

## SPP Regional Network – Implementation Plan

### General information

**Name of the Network:** GPP Salento NET

**Region:** Apulia Region

**Country:** Italy

**Kind of participants:** 11 Municipalities + 1 support team

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### 1. Background

Puglia Region was among the first Italian regions to enact a law for GPP: L.R. n. 23/2006 "regional regulations for the promotion of ecological public procurement and for the introduction of environmental aspects in the procurement procedures for public administration".

In particular, the application of the law concerns:

- Region;
- Provinces;
- Municipalities;
- Companies with mainly public capital invested;
- Public service concessionaires;

The Department of ecology clarifies that, with reference to the other subjects indicated by the law, it is easy to immediately identify which recipients of the prescriptions contained in the law also:

- Local Health Authorities;
- Regional Agencies;
- Instrumental bodies of the Region, Provinces and Municipalities, Mountain Communities;
- Regional park organizations.

### 2. Framework (short description of the network)

"GPP Salento network", created in 2016, is made up of 11 municipalities that drew up a "Local GPP implementation plan", supported by a consulting team, "GPP Salento".

From 2012, every municipality individually started the implementation of Green Public Procurement in its policies.

After a trial period, they achieved their first goals. In fact, in 2015, Municipality of Collepasso won the "GPP Policy Award" in "BuyGreen Forum", in Rome. Municipalities of Melpignano and Salve won the European "Green ProcA" award for implementing good practices for the CO2 reduction.

In 2016, Municipalities of Carpignano, Aradeo and Melissano won the "GPP Policy Award", too.

### **3. Overall objectives and targets (vision, mission, goals)**

In the last months, all network members took a common way, to achieve more important goals. They started working together for:

- Improving sustainability criteria;
- Creating buying groups, to purchase products and services at better prices;
- Activating training meetings and workshops;
- Favouring the mix-up of good practices between members;
- Creating working groups on specific topics such as on monitoring and implementation of systems calculating and monitoring CO2/energy savings.

### **4. Networking and capacity building activities**

In order to pursue the project's objectives, the following activities will be realized:  
organization of training and updating seminars for municipal administrators and employees.

The meetings will have the goal of:

- raise awareness on public procurement in policies for the Green Economy and for the achievement of European Strategies' target;
- transferring updates and news to the participants on the political and regulatory framework for the implementation of green public procurement;
- define the conditions for the systematic introduction of GPP within the administration procedures.
- networking activities, strategic for the project, in order to create links and collaborations with other projects that are funded by the EU and which address the issues of the GPP.

The planned networking activities are divided into three categories:

- exchange of information on actions and project results through various online media such as newsletters, websites and social media;
- technical cooperation between the players of GPP Salento Net and other European stakeholders on specific topics regarding GPP;
- joint awareness-raising activities on GPP.

### **5. Dissemination activities**

The foreseen activities are:

- realization of the "gppsalento net" website, an information portal on the project, which will gather all the materials related to the meetings, news and updates regarding the GPP, best practices mash up, etc.;
- Creation of the "gppsalento net" facebook page;
- Launch of "gppsalento net" newsletter.

#### ***6. Monitoring and reporting of results (optional)***

The support team will try to implement a monitoring system, establishing internal audit procedures for checking compliance with GPP criteria in next contracts for services. Moreover, a database collecting all “green” contracts for services will be created.

#### ***7. Financing***

All activities will be realized for free by the “GPP Salento” team. The municipalities will provide the locations for seminars and meetings.