1 person 5. Administrative Department for European Funds and Economy – 1 person
	Expected timing	The meeting with the local administrative departments will occur at the end of 2025, most realistically during the first quarter of 2026
	Key economic sector	Tourism
	Open to wider participation	NO
	Short description	In-person meeting in Dubrovnik's City Hall to secure political commitment from five administrative departments for C/GPP, Circular Economy in tourism procurement, discussing circularity principles within the GPP, GPP mandate implementation, and Respect the City synergies, planned for the end of 2025.
	Synergies with other ongoing or existing tools, initiatives, projects or networks	Odluka o provedbi zelene javne nabave (Decision on the Implementation of Green Public Procurement). Gazette: Narodne novine (Official Gazette) No. 137/24 Link: https://narodne-novine.nn.hr/clanci/sluzbeni/2024_11_137_2260.html Effective Date: January 1, 2025 This decision, as you previously shared, mandates that public entities, including local government units and their enterprises (e.g., Dubrovnik Utility Company, Libertas), apply GPP guidelines and tools in public and simplified procurement procedures, per Article 4. It aligns with EU climate and circular economy policies, emphasizing low-carbon products and waste reduction. Croatia's Public Procurement Act (Zakon o javnoj nabavi, Official Gazette 120/16, 114/22), which integrates EU directives (e.g., 2014/24/EU). Link: https://sustainable-procurement.org/eupolicyandlegislation/ Respect the City – Respect the City for a sustainable future of Dubrovnik Respect the City (RTC) is a multidisciplinary strategic destination management project with an action plan. It is comprised of a set of short-term, medium-term and long-term measures and activities focused on Dubrovnik as the leader in sustainable and responsible tourism in the Mediterranean. https://www.dubrovnik.hr/projekti/respect-the-city-postujmo-grad

Meeting 2	Beneficiaries	The City Council of Dubrovnik – 10 participants The City Council is a representative body of the citizens of the City and is a body of local self-government which, within the framework of its rights and duties, adopts acts and performs tasks in accordance with the Constitution, law, and the Statute. If the law or other regulation does not clearly specify which body is authorized to perform tasks within the scope of self-government, the City Council is responsible for tasks and tasks related to regulating relations within the scope of self-government, and the mayor is authorized for executive tasks and tasks.
	Expected timing	The meeting with the local administrative departments will occur at the end of 2025, most realistically during period 3-4
	Key economic sector	Tourism, Construction
	Open to wider participation	NO
	Short description	Closed in-person meeting at Dubrovnik's City Hall to engage 10 City Council members in discussion on circular economy and circularity principles within the GPP, and its implementation of circular criteria within the public procurement tenders, adopting C/GPP for tourism-related procurement, emphasizing the GPP mandate and Respect the City alignment, scheduled for the end of 2025.
	Synergies with other ongoing or existing tools, initiatives, projects or networks	Odluka o provedbi zelene javne nabave (Decision on the Implementation of Green Public Procurement). Gazette: Narodne novine (Official Gazette) No. 137/24 Link: https://narodne-novine.nn.hr/clanci/sluzbeni/2024_11_137_2260.html Effective Date: January 1, 2025 This decision, as you previously shared, mandates that public entities, including local government units and their enterprises (e.g., Dubrovnik Utility Company, Libertas), apply GPP guidelines and tools in public and simplified procurement procedures, per Article 4. It aligns with EU climate and circular economy policies, emphasizing low-carbon products and waste reduction. Croatia's Public Procurement Act (Zakon o javnoj nabavi, Official Gazette 120/16, 114/22), which integrates EU directives (e.g., 2014/24/EU). Link: https://sustainable-procurement.org/eupolicyandlegislation/ Respect the City – Respect the City for a sustainable future of Dubrovnik Respect the City (RTC) is a multidisciplinary strategic destination management project with an action plan. It is comprised of a set of short-term, medium-term and long-term

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Initiative		**Capacity building sessions**
Quantity		5 initiatives per country
Target		Public procurers
Capacity building Session 1	Beneficiaries	The City of Dubrovnik and Dubrovnik-Neretva County representatives – 10 participants
	Expected timing	The meeting with the local administrative departments will occur during 2026, most realistically during the first quarter of 2026
	Key economic sector	Tourism, Construction
	Open to wider participation	YES
	Topic	Developing C/GPP, Circular Economy tender models for tourism procurement, focusing on environmental criteria and supplier engagement.
	Short description	In-person workshop at DURA's Dubrovnik office to train 10 City and County representatives on C/GPP tender models for tourism, leveraging the GPP mandate and Respect the City, planned for 2026, and the discussion on circular economy and circularity principles within the GPP, and its implementation of circular criteria within the public procurement tenders
	Synergies with other ongoing or existing tools, initiatives, projects or networks	Odluka o provedbi zelene javne nabave (Decision on the Implementation of Green Public Procurement). Gazette: Narodne novine (Official Gazette) No. 137/24 Link: https://narodne-novine.nn.hr/clanci/sluzbeni/2024_11_137_2260.html Effective Date: January 1, 2025 This decision, as you previously shared, mandates that public entities, including local government units and their enterprises (e.g., Dubrovnik Utility Company, Libertas), apply GPP guidelines and tools in public and simplified procurement procedures, per Article 4. It aligns with EU climate and circular economy policies, emphasizing low-carbon products and waste reduction. Croatia's Public Procurement Act (Zakon o javnoj nabavi, Official Gazette 120/16, 114/22), which integrates EU directives (e.g., 2014/24/EU).

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Capacity building Session 2	Beneficiaries	City of Dubrovnik utilities and commercial company "VRTLAR d.o.o.", "Čistoća d.o.o.", and Public institution Lokrum reserve – 10 participants -VRTLAR d.o.o. is a public enterprise fully owned by the City of Dubrovnik, established in 1953 to manage horticultural and landscaping services. Its main role is maintaining and enhancing public green spaces, such as parks and urban areas, while supporting sustainable practices in line with the city's environmental goals. -Čistoća d.o.o. is a public enterprise primarily owned by the City of Dubrovnik, focused on waste management and public cleanliness services. Its main role involves collecting and disposing of municipal waste, maintaining public areas, and managing recycling facilities to support Dubrovnik's environmental and tourism goals. The Lokrum Reserve is a protected nature reserve and special forest vegetation reserve, established in 1948, located on a small, uninhabited island 600 meters off the coast of Dubrovnik, Croatia. Its main role is to preserve the island's diverse Mediterranean flora, including holm oaks, pines, and exotic botanical gardens, while offering a tranquil escape for visitors under strict environmental protection rules.
	Expected timing	The meeting with the local administrative departments will occur during 2026, most realistically during the first quarter of 2026
	Key economic sector	Tourism/Nature Protection
	Open to wider participation	YES
	Topic	Applying C/GPP criteria for waste and landscaping tenders, emphasizing circular practices.
	Short description	In-person workshop at DURA's Dubrovnik office to discuss circular economy and circularity principles within the GPP, and its implementation of circular criteria within the public procurement tenders; to train 10 VRTLAR, Čistoća, and Lokrum Reserve representatives on C/GPP for waste and landscaping tenders, aligning with the GPP mandate and Respect the City.

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Capacity building Session 3	Beneficiaries	City of Dubrovnik utilities and commercial company "Sanitat Dubrovnik d.o.o.", "Zavod za obnovu Dubrovnika", and "Vodovod Dubrovnik" – 10 participants -Sanitat Dubrovnik d.o.o. is a public enterprise established by the City of Dubrovnik in 1966, primarily focused on providing communal services across the Dubrovnik-Neretva County. Its main role includes managing parking and towing services, disinfection, pest and rodent control, outdoor advertising, market operations, and caring for abandoned animals, contributing to the city's cleanliness and public health. -Zavod za obnovu Dubrovnika is a public institution established by the City of Dubrovnik in 1979 to coordinate the restoration of cultural heritage damaged by the 1979 earthquake. Its main role is to organize and implement programs for the preservation and seismic retrofitting of Dubrovnik's UNESCO-protected historic core, ensuring the long-term safeguarding of its cultural monuments. - Vodovod Dubrovnik d.o.o. is a public enterprise in shared ownership between the City of Dubrovnik as the major shareholder and the municipalities of Župa dubrovačka, Dubrovačko primorje, Ston, Mljet, Janjina, and Trpanj, established in 1998 to manage water supply and wastewater services. Its main role is to ensure the reliable delivery of drinking water and the treatment of wastewater across the

		greater Dubrovnik area, supporting the region's tourism-driven economy and environmental sustainability goals.
	Expected timing	The meeting with the local administrative departments will occur during 2026, most realistically during the first and second quarter of 2026
	Key economic sector	Tourism/Manufacturing
	Open to wider participation	YES
	Topic	Implementing C/GPP in communal and heritage restoration tenders, prioritizing sustainable materials.
	Short description	Discussion on circular economy and circularity principles within the GPP, and its implementation of circular criteria within the public procurement tenders; In-person workshop at DURA's Dubrovnik office to train 10 Sanitat, Zavod, and Vodovod representatives on C/GPP for communal and heritage restoration tenders, aligning with the GPP mandate and Respect the City.
	Synergies with other ongoing or existing tools, initiatives, projects or networks	Odluka o provedbi zelene javne nabave (Decision on the Implementation of Green Public Procurement). Gazette: Narodne novine (Official Gazette) No. 137/24 Link: https://narodne-novine.nn.hr/clanci/sluzbeni/2024_11_137_2260.html Effective Date: January 1, 2025 This decision, as you previously shared, mandates that public entities, including local government units and their enterprises (e.g., Dubrovnik Utility Company, Libertas), apply GPP guidelines and tools in public and simplified procurement procedures, per Article 4. It aligns with EU climate and circular economy policies, emphasizing low-carbon products and waste reduction. Croatia's Public Procurement Act (Zakon o javnoj nabavi, Official Gazette 120/16, 114/22), which integrates EU directives (e.g., 2014/24/EU). Link: https://sustainable-procurement.org/eupolicyandlegislation/ Respect the City – Respect the City for a sustainable future of Dubrovnik Respect the City (RTC) is a multidisciplinary strategic destination management project with an action plan. It is comprised of a set of short-term, medium-term and long-term measures and activities focused on Dubrovnik as the leader in sustainable and responsible tourism in the Mediterranean. https://www.dubrovnik.hr/projekti/respect-the-city-postujmo-grad

Capacity building Session 4	Beneficiaries	Cultural institutions of the city of Dubrovnik “Ustanova u kulturi Dom Marina Držića”, “Umjetnička galerija Dubrovnik”, “Dubrovačke knjižnice”, and “Dubrovački muzeji” – 10 participants -Dom Marina Držića is a cultural institution founded by the City of Dubrovnik in 1989, dedicated to preserving the legacy of Marin Držić, Croatia’s renowned Renaissance playwright. Its main role is to promote Držić’s life and works through a theatrical museum, educational programs, and research, offering visitors an immersive experience of 16th-century Dubrovnik. - Umjetnička galerija Dubrovnik is a cultural institution established by the City of Dubrovnik in 1948, dedicated to preserving and showcasing visual arts. Its main role is to manage a collection of over 2,500 artworks, including Croatian and international pieces, and to host exhibitions and educational programs that promote artistic heritage and contemporary creativity in Dubrovnik’s UNESCO-protected context. - Dubrovačke knjižnice is a public cultural institution established by the City of Dubrovnik, operating as the city’s public library system since 1946. Its main role is to provide access to a vast collection of books, digital resources, and archival materials, while promoting literacy, education, and cultural engagement through community programs and events in Dubrovnik. - Dubrovački muzeji is a public cultural institution founded by the City of Dubrovnik in 1872, dedicated to preserving and presenting the city’s rich historical and cultural heritage. Its main role is to manage five key museums, including the Cultural-Historical Museum in the Rector’s Palace and the Maritime Museum, offering exhibitions, research, and educational programs that highlight Dubrovnik’s UNESCO-protected legacy.
	Expected timing	The meeting with the local administrative departments will occur during 2026, most realistically during first and second quarter of 2026
	Key economic sector	Tourism, Construction
	Open to wider participation	YES
	Topic	Crafting C/GPP tenders for cultural institutions, emphasizing eco-friendly materials and services.
	Short description	Discussion on circular economy and circularity principles within the GPP, and its implementation of circular criteria within the public procurement tenders; In-person workshop at DURA’s Dubrovnik office to train 10 cultural institution representatives on C/GPP tenders for eco-friendly materials and services in tourism, aligning with the GPP mandate and Respect the City, planned for 2026.

	Synergies with other ongoing or existing tools, initiatives, projects or networks	Odluka o provedbi zelene javne nabave (Decision on the Implementation of Green Public Procurement). Gazette: Narodne novine (Official Gazette) No. 137/24 Link: https://narodne-novine.nn.hr/clanci/sluzbeni/2024_11_137_2260.html Effective Date: January 1, 2025 This decision, as you previously shared, mandates that public entities, including local government units and their enterprises (e.g., Dubrovnik Utility Company, Libertas), apply GPP guidelines and tools in public and simplified procurement procedures, per Article 4. It aligns with EU climate and circular economy policies, emphasizing low-carbon products and waste reduction. Croatia's Public Procurement Act (Zakon o javnoj nabavi, Official Gazette 120/16, 114/22), which integrates EU directives (e.g., 2014/24/EU). Link: https://sustainable-procurement.org/eupolicyandlegislation/ Respect the City – Respect the City for a sustainable future of Dubrovnik Respect the City (RTC) is a multidisciplinary strategic destination management project with an action plan. It is comprised of a set of short-term, medium-term and long-term measures and activities focused on Dubrovnik as the leader in sustainable and responsible tourism in the Mediterranean. https://www.dubrovnik.hr/projekti/respect-the-city-postujmo-grad
Capacity building Session 5	Beneficiaries	City of Dubrovnik utilities and commercial company "Libertas d.o.o.", "Dubrovnik Development Agency DURA", and "Domouprava Dubrovnik d.o.o." – 10 participants
	Expected timing	The meeting with the local administrative departments will occur during 2026, most realistically during the first quarter of 2026
	Key economic sector	Tourism, Transport, Construction
	Open to wider participation	YES
	Topic	Designing C/GPP, Circularity Models tenders for transport and municipal services, focusing on low-emission solutions.
	Short description	Discussion on circular economy and circularity principles within the GPP, and its implementation of circular criteria within the public procurement tenders; In-person workshop at DURA's Dubrovnik office to train 10 Libertas, DURA, and Domouprava representatives on C/GPP tenders for transport and municipal services, aligning with the GPP mandate and Respect the City, planned for 2026.

	Synergies with other ongoing or existing tools, initiatives, projects or networks	Odluka o provedbi zelene javne nabave (Decision on the Implementation of Green Public Procurement). Gazette: Narodne novine (Official Gazette) No. 137/24 Link: https://narodne-novine.nn.hr/clanci/sluzbeni/2024_11_137_2260.html Effective Date: January 1, 2025 This decision, as you previously shared, mandates that public entities, including local government units and their enterprises (e.g., Dubrovnik Utility Company, Libertas), apply GPP guidelines and tools in public and simplified procurement procedures, per Article 4. It aligns with EU climate and circular economy policies, emphasizing low-carbon products and waste reduction. Croatia's Public Procurement Act (Zakon o javnoj nabavi, Official Gazette 120/16, 114/22), which integrates EU directives (e.g., 2014/24/EU). Link: https://sustainable-procurement.org/eupolicyandlegislation/ Respect the City – Respect the City for a sustainable future of Dubrovnik Respect the City (RTC) is a multidisciplinary strategic destination management project with an action plan. It is comprised of a set of short-term, medium-term and long-term measures and activities focused on Dubrovnik as the leader in sustainable and responsible tourism in the Mediterranean. https://www.dubrovnik.hr/projekti/respect-the-city-postujmo-grad

3.6.4 Peer-to-Peer exchange and Demand-Supply Symposia on C/GPP

In each partner country, at least the following activities will be realised:

- 1 Peer-to-peer event
- 1 Symposium (also aimed at the private sector)
- 1 Dissemination event (also aimed at the private sector)

Initiative	**Peer-to-peer event**
Quantity	1 per country
Target	Decision-makers and public procurers
Beneficiaries	The event will include Administrative Departments from the City of Dubrovnik, City utilities, and commercial companies – 20 participants - Administrative Department for Mayoral Affairs - Administrative Department for Culture, Heritage and Tourism - Administrative Department for Budget, Finance, and Collection - Administrative Department for Education, Sports, Social Welfare, and Civil Society . Administrative Department for Property Management, General and Legal Affairs

	- Administrative department for issuing and implementing spatial planning and construction documents - Administrative Department for Urbanism, Spatial Planning and Environmental Protection - Administrative Department for Municipal Services, Transport, Sea, and Local Self-Government - Administrative department for construction and project management - Administrative Department for European Funds and Economy -Libertas d.o.o. – transportation services -Čistoća d.o.o. – waste management system and cleaning services -Vrtlar d.o.o. – management of horticultural and landscaping services -Sanitat d.o.o. - providing communal services across the Dubrovnik-Neretva County -Vodovod d.o.o. – management of water supply and wastewater services
Expected timing	The meeting with the local administrative departments will occur during 2026, most realistically during period 4-5
Key economic sector	Tourism, Transportation, Construction
Open to wider participation	YES
Short description	In-person peer-to-peer event to facilitate 20 administrative and utility representatives sharing C/GPP, Circular Economy best practices for tourism procurement, aligning with the GPP mandate and Respect the City, planned for 2026. Discussion on circular economy and circularity principles within the GPP, and its implementation of circular criteria within the public procurement tenders
Synergies with other ongoing or existing tools, initiatives, projects, or networks	Odluka o provedbi zelene javne nabave (Decision on the Implementation of Green Public Procurement). Gazette: Narodne novine (Official Gazette) No. 137/24 Link: https://narodne-novine.nn.hr/clanci/sluzbeni/2024_11_137_2260.html Effective Date: January 1, 2025 This decision, as you previously shared, mandates that public entities, including local government units and their enterprises (e.g., Dubrovnik Utility Company, Libertas), apply GPP guidelines and tools in public and simplified procurement procedures, per Article 4. It aligns with EU climate and circular economy policies, emphasizing low-carbon products and waste reduction. Croatia's Public Procurement Act (Zakon o javnoj nabavi, Official Gazette 120/16, 114/22), which integrates EU directives (e.g., 2014/24/EU). Link: https://sustainable-procurement.org/eupolicyandlegislation/ Respect the City – Respect the City for a sustainable future of Dubrovnik Respect the City (RTC) is a multidisciplinary strategic destination management project with an action plan. It is comprised of a set of short-term, medium-term, and long-term measures and activities focused on Dubrovnik as the leader in sustainable and responsible tourism in the Mediterranean. https://www.dubrovnik.hr/projekti/respect-the-city-postujmo-grad

Initiative	**Symposium**
Quantity	1 per country
Target	Decision-maker, public procurers, & Private organizations
Beneficiaries	The event will include Administrative Departments from the City of Dubrovnik, City utilities and commercial companies, and private companies from the area of Dubrovnik – 15 participants -Valamar d.d. - Valamar Dubrovnik is a leading hospitality management company operating several luxury and family-friendly hotels on the Babin Kuk peninsula, offering premium accommodations and services in Dubrovnik's tourism sector. Its main role is to provide high-quality guest experiences through properties like the President Hotel, Valamar Collection, emphasizing sustainable practices and proximity to Dubrovnik's UNESCO-protected Old Town -Event Lab d.o.o. - Event Lab Dubrovnik is a private company based in Dubrovnik, specializing in event management and destination services for corporate and private clients. Its main role is to organize tailored events, including conferences, team-building activities, and weddings, leveraging Dubrovnik's UNESCO-protected setting to deliver memorable experiences with a focus on sustainability and local partnerships. -Transporti Đuraš d.o.o. - is a private transportation company based in Dubrovnik, operating as an obrt (sole proprietorship) under the ownership of Nikša Đuraš. Its main role is to provide passenger transport services, including bus and shuttle operations, primarily for local and regional routes, contributing to Dubrovnik's mobility needs. -Platanus d.o.o. - is a private travel agency based in Dubrovnik, Croatia, established in 1992 as a local destination management company (DMC). Its main role is to provide high-quality transportation services, including airport shuttle buses, private transfers, car and boat rentals, as well as organizing private tours, group travel, and events across Croatia and Europe. -Hotel Lapad - Hotel Lapad d.o.o. is a privately owned, family-operated hospitality company in Dubrovnik, managing a historic 4-star hotel on the Lapad peninsula overlooking Gruz Harbor. Its main role is to provide upscale accommodations with 163 rooms across two wings, blending Victorian heritage with modern amenities, while offering dining, event spaces, and a large outdoor pool to enhance guests' experiences in Dubrovnik's tourism sector. - City of Dubrovnik Administrative Departments, utility and management companies, and cultural sector operatives
Expected timing	The meeting with the local administrative departments will occur during 2026, most realistically during the first quarter of 2026
Key economic sector	Tourism, Construction, Transportation
Open to wider participation	YES
Short description	In-person symposium to engage 15 public and private representatives in discussion on circular economy and circularity principles within the GPP, and its implementation of circular criteria within the public procurement tenders; C/GPP demand-supply dialogue for tourism and

	construction, aligning with the GPP mandate and Respect the City, planned for 2026. To exchange experience between demand and offer in public procurement, with a focus on the circular economy. The events will enable the exchange of experience between demand and offer in public procurement with a focus on the circular economy.
Synergies with other ongoing or existing tools, initiatives, projects or networks	Odluka o provedbi zelene javne nabave (Decision on the Implementation of Green Public Procurement). Gazette: Narodne novine (Official Gazette) No. 137/24 Link: https://narodne-novine.nn.hr/clanci/sluzbeni/2024_11_137_2260.html Effective Date: January 1, 2025 This decision, as you previously shared, mandates that public entities, including local government units and their enterprises (e.g., Dubrovnik Utility Company, Libertas), apply GPP guidelines and tools in public and simplified procurement procedures, per Article 4. It aligns with EU climate and circular economy policies, emphasizing low-carbon products and waste reduction. Croatia's Public Procurement Act (Zakon o javnoj nabavi, Official Gazette 120/16, 114/22), which integrates EU directives (e.g., 2014/24/EU). Link: https://sustainable-procurement.org/eupolicyandlegislation/ Respect the City – Respect the City for a sustainable future of Dubrovnik Respect the City (RTC) is a multidisciplinary strategic destination management project with an action plan. It is comprised of a set of short-term, medium-term, and long-term measures and activities focused on Dubrovnik as the leader in sustainable and responsible tourism in the Mediterranean. https://www.dubrovnik.hr/projekti/respect-the-city-postujmo-grad

Initiative	**Dissemination event**
Quantity	1 per country
Target	Decision-maker, public procurers & Private organizations & other categories
Beneficiaries	The event will include Administrative Departments from the City of Dubrovnik, City utilities and commercial companies, and private companies from the area of Dubrovnik, and all interested citizens. The event will include an invitation to all city departments, companies, and will be published online for all to attend – 20 participants
Expected timing	The meeting with the local administrative departments will occur during 2026, most realistically during the first quarter of 2026
Key economic sector	Tourism/Manufacturing/Construction
Open to wider participation	YES
Short description	In-person dissemination event to discuss on circular economy and circularity principles within the GPP, and its implementation of circular

	criteria within the public procurement tenders; share C/GPP project results with 20 public, private, and citizen participants, promoting tourism and construction solutions, aligning with the GPP mandate and Respect the City, planned for 2026.
Synergies with other ongoing or existing tools, initiatives, projects or networks	Odluka o provedbi zelene javne nabave (Decision on the Implementation of Green Public Procurement). Gazette: Narodne novine (Official Gazette) No. 137/24 Link: https://narodne-novine.nn.hr/clanci/sluzbeni/2024_11_137_2260.html Effective Date: January 1, 2025 This decision, as you previously shared, mandates that public entities, including local government units and their enterprises (e.g., Dubrovnik Utility Company, Libertas), apply GPP guidelines and tools in public and simplified procurement procedures, per Article 4. It aligns with EU climate and circular economy policies, emphasizing low-carbon products and waste reduction. Croatia's Public Procurement Act (Zakon o javnoj nabavi, Official Gazette 120/16, 114/22), which integrates EU directives (e.g., 2014/24/EU). Link: https://sustainable-procurement.org/eupolicyandlegislation/ Respect the City – Respect the City for a sustainable future of Dubrovnik Respect the City (RTC) is a multidisciplinary strategic destination management project with an action plan. It is comprised of a set of short-term, medium-term, and long-term measures and activities focused on Dubrovnik as the leader in sustainable and responsible tourism in the Mediterranean. https://www.dubrovnik.hr/projekti/respect-the-city-postujmo-grad

3.6.5 Pilot action - Nurturing public authorities' technical ability for Circular GPP

At project level, at least **1 set of environmental criteria per key economic sector** will be defined, in collaboration between all the project partners and mainly among the ones selecting the same economic sector. Then, the developed set of criteria will be **tested in at least one tender per country.** Please provide the **preliminary information already available on the pilot testing in your country.**

Initiative	**Environmental Criteria set testing - Pilot action**
Quantity	1 testing tender per country
Target	Decision-makers at the local, regional, and national level & public procurers
Key economic sector chosen at the country level for the pilot action	Tourism/Transportation
Preliminary and functional actions for	Libertas Dubrovnik d.o.o., a City of Dubrovnik-owned public enterprise, operates an ~80-bus public transportation network and has begun

the success of the pilot action	integrating GPP by procuring eco-friendly materials like low-emission vehicle parts, aligning with Croatia's Green Public Procurement mandate effective January 1, 2025 (Official Gazette 137/24, https://narodne-novine.nn.hr/clanci/sluzbeni/2024_11_137_2260.html). As a key public enterprise, Libertas supports Dubrovnik's sustainable mobility goals, with ~5% of its 2024 tenders (1-2 contracts) including green criteria, such as fuel-efficient bus maintenance services. The Dubrovnik Development Agency (DURA) is collaborating with Libertas and Grad Dubrovnik's Procurement Department to initiate a testing phase for CE-PRINCE, planning to design a GPP-compliant tender for an electric bus, ensuring stakeholder engagement and data analysis of Libertas's procurement forecasts.
(if tender-test already identified) Expected testing phase	During the first and second quarters of 2026
(if tender-test already identified) Testing tender short description	Additional meetings will be organised during 2025 in order to clearly define which tender will be tested and how the implementation will be adapted. The criteria will include circularity principles and practices related to your sector

3.7 POLAND - Action Plan for Public Authorities

3.7.1 GPP status

Since 2004, the public procurement system in Poland has undergone significant modernization, adapting to EU law and internal market principles. The key piece of legislation was the Public Procurement Law of 29 January 2004, which has been amended and supplemented many times with sectoral regulations (including those concerning energy efficiency, public transport and the national EMAS system). This framework enabled the inclusion of environmental criteria in tendering procedures, laying the foundations for the development of Green Public Procurement (GPP). Currently, the Public Procurement Law of 2019 is in force, having entered into force on 1 January 2021. The new regulations, adopted in September 2019, introduced significant changes aimed at facilitating the conduct of proceedings, especially in the context of EU directives.

The first National Action Plan for GPP was adopted in the mid-2000s. Its goal was to stimulate the market for environmentally friendly products and technologies by boosting demand from the public sector. The plan emphasized the use of eco-labels, environmental management systems, and life-cycle costing (LCC). Subsequent plans expanded the range of recommended areas – from office equipment to construction, transport, and electromobility.

For a long time, however, GPP implementation in Poland remained voluntary and depended heavily on the initiative of individual contracting authorities. In practice, the lowest-price criterion prevailed, and references to environmental aspects were rare. According to the Public Procurement Office's (PPO) report for 2020, only about 1% of contracts included environmental or innovative criteria, although their value represented around 7% of the procurement market.

Recent data, however, shows gradual improvement. According to the Central Statistical Office's (GUS) "Green Economy Indicators in Poland 2024," the value of green public procurement in 2023 reached PLN 11.9 billion (excl. VAT), representing 4.3% of the total procurement market. Compared to 2016, this was an eleven-fold increase in value and a six-fold increase in the number of contracts. On the other hand, 2023 also brought setbacks – although the number of GPP procedures rose by 22%, their total value dropped by 30.6% year-on-year. This shows that while the overall trend is upward, GPP implementation in Poland is still inconsistent and unstable.

The Public Procurement Office (PPO / UZP – Urząd Zamówień Publicznych) plays a key role in the development of GPP. It operates at the government level. The mission of the Public Procurement Office is to ensure that contractors have access to public procurement on non-discriminatory terms and to ensure the transparency and efficiency of procedures. The central government body responsible for procurement matters is the President of the Office. The President of the Office is supervised by the Minister responsible for the economy. In addition to monitoring and reporting statistics, it conducts extensive educational and promotional activities. The Public Procurement Office website features numerous publications, such as examples of environmental clauses, guidelines on the circular economy in procurement, collections of good practices, studies on eco-labels, an LCC cost repository, guides on GPP regulations, and analyses of construction investments with recommendations for reducing environmental impact.

Two decades after Poland's EU accession, Green Public Procurement has become an important element of procurement policy, though its market share remains limited. The legal and strategic framework is in place, and PPO provides tools and expertise. The main challenge is the widespread and consistent application of environmental criteria across contracting authorities, and overcoming the entrenched

dominance of the lowest-price approach. EU policies and subsequent national action plans indicate, however, that the role of GPP in Poland will continue to grow in the coming years, both as an environmental policy instrument and as a driver of market innovation.

3.7.2 Methodological approach for identifying training needs and planning activities

The activities planned by ARMSA in Mazovia are focused on all sectors indicated in the project, i.e. Agrifood, Construction, Manufacturing, and tourism-related goods and services. The activities will be inaugurated by a symposium, which will take place during a regional event—The Masovia Development Forum. The Forum is a gathering place for representatives of local government units, local authorities, employees of municipalities and districts, representatives of Business Environment Institutions, representatives of schools and universities, representatives of regional companies. This activity will take the form of a debate, in which a project expert will participate – a person with many years of experience in public procurement, including GPP. During this symposium, we will present criteria in public sector tenders and exchange knowledge and experience in the area of Green Public Procurement implementation. This will be followed by a face-to-face meeting with representatives of local and municipal authorities, conducted by experts in the field of Public Procurement. The activity aims to interest participants—decision makers—in the introduction of Green Public Procurement criteria. In addition, on the same day, there will be individual consultations for representatives of local governments, municipalities, cities, and counties with experts, who will support decision makers in resolving doubts and problems and encourage them to apply GPP criteria.

Two meetings are planned to assess political readiness, and five capacity-building sessions with local and regional decision-makers, as described below.

In parallel, peer-to-peer and dissemination events will be held at the regional level. A peer review visit is planned to assess and exchange best practices within the pilot action. The meeting will be a key step in ensuring that the pilot action is in line with our overall objectives and will deliver tangible results in the context of green public procurement. A dissemination meeting (planned online or in person) to disseminate the GPP concepts discussed in the project, as well as the solutions implemented by the partner regions. The meeting will aim to convince participants of the benefits of implementing GPP in the daily tasks performed by local government units and public and private institutions.

A number of activities have been planned for representatives of local government units and other public institutions, aimed at developing competences in the field of GPP and C/GPP. These include:

- Training sessions (capacity-building, in-person and online)

Five training sessions will be held, dedicated to representatives of public authorities. Their main objectives will be to:

- present practical ways of integrating C/GPP principles into procurement
- procedures, inspire contracting authorities to apply environmental instruments tailored to the subject matter of the contract,
- develop competences in the environmental assessment of products and services.

- Meetings with local government representatives

Direct meetings with representatives of local and municipal authorities will be held, led by experts in the field of public procurement. The aim of these activities will be to encourage decision-makers to introduce GPP criteria by presenting:

- economic benefits (building a sustainable and resilient local economy),

- dispelling the myth that GPP equals more expensive procurement,
- opportunities for introducing innovation into local activities,
- examples of effective practical implementations.

- Individual consultations

Representatives of municipalities, counties, and cities will be able to benefit from individual consultations with public procurement experts. The consultations will be focused on practical support in implementing GPP criteria and preparing procurement documentation.

- Subregional meetings

Meetings will be organized in county cities (Siedlce, Radom, or Płock) for representatives of local governments, during which the benefits and conditions of applying C/GPP will be discussed, including:

- current and upcoming regulations,
- potential long-term savings,
- image-related and social benefits,
- examples of applying environmental criteria in practice

3.7.3 Capacity Building to match Circular Economy with Green Public Procurement

In each partner country at least seven initiatives among the following will be realised:

- 2 meetings orienting the political willingness
- 5 capacity building sessions for PA representatives

Initiative		**Meetings orienting the political willingness**
Quantity		2 specific meetings per country
Target		Decision-makers al local, regional and national level
Meeting 1	Beneficiaries	Municipalities and districts in the Masovian Voivodeship and representatives of the Marshal's Offices of other voivodeships Planned number of participants 10
	Expected timing	8 October 2025
	Key economic sector	Goods and services related to manufacturing
	Open to wider participation	Yes
	Short description	Meeting in person with representatives of local and municipal authorities conducted by experts in the field of Public Procurement. The activity aims to interest participants-decision makers in the introduction of Green Public Procurement criteria. We will present the advantages of introducing these criteria and achievable goals in this regard: - creation of sustainable and resilient local economy - reversing the thinking that GPP to expensive procurement - introducing innovation into local actions

	Synergies with other ongoing or existing tools, initiatives, projects or networks	-
Meeting 2	Beneficiaries	Municipalities and districts in the Masovian Voivodeship and representatives of the Marshal's Offices of other voivodeships
	Expected timing	8 October 2025 Planned number of participants 5
	Key economic sector	Agrifood, Construction, Manufacturing and tourism-related goods and services
	Open to wider participation	yes
	Short description	Individual consultations of representatives of local governments, municipalities, cities and counties with experts in the field of Public Procurement, on the implementation of Green Public Procurement. The consultations are aimed at individual support in the implementation of GPP, preparation of procurement proceedings with GPP criteria, and individual support in solving problems encountered during public procurement.
	Synergies with other ongoing or existing tools, initiatives, projects or networks	

Initiative		**Capacity building sessions**
Quantity		5 initiatives per country
Target		Public procurers
1 Capacity building session	Beneficiaries	Representatives of municipalities and districts of the Mazovian and other voivodeships Planned 10 participants
	Expected timing	October 25- October 26
	Key economic sector	Agrifood, Construction, Manufacturing and tourism-related goods and services
	Open to wider	Yes

	participation	
	Topic	Providing practical knowledge on green public procurement (GPP) and its importance in the context of climate policy and sustainable development.
	Short description	Training for representatives of municipalities and districts on: 1. Showing how to effectively implement environmental criteria in public sector tenders. 2. Familiarizing participants with the legal basis, standards and good practices in the field of sustainable procurement. 3. Developing competences in the use of tools supporting the environmental assessment of products and services (e.g. Ecolabels).
	Synergies with other ongoing or existing tools, initiatives, projects or networks	-
2 Capacity building session	Beneficiaries	Representatives of municipalities and districts of the Mazovian and other voivodeships Planned 10 participants
	Expected timing	October 25- October 26
	Key economic sector	Agrifood, Construction, Manufacturing and tourism-related goods and services
	Open to wider participation	Yes
	Topic	Providing practical knowledge on green public procurement (GPP), Circular economy and its importance in the context of climate policy and sustainable development.
	Short description	Training for representatives of municipalities and districts on: 1. Showing how to effectively implement environmental criteria in public sector tenders. 2. Familiarizing participants with the legal basis, standards and good practices in the field of sustainable procurement. 3. Developing competences in the use of tools supporting the environmental assessment of products and services (e.g. Ecolabels).
	Synergies with other ongoing	

	or existing tools, initiatives, projects or networks	
3 Capacity building session	Beneficiaries	Representatives of municipalities, cities and districts of Mazovia Planned 10 participants
	Expected timing	October 25- October 26
	Key economic sector	Agrifood, Construction, Manufacturing and tourism-related goods and services
	Open to wider participation	Yes
	Topic	The purpose of the Training Sessions is to impart knowledge on the introduction of Green Public Procurement criteria in typical C/GPP procurement, to highlight typical problems that may arise during this type of tendering, how to deal with possible problems, but most importantly, the advantages and implementation of the mindset of innovation in procurement used by public bodies.
	Short description	In-person meeting for representatives of cities, including Warsaw, who carry out tasks using public procurement in their daily work.
	Synergies with other ongoing or existing tools, initiatives, projects or networks	
4 Capacity building sessions	Beneficiaries	Representatives of municipalities and districts of the Siedlce or Radom or Płock subregion Planned 10 participants
	Expected timing	October 25- October 26
	Key economic sector	Agrifood, Manufacturing, Construction,
	Open to wider participation	No
	Topic	Main topics: 1. Understanding the basics of C / GPP 2. basic principles of applying criteria in tender documents

		3. basics and regulations in the Public Procurement Law 4. Practical tips to overcome barriers in procurement applied by municipalities and counties
	Short description	In-person meeting for representatives of municipalities and districts of the Siedlce or Radom or Plock sub-region on presentation of benefits and conditions for use of C/GPP in procurements carried out by Local Government Units: ● Highlight current and upcoming regulations ● Highlight savings in the long term ● Public image and social benefits ● Examples of GPP applications
	Synergies with other ongoing or existing tools, initiatives, projects or networks	No
5 Capacity building sessions	Beneficiaries	Representatives of municipalities and districts of the Mazovian and other voivodeships Planned 10 participants
	Expected timing	October 25- October 26
	Key economic sector	Agrifood, Construction, Manufacturing and tourism-related goods and services
	Open to wider participation	Yes
	Topic	Main topics: ✔ Fewer emissions, less waste, better air quality ✔ Lower costs in the long run ✔ More innovation and quality ✔ Support for local eco-businesses ✔ Compliance with EU law and funds ✔ Improved image and real concern for the future
	Short description	An online meeting aimed at familiarizing local governments with the principles of GPP and the circular economy, including a discussion of the scope, advantages, and obstacles to implementing GPP in public procurement carried out by local government units. Examples of the application of GPP criteria will be presented and the national legal framework for GPP will be discussed. The numerous environmental, economic, social, and image benefits for local governments and communities will be discussed. A discussion will be held with participants on practical forms of application, problems encountered, and

		challenges related to the circular economy in the local government units represented.
	Synergies with other ongoing or existing tools, initiatives, projects or networks	No

3.7.4 Peer-to-Peer exchange and Demand-Supply Symposia on C/GPP

In each partner country, at least the following activities will be realised:

- 1 Peer-to-peer event
- 1 Symposium (also aimed at the private sector)
- 1 Dissemination event (also aimed at the private sector)

Initiative	**Peer-to-peer event**
Quantity	1 per country
Target	Decision-makers and public procurers
Beneficiaries	The team working on the order constituting a pilot action of the project and representatives of good practice activities in partner`s regions.
Expected timing	2Q 2026
Key economic sector	Manufacturing
Open to wider participation	No
Short description	A peer review visit is planned to evaluate and share best practices in the pilot action. The meeting will be a key step in ensuring that the pilot action is in line with our overall goals and will produce tangible results in the context of Green Public Procurement. The visit will focus on: • Assessing the implementation process . • Identifying strengths and challenges that may be encountered during implementation. • Sharing best practices among project partners. • Receiving feedback from partners to improve current and future activities.
Synergies with other ongoing or existing tools, initiatives, projects or networks	

Initiative	**Symposium**
Quantity	1 per country
Target	Decision-maker, public procurers & Private organizations
Beneficiaries	Representatives of public administration, institutions, decision-makers, SME`s,
Expected timing	8 October 2025
Key economic sector	Agrifood, Construction, Manufacturing and tourism-related goods and services
Open to wider participation	Yes
Short description	The symposium will take place during a regional event- The Masovia Development Forum. The Forum is a key event that places the role of the European Union and EU funds in shaping modern, dynamic regions at the forefront. For 15 years, organized by the Masovian Unit for the Implementation of EU Programs and co-created by partners, beneficiaries and institutions implementing projects, the forum is a unique space for exchanging experiences, knowledge and best practices. The Forum is a gathering place for representatives of local government units, local authorities, employees of municipalities and districts, representatives of Business Environment Institutions, representatives of schools and universities, representatives of regional companies. This year's Forum will also bring together representatives of authorities and units of local self-government from other regions of Poland, which will enable the exchange of knowledge and experience between pre-representatives of the provinces. During the Forum, we have planned a symposium in the form of a debate. It will be one of the 5 main points of the Forum. The debate will take place on the main stage of the event. Debate title: There is no future without tradition in the era of Industry 5.0. The debate will combine elements of traditional craftsmanship, innovation and the challenges of today's world, in order to build socially responsible, sustainable development models, including the use of knowledge and experience in the area of implementation of Green Public Procurement. During this symposium we will show criteria in public sector tenders and the exchange of knowledge and experience in the area of implementation of Green Public Procurement will take place.
Synergies with other ongoing or existing tools, initiatives, projects or networks	-

Initiative	**Dissemination event**
Quantity	1 per country

Target	Decision-maker, public procurers & Private organizations & other categories
Beneficiaries	Representatives of municipalities and districts of the Mazovian Voivodeship, as well as representatives of Business Environment Institutions, SME and public and private institutions
Expected timing	2-3Q 2026
Key economic sector	Agrifood, Construction, Manufacturing and tourism-related goods and services
Open to wider participation	Yes
Short description	A meeting (online or in-person) aimed at disseminating the GPP concepts discussed in the project, as well as the solutions implemented by partner regions. The meeting will aim to reassure participants about the benefits of implementing GPP into the daily tasks performed by local government units and public and private institutions.
Synergies with other ongoing or existing tools, initiatives, projects or networks	-

3.7.5 Pilot action - Nurturing public authorities' technical ability for Circular GPP

At project level, at least **1 set of environmental criteria per key economic sector** will be defined, in collaboration between all the project partners and mainly among the ones selecting the same economic sector. Then, the developed set of criteria will be **tested in at least one tender per country.** Please provide the **preliminary information already available on the pilot testing in your country.**

Initiative	**Environmental Criteria set testing - Pilot action**
Quantity	1 testing tender per country
Target	Decision-makers at local, regional and national level & public procurers
Key economic sector chosen at country level for the pilot action	Manufacturing
Expected testing phase	Q2/Q3 2026
Testing tender short description (if already identified)	The subject of the tender will be the production, delivery and assembly of office furniture for voivodeship's self-government organizational units. The value of the tender will most likely be about 200k euros.

4 Annex 1. Generic scheme for reference of the capacity building activities for PA

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Action type	**Objective**	**Target Group**	**Min. number of implementation**	**Reach**	**Ref Activity number of the Project**	**Ref. activity responsible of the Project**
Practical Laboratories	Improve skills on how to read EU and National GPP criteria with a circular lens, how to structure a GPP public tender and how to evaluate offers in term of circularity	Stakeholders within Pas	1 set of environmental criteria per project country	All PPs and their PAs	A2.2	CCIS
Training Session	C/GPP criteria and requirements	Public procurers	min. 5 per country among these types	200 at project level (between public procurers and decision-makers)	A2.3	ARMSA
Training Session	C/GPP on tender templates	Public procurers			A2.3	ARMSA
Training sessions	how to communicate to citizens and private organizations' stakeholders the achieved benefits	Public procurers			A2.3	ARMSA
Discussion forum	Exchange of experiences	Public procurers			A2.3	ARMSA
Webinar	Improve/adopt a monitoring system on C/GPP implementation	Public procurers + decision-makers			A2.3	ARMSA
Peer to Peer exchange	Exchange of experiences among PAs Exchange of experience among producers	Public stakeholders Private stakeholders	min. 1 per country	300 at project level	A.2.4	Erinet
Symposium	Exchange of experiences + story-telling to build and improve ideas to provide innovative practical perspectives	Public procurers + decision-makers + private companies	min. 1 per country		A.2.4	Erinet
Dissemination event	Awareness and advocacy on C/GPP topics and willingness to implement GPP	Decision-makers	min. 1 per country		A.2.4	Erinet