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They say that writing a blog is a kind of personal diary or narrative, and in a broader sense, an informative website that displays content and information in a certain chronological order, which the author shares with readers. Well, let's get started...

Today, with my first blog, I want to announce a multi-year cooperation in the international Interreg project named **PLASTIX**, where we will carry out our activities until 2027.

Let's look at the retrospective of 10 months of project work so far.

In March 2023, the project idea started to unfold, and the project activities started to rain. Don't get me wrong, it's great, because it's about activities through which partners get to know each other, it connects us, enrich our experiences, creates the link between our mission and the region and so much more.

Meetings in the Teams application is our monthly partner common point, with intermediate presentations of various applications developed for the needs of the project and the use of which will add value to the project. Our work is currently published on several social channels such as [LinkedIn](#) [PLASTIX LinkedIn](#) X (formerly Twitter) [@PLASTIX_project](#), websites of partners (e.g. our [Webpage Development agency SAŠA](#)) and the project website [Plastix website](#).

Working on the project is great. Learning about the plastics sector is something that really fascinates me. Plastic is embedded in every part of our lives, and this important fact can be easily abused, with irreversible consequences. What attracts me the most about the project are the OSDD, or in the vernacular partner visits.

In June, we had the first OSDD, which was hosted by our main partner The Baltic Institute of Finland from Tampere and one of the partners The Council of Tampere Region, which also comes from Finland.

Yupiii, I visited Finland, the land of a thousand lakes, in the summer, at that time the sun was shining even at night. 😊



The same as the lead partner, we and our Slovene partner Faculty of Environmental Protection and also each of the project partners will have the opportunity to host the other partners and their invited guests from 6 European regions (Catalonia, Fryslân, Lombardy, Savinja-Šalek Region, Tampere and Värmland). The visit itself is not to be taken lightly, as it is a very busy two days, during which the visiting region is presented with interesting representatives of the local plastic sector, such as businessmen, stakeholders, and other interested public. It is about exchanging skills, knowledge, strengthening company ties, networking, connecting with potential international partners, international visibility and sharing good practices.



But before I reveal how it was in November at the second OSDD in Catalonia (Spain), I would like to dedicate a few lines to the August floods, which left behind the devastation of the Upper Savinja Valley.

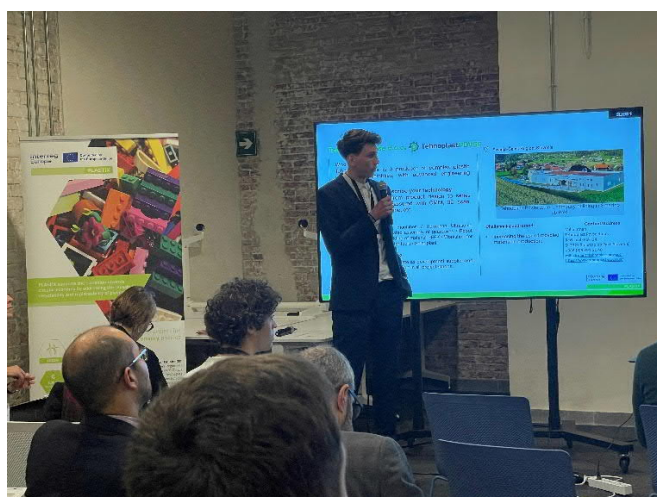
After the unimaginable floods (storms, floods, and landslides) that devastated the Upper Savinja Valley, including Nazarje, where our agency has business premises, will take a long time to restore the valley. The dimension of the heavy rainfall reveals over and over again. Nature itself, the local population, the economy, as well as many tourist providers and caterers suffered damage.



Waste material, gravel, silt, and plastic were cleaned after the floods by hundreds of volunteers in immense cleaning campaigns, and finally by concessionaires, and incentives from the state will also help.



A few more words about the second OSDD in Catalonia, where the project partners met in Barcelona. In addition to the already planned project activities, we recorded content for the first video clip, the State-of-play report in the plastics sector with an emphasis on the PLASTIX regions was presented, we visited a company that deals with chemical recycling and saw the largest supercomputer in Europe. Together with us and the Faculty of Environmental Protection, Miha Irman, a representative of Tehnoplast Povše d.o.o., attended the visit as our guest. In a short presentation, he presented the activity, operation of the company and their goals for the future.



More about the preparations for the third OSDD, which we are hosting in Velenje, in the next blog. 😊

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