

## ABOUT the CircPro project

CircPro (Smart Circular Procurement) is an Interreg Europe programme funded project that aims at promoting the transition to a more circular economy by increasing the implementation of circular public procurement. The partnership consists of 11 partners from 10 regions.



## Project Phase 1 finalised and good results achieved

The CircPro project partners have now finalised Phase 1 implementation and are entering into Phase 2.

The project resulted with:

- 70 policy learning events
- 21 good practices
- 79 persons with increased professional capacity due to their participation in interregional cooperation activities
- 10 Action Plans
- 10 Regional Guidebooks on circular procurement
- 10 Policy briefs
- 51 appearances in media

The second phase of the project will be devoted to the implementation of the regional action plans and will last until 31.5.2023.

## New good practices identified

A good practice is defined as an initiative (e.g. project, process, technique) that has proved to be successful in a region and which is of potential interest to other regions. The CircPro project partners have identified 21 good practices from the partnership regions that could boost the implementation of circular procurement.

**Read more: [21 Good Practices identified by CircPro partners | Interreg Europe](#)**



## Learn on circular public procurement with CircPro regional guidebooks

To tackle the challenges related to the implementation of circular public procurement (CPP), the project partners have developed regional guidebooks on CPP for all ten CircPro partner regions.

The guidebooks provide general and country-/region- specific overview and support materials on circular procurement procedures and practices for policy-makers, procurers and suppliers. The aim is to raise the awareness of the regional stakeholders regarding CPP and provide them with tools and suggestions on how to implement CPP effectively and efficiently.

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## The Joint Secretariat of the Interreg Europe programme has validated all ten CircPro action plans

Action Plan is one of the most important outputs of the project providing details on how the lessons learnt from the cooperation will be implemented to improve the policy instrument addressed within the partner region. It specifies the nature of the actions to be implemented, their timeframe, the stakeholders involved, the costs and funding sources as well as the way the actions derive from the project.

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## Wood strategy for Elverum municipality

Elverum municipality focuses on circular economy in its purchases, and the building sector is one of the largest in the municipality's investment program. Wood construction responds to general objectives in terms of sustainability, circularity, and the environment.

Elverum municipality has worked actively to increase the use of wood in construction projects since 2006 where the policy was described in a guide. Over the past year, the guide has become a strategy for how the municipality should work actively to increase the use of wood in buildings. The municipal council adopted the new strategy on 26 May 2021.

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## National waste management plan for Bulgaria

Decisions for reforms and investments for the transition to a circular and innovative economy, made now, will determine Bulgaria's development for the decades to come. It is therefore important that all expertise and resources are used to make the necessary changes.

A major step in this direction was taken in June when the Government adopted the new National Waste Management Plan 2021-2028.

## The Competence Centre for Sustainable Procurement has been established in Lithuania

An important step has been taken to promote green public procurement and improve the framework for it in Lithuania this year. The Competence Centre for Sustainable Procurement has been established with a mission to seek closer cooperation with involved actors, inviting them not only to ask questions but also to seek answers, discuss and learn together.

The Competence Centre will have an important role to play in promoting green public procurement, enhancing the competencies of contracting authorities and entities, monitoring progress in green public procurement, systematising information, ensuring adequate consultation and training.

A similar network-based Competence Centre for Sustainable and Innovative Public Procurement KEINO has been operating in Finland since 2018. The centre aims at increasing the number of innovative and sustainable procurements in Finland, recognising and using public procurement as a management tool, disseminating information and good practices related to sustainable procurement.

More on the situation of the green and circular public procurement in Lithuania [here](#).

## Season's greetings from the CircPro project

The CircPro project team would like to thank you for our fruitful cooperation during the past year.

We wish you a merry time during the holidays and all the best for the new year!



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