

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Map of Networking Activities

### GPPbest - Best practices exchange and strategic tools for GPP LIFE14 GIE/IT/000812

#### *Action D.4 Networking with other LIFE and/or non-LIFE projects*

#### I) Purpose and description

The Map of Networking Activities describes the networking activities deployed annually within GPPbest project in order to liaise and feed with/to other EU funded projects, which tackle GPP topics. The current Map describes the networking activities realized during 2017.

The starting point of the Map is represented by the Plan of Networking activities realized within Action D.4 that aims to support the communication concerning GPPbest towards targeted EU GPP stakeholders, foster the exchange of GPP good practices between GPPbest actors and other EU stakeholders and ensure GPPbest activities replication by other target groups and in other regional/ national contexts. The Map represents the main annual evaluation tool of the Plan of Networking activities.

The networking activities deployed in 2017 can be divided in two categories:

- > technical cooperation between GPPbest actors and other EU stakeholders on specific GPP relevant topics;
- > joint awareness raising initiatives tackling GPP topics.

#### II) Description of the realized networking actions

##### Organization of the webinar “Celebrating 25 years of LIFE support for GPP”

The webinar has been organized within the GPPbest context on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2017 to mark the 25th Anniversary of the LIFE Programme and of the Habitats Directive. It specifically aimed to celebrate the support that LIFE programme offered in the last two decades for the dissemination and deployment of GPP and to:

- facilitate the exchange of information and tools across the most significant GPP projects funded by the LIFE programme;
- encourage synergies among the GPP LIFE initiatives, their replicability and sustainability;

- create a EU space of debate and dialogue across the representative GPP LIFE stakeholders to favor future joint actions;
- promote LIFE support for GPP practices beyond the experts and stakeholders environments, to the general public.

The webinar benefited from the support of the LIFE National Contact Points from Italy and Romania and has been promoted on the [EU website](#) created with the occasion of the celebration. All the institutional actors from GPPbest attended the webinar and presented their experiences within the project.

The agenda of the event is presented below:

09.30 – 10.00 *Online registration of participants*

10.00 – 10.15 *Welcome from moderator and from Regione Basilicata, GPPbest project coordinator*

10.15 – 10.25 **GPPnet – GPPinfoNET - GPPbest experiences in promoting GPP through LIFE programme support** (*Livia Mazzà, GPP expert, Fondazione Ecosistemi*)

10.25 – 10.35 **How LIFE programme supports regional GPP policies? Learning from GPPinfoNET and GPPbest experiences** (*Gianluca Cocco, Region Sardegna*)

10.35 – 10.45 **Advancing GPP experiences through LIFE. PROMISE and GPPinfoNET experiences** (*Maria Pina Egidi, Region Lazio*)

10.45 – 11.00 *Q & A, thoughts and ideas from the participants ...*

11.00 – 11.10 **SPP Building experience in promoting GPP through LIFE programme support** (*Paula Trindade, LNEG Portugal*)

11.10 – 11.20 **GPPbest impact on Romanian GPP policies** (*Marisanda Piriianu, Romanian Ministry of Environment*)

11.20 – 11.30 **FUTURE - Sustainable Urban FURNiTURE experience in promoting GPP through LIFE** (*Enrique Moliner Santisteve, AIMPLAS Spain*)

11.30 – 11.50 *Q & A, thoughts and ideas from the participants ...*

11.50 – 12.00 *Conclusive remarks, Enrico De Giorgis DG Environment, European Commission*

The online conference was attended by 23 participants – representing NGOs, public authorities, universities, companies - and successfully contributed in reaching GPPbest project networking purposes:

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### Follow up of contacts with the main EU GPP projects and initiatives

On 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017, GPPbest partners – Vincenzo Telesca on behalf of Regione Basilicata and Ana-Maria Paladus on behalf of Fondazione Ecosistemi – attended the event “**LIFE Environmental Governance and Information training**” organized by the Hungarian Ministry of Agriculture in Budapest within the LIFE14 CAP/HU/000010 – LIFEcapHUN project. Within the conference, GPPbest objectives, actions and main achievements have been presented by Ana-Maria Paladus, whereas Vincenzo Telesca presented GPPbest experiences and challenges for a regional authority. Specific networking activities have been realized within this event with other LIFE projects that also presented their experiences: **LIFE in FORESTS** (WWF), **FIRELIFE** and **FOODWASTE** (NÉBIH Forestry Directorate).

