

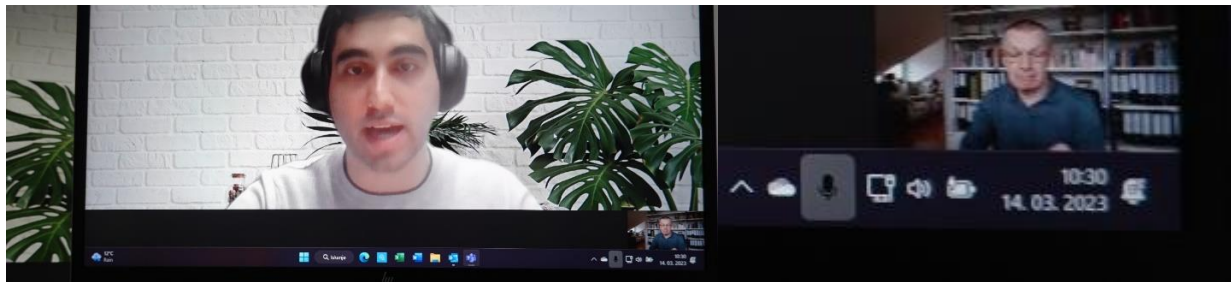


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RElevant Audience Plan Leading to Awareness Network for Circular Economy Use of Recycled TYre materials in city LIFE

Action B3: GPP Guidelines and Implementation of procurements

Minutes of the meeting in virtual format, March 14th, 2023



On Tuesday, March 14th, 2023, at 10:30 a.m., José Lucas Masero, **ITeC**, Institut de Tecnologia de la Construcció de Catalunya, Barcelona, Spain, called a meeting in virtual format for the project activity: **Action B3: GPP Guidelines and Implementation of procurements**. Jože Jenšterle, Secretary General of **IASLIM**, International Association of Sport and Leisure Infrastructure Management, Kranj, Slovenia, participated the meeting.

The main goal of the meeting was to: (1) **review of information** obtained since the last meeting on 20/02/2023 and (2) **creation of proposals** for project partners at working group meetings at the ETRA Conference in Brussels on 28/03/2023.

Review of information

Jože Jenšterle reported that they contacted **experts from various fields** of public procurement, preparation and implementation of investments using "green" ecological criteria and sports infrastructure management.

The Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning and the Ministry of Public Administration, which are responsible for GPP Green Public Procurement in the country, have not yet prepared **the NAP National Strategy on GPP or Action Plan**, despite the fact that there was a political statement on the preparation of the NAP National Strategy on GPP, adopted on May 21th 2009.



Managers of sports centers, who also manage facilities and surfaces that use RTMs materials from recycled tires, said that when preparing investments and building facilities, they use **general legislation on the construction of facilities**, without criteria that are particularly characteristic of GPP.

IASLIM contacted experts in the field of public procurement and invited them to participate in gathering information on the procedures for creating and adopting **legislation at the national level and regulations at the local level**.

José Lucas Masero suggested that the information be prepared for the working group meetings in Brussels. The emphasis should be on the **summary and criteria for green public procurement**, with an emphasis on guidelines and certification codes for the materials / products from RTMs. He would like to have a draft report before the meetings in Brussels.

José Lucas Masero presented information on the **legislation and GPP criteria** by countries covered by the project: Spain (6 laws, 4 GPP criteria), France (law), Poland (law), Italy (the Ecosistemi organization collects data), Greece (law) and Slovenia (no data).

Creation of proposals

1. Project partners should **include other organizations in the Re-Plan City Life project information data base**: European Commission directorates, state ministries, local municipalities, universities, research institutions and sport organizations.
2. For more effective (innovative) solutions that we will propose to the European Commission, we need to include in the project information, good practices and effective legislation from **other countries** (United States, Canada, Japan, Brazil, China, ...).
3. Project partners must present the consequences of the adoption of the European directive banning the use of materials and products from recycled tires in the project conclusions:
 - Large quantities of used car tires pose a serious threat to environmental protection.
 - **The ban on the use of materials and products from RTMs** must be justified by the use of other materials that are of better quality, more ecological (for example lower carbon footprints), pose less health risks and can be produced in sufficient quantities at an appropriate price. A comparison between cork and recycled rubber should be presented.
 - Sports organizations and local communities must be aware of the **changed criteria for the construction** of sports and leisure facilities. They must be included in the formulation of policies and the adoption of criteria for the construction of sports and other infrastructure.



4. The European Commission should call for **additional research areas** and allocate **suitable financial resources** to the research of innovative, more ecological and less health-hazardous materials from recycled rubber.
5. The European Commission (Directorate) should assess the needs and possibilities for organizing an **international conference on the use of materials from recycled tires** in the construction of transport infrastructure, concrete and building, urban and street furniture, sport and leisure infrastructure. Project coordinator ETRA and partners can assist in preparing the conference.
Possible locations for organizing the conference:
 - Smart City Expo in Barcelona, Spain
 - Restructura Fair in Torino, Italy
 - Forum Compraverde Buygreen in Rome, Italy
 - IAKS Congres and fair in Cologne, Germany
 - ETRA Conference in Brussels, Belgium.

Both organizations will continue preparations for the working group meetings in Brussels at the end of March.

The minutes of the meeting were prepared by Jože Jenšterle.

