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## general introduction

GRASPINNO project is co-funded by the European Union through the Interreg MED programme 2014-2020 in the framework of the first call proposals for modular projects, priority axis 1.1.

The project, started in November 2016, is aimed at increasing transnational activities of innovative clusters and networks of key sectors of the MED area under the Community of Green Growth.

The project also seeks to provide innovative green procurement solutions for energy savings/efficient refurbishment of public buildings, focusing on smart cities and communities.

The main goals of the project are to improve Public Authorities' (PAs) capacity of managing buildings energy efficiency, moving towards nearly zero energy building, and to encourage SMEs to enter the green energy market.

The overall objective of GRASPINNO is to promote a green and sustainable growth model for Med area:

- by supporting green energy and eco-innovation networks/clusters, increasing their business and R&I capacities and reinforcing transnational cooperation;
- by supporting Public Administrations (PAs) and adopting green public procurement through knowledge bases, decision support tools, and validated state-of-the-art e-procurement systems.

## graspinno tmn platform

GRASPINNO Transnational Mediterranean Network: TMN is a platform to share and find information about the energy field aimed to facilitate b2b communication.

TMN welcomes all the new members that wish to stay informed about updates in the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Sources sectors. The aim of the platform is to promote the communication between stakeholders, public agencies and experts in the fields of Energy Management, in order to support Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Sources, and Green Public Procurement (GPP), including European and national legislations, green criteria and good practices of electronic GPP. The platform is expanding to introduce other thematic fields related to environmental management and circular economy. As a public administration, you can use TMN for collecting meaningful information about the latest implementable technical developments. TMN also includes an e-procurement platform that enables PAs to prepare green tenders related to energy savings. As a company, you can be informed about the available tender processes in most of the MED countries, and you will be able to provide information about your products and services by uploading their catalogues or by sharing news. The network platform is very important for communication activities, to facilitate new contacts and promote the dissemination of activities, achievements and planned events.

Let's join the TMN: <http://www.grasp-tmn.eu/>.



## events

- On 18th and 19th of October 2018, the “5th Partners Meeting” took place in San Quirico d’Orcia (SI), hosted by Terra di Siena Lab, an organization aimed to enhance Siena’s area.

During the partners meeting, the leaders of the work packages presented the global results of Pilots and Living Labs activities. The launch of the Capitalisation phase took place during the 5th Partners Meeting. Partners discussed extensively about the Capitalisation Plan and their role in the Capitalisation WP.. On this occasion, the 6th Steering Committee Meeting took place, as well.

- “GRASPINNO Transferring event”: on the 26th of October 2018, this event took place in the Museum of Bastia (France), organized by the Inter-District Association of Electrification and Lightning of Haute-Corse and the University of Patras with the active involvement of University of Maribor. It was addressed both to public authorities (PAs) and small-medium sized companies (SMEs) involved in the green energy sector. One of the event’s goals was to discuss about the development of a common MED Procurement network with the Prominent MED project.

- On the 15th and 16th of November 2018, the “3rd MED GREEN GROWTH TRANSNATIONAL EVENT” occurred in Durrës (Albania). The conference was aimed at gathering the whole Green Growth community and relevant stakeholders of the Mediterranean area and other European regions. The focus of the conference was to jointly discuss about the new challenges of regional and local

policy makers in enhancing green innovation in their regions. The choice of making a MED Green Growth Community event in a developing country area such as that of the Balkans was not random: it was aimed to design and implement governance solutions that enable societies to identify, decide on and carry out policies. GRASPINNO project was represented by several partners in the event, participating in the Community Building meeting and in the conference.

In particular, during the Conference, our partner, General Secretariat for Commerce and Consumer Protection (Greece), participated in the **Green Growth financing and procurement tools** table, presenting the Greek related experiences.



## green growth community

During the 3rd Med Green Growth transnational Event, four Thematic Working Groups (TWGs) were launched to bring modular projects together. The TWGs will work on capitalization and will produce concrete policy outputs. The TWGs will also support GRASPINNO to gather policies inputs in a homogenous way.

The TWGs are composed by partners of the Modular Projects of the MED Green Growth community and SYNGGI projects' delegates who coordinate and moderate the work.

The activities include on-line and face-to-face meeting and the expected results are the contribution to deliverables about Green Growth policies recommendations and white papers.

The topics of the TWGs are:

1. Production and Consumption: Resource efficiency
2. Production and Consumption: Smart and Green Public Services
3. Waste prevention and management
4. Competitiveness and innovation

Those topics have contributed to the EU Circular Economy Action Plan. GRASPINNO actively participates in the TWGs which work on topics 2 and 4.

# capitalization

## Spain

Concerning Spain, the capitalization activities are focused on Living Labs, especially on how the impact of energy price will affect institutions and company budgets. The Living Lab works on the concept of “knowledge of the own energy performance” and how market tools can help to improve them. Thanks to the experience gained through GRASPINNO Living Lab results, good practices carried out with the Pilot work package, and the support of networking tools like TMN, CCIT is going to play a key role for capitalising and disseminating GRASPINNO achievements, making replicable to other public and private buildings its results. For this reason, the following activities are going to take place:

- On March 2019, CCTI will organize in Terrassa a transfer seminar addressed to high-level direction members. The aim of the event is to improve their competitiveness through innovation and efficient process.
- A “Capitalisation Event” for members of regional PAs and enterprises; during the seminar, CCIT will share findings, outcomes and achieved results in the framework of GRASPINNO with the majority of the regional institutions of the region. This event will take place in June during the European Energy Week 2019.

## Italy

### Veneto Region:

- A Transfer seminar for SMEs and Districts (2nd semester 2018), in cooperation with Unioncamere del Veneto (UCV) and in synergy with EU Interreg project called “Together”, has been organized in Venice. The seminar was focused on tools useful for the adoption of eco-technologies and eco-innovations and how they would be used for the re - development of public buildings as indicated in the SEAPs.
- Another one Capitalization workshop will be organised by Veneto Region in collaboration with UCV in the format of the round table, involving local policy makers of the North Italy, Comunità Montana Feltrina and “Legambiente” Association on the topic of “Green Assessment” and issues related to the (non)use of evaluation methods such as LCC.
- New proposals on Regional Action Plan for the implementation of Green Public Procurement for the three-year period 2019-2021, capitalizing LCC ex post method.
- Organization of a Conference, promoted by Veneto Region with MED PELAGOS project and UCV, on “Heat exchange at sea for heating and air conditioning systems in ports, marinas and coastal urban centres” in Venice.

## Tuscany region (Siena area):

- On the 25th of February 2019 in Siena, in cooperation with Comunità Montana Alto Basento (CMAB), Terre di Siena Lab (TSL) has carried out an event involving local Public Authorities to achieve a formal commitment for a local procurement platform. The Mmain goal was to the setting up of a platform containing main findings of the GRASPINNO approach.
- In April 2019, another event on PPP for SMEs and PAs will be organised in Siena in cooperation with the SMEs association (CNA) to carry out at least n.2 formal commitments of local Public Bodies, aiming to refurbish public buildings through a PPP/SEAP path.

## Basilicata Region:

- In April 2019, a capitalization info-training event will take place in Basilicata Region. The event will be addressed to local authorities, business support organizations and research centers. The