GPPbest has been significantly promoted within the Horizon 2020 project „**UrbanWINS - Urban metabolism accounts for building waste management innovative networks and strategies**” implemented between 2016 – 2019 by Comune di Cremona in partnership with 26 partners from Italy, Romania, Austria, Sweden, Portugal and Spain. Fondazione Ecosistemi has the role of technical coordinator in the project and ensures the feed of GPPbest approaches into UrbanWINS, as GPP represents a key tool for the optimization of waste prevention and management policies. Within UrbanWINS, 8 pilot cities across Europe will implement in 2018 – 2019 a set of waste optimization actions decided together with their citizens and stakeholders. In Bucharest, one of the 8 pilot cities of UrbanWINS, an action promoted by Ecosistemi and the Romanian Ministry of Environment is represented by the creation of a Regional network of contracting authorities that practice GPP tenders to minimize waste generation. Such a tool will significantly support the implementation of GPPbest B5 action of the Ministry related to the GPP National Action Plan.

In the context of INTERREG Europe **GPP4Growth** project, Region Lombardia will interview in January 2018 the GPPbest regions to exchange GPP experiences and approaches. During 2017, main contacts between the two project representatives were established through the participation in the Forum CompraVerde-BuyGreen (Rome 12-13 October 2017).

In 2017, follow up contacts with **GRASPINNO**, Interreg MED funded project, have been realized. The project is coordinated by the University of Patras, Greece. Starting October 2016, Ecosistemi is involved in the implementation of the Interreg MED horizontal project SYNGGI that aims to harmonize the technical results of the projects funded under Axis 1 of Interreg MED, « Green growth ». GRASPINNO, launched in October 2016, is one of these projects that aims to provide innovative green procurement solutions for energy savings/efficient refurbishment of public buildings, focusing on smart cities and communities. In 2017, GRASPINNO project representatives were invited to attend the webinar “Celebrating 25 years of LIFE support for GPP” organized in May 2017 by Ecosistemi within GPPbest project. Moreover, GRASPINNO has been invited to attend the GPPbest regional exchange session organized within the Forum CompraVerde – BuyGreen in October 2017. One of the partners, Comunità Montana Alto Basento, will also be involved in the activities to be carried out in Region Basilicata (B3).

### Promoting GPPbest in EU GPP networking events

During 2017, GPPbest has been disseminated to a large palette of relevant EU stakeholders in order to establish complementary channels for the networking activities. One of the key events was the **Forum CompraVerde–BuyGreen**, co-organized in Rome by Ecosistemi on 12 and 13 October 2017. Within GPPbest context, a workshop for the comparison and exchange of EU experiences was organized during the first day of the Forum. The workshop has been attended by a heterogeneous group of 10 participants, representing various GPP projects and initiatives funded by EU programmes - Life, Horizon 2020, Interreg Europe, Interreg MED.

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This heterogeneity of the group enabled valorizing exchanges of experiences among the participants. The main conclusions and outcomes of the workshop include:

- the unique situation of Italy compared to the rest of Europe in terms of mandatory GPP requirements for goods and services identified within the National Action Plan;
- Italian regions, as shown by the experiences of Lazio and Sardegna have been active in the design of policies and plans for GPP, with sectoral focuses (protected areas in Lazio; agriculture and building in Sardinia) and with significant efforts put on awareness raising activities;
- several projects and organizations are trying to focus on the exchange of experiences and best practices (e.g. Region Lombardia with GPP4Growth; ICLEI running the Procura+ network besides many EU projects);
- partners of the GRASPINNO project (University of Patras and Terre di Siena Lab) have developed a platform for supporting PAs in the preparation of e-tenders and tools for supporting the implementation of GPP practices, in particular a Life Cycle Costing (LCC) tool which they would like to promote and disseminate;
- the University of Lodz is willing to participate in international projects and partnerships bringing in its experience in the GPP research & training fields.

