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Output number (O.xx)	O.1.1	**Output title**	Transnational Strategy for Circular Green Public Procurement in Central Europe			
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Summary description of the output

Pleasepresentthe outputbyaddressingthefollowing topics.

Territorial challenges and needs in the regions specifically addressed by the output
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The transnational strategy addresses different C/GPP regulatory and implementation contexts across partners territories, by setting common objectives while allowing locally adaptable solutions. Italy has mandatory environmental criteria (CAM) but needs stronger impact monitoring; Austria faces regional coordination needs; Germany's decentralised system makes standardization difficult; Slovenia faces implementation and administrative hurdles; Hungary lacks robust GPP monitoring; Croatia needs broader uptake beyond central procurement; and Poland shows uneven voluntary adoption. The strategy thus supports balanced C/GPP uptake across these territories, considering both public and private sector needs, to contribute to the creation of an economic system more founded on circular economy processes.

Main aim(s) of the output and how it contributes to tackle the identified challenge(s)
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The transnational strategy defines a common framework of objectives and priorities to strenghten C/GPP at policy and operational level across territories with different regulatory frameworks, implementation practices and capacities. Specifically, it aims to align public procurement practices with circular economy goals and supports enterprises in adapting to C/GPP requirements. By translating shared barriers, drivers and opportunities into strategic and specific objectives, it guides the subsequent public and private sector Action Plans.

Technical description of the output (e.g. scope, main features, innovative elements etc.)
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The transnational strategy is a document structured in 5 main sections. It starts with an introduction (Section 1) describing the circular economy and GPP in EU and introducing the CE-PRINCE project framework.
Section 2 describes the Context, research data and analysis upon which the Strategy is built: it provides an overview of the EU policies supporting GPP and the national directives on GPP applications in project countries (2.1). Main barriers, drivers and opportunities to GPP implementation are also reported at regional level based on the initial assessment conducted at the early stage of the project (2.2). Finally, main economic features of the four economic sectors prioritized by the partnership are summarized focusing on their potential about circularity, green transition, GPP and environmental criteria.
Section 3 defines the 3 main strategic objectives for enhancing alignment and adaptation to GPP. They are general and overarching objectives representing the foundation for outlining the specific objectives tailored separately for the public and the private sector. Such specific objectives are defined in Section 4 in a table encompassing all previous elements (barriers, drivers, opportunities, and general objectives), and serve as actionable steps of the strategic objectives.
Finally, Section 5 introduces contents of the future action plans (one for public, one for private) as well as describes the synergies with other project, initiatives and networks to maximize the project impact.

Involvement of target groups during output development and/or implementation
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The Strategy builds on the Initial Assessment, involving 232 public administrations and 398 private enterprise and SMEs through surveys, complemented by one-to-one interviews with PAs and private SMEs in each country. Local, regional and national authorities, SMEs and enterprises thus informed the identification of barriers, drivers and priorities. The first Sterategy draft was then shared with the 24-members of Advisory Board, including public authorities, sectoral Agencies, research organisation and other experts, whose feedback and inputs supported its finalization.

Cooperation dimension of the output, i.e. joint development within the partnership and, if applicable, joint implementation (see output indicator definitions in chapter I.3.3 and Annex 2 of the programme manual)
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The transnational strategy has been jointly developed through a trasnational cooperation involving all project partners as well as the international experts in the advisory boards. It was an interactive process started from Regione Liguria (RL) with the design of a detailed outline of the sections and their main contents (Del. 1.2.1), and the consequent development of the first draft of the strategy, which was shared among PPs for their inputs and comments. The first complete draft was then sent to the Advisory Board members for collecting their thorough feedbacks and inputs. Once back, the strategy was revised by RL and shared with PPs in a second round of internal revisions, before its finalization.

Results - expected change and lasting effects in the territories generated specifically by the output, its uptake by relevant organisations and benefits for target groups
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The Transnational Strategy (TS) contributes to the improvement of circular economy policies and practices related to public procurement.
Strengthening the cooperation between public and private sector, the TS supports the enhancement of knowledge on C/GPP barriers and potential across central Europe; it paves the way to a concrete change of behaviour in terms of practices both at policy and at operational level. Its implementation in the participating regions will contribute to the spread of a new vision on the Circular GPP levers to force in order to accelerate the transition to a greener economy across Central Europe.
Beyond partnership and thanks to the Advisory Board, the approach has resonance within European networks, definitely widespread knowledge transfer at different levels.

Ownership and durability of the output after the project end, considering financial and institutional support including, if applicable, maintenance
(max. 700 characters)

Being jointly developed, the Transnational Strategy belongs to all Project Partners and it may hold validity until the background information on national context remain the same and strategic and specific objectives are reached. The document is uploaded and made available on the project website, which will be online after the project end.

Transferability of the output to other territories, sectors or target groups and planned measures for supporting such transfer
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The Transnational Strategy is specifically defined based on the Central Europe project countries' context related to circular economy practices and GPP regulation. However, it can be transferred to other European areas as knowledge exchange and inspiration for actions on the same topics. Because circular economy and GPP potentially apply across all economic sectors, the Strategy can be transferred and referenced to for taking actions towards enhancing circularity and GPP. The communication strategy of CE-PRINCE project aims at disseminating the Strategy across all stakeholders and the international networks it is building, also aided by the international high-level connections of Advisory Board members.

Related final deliverable(s) (Number(s) and title(s) to be included)	D.1.1.1 Public Sector C/GPP Initial Assessment D.1.1.2 Private Sector C/GPP Initial Assessment D.1.2.1 Summary of contents of the Transnational Strategy for Circular GPP in Central Europe D.1.3.2 AB recommendations (to be included in the Transnational Strategy and Action Plan for G/GPP) D.2.1.1 Action Plan to improve PA circularity D.3.1.1 Action Plan to improve enterprises circularity
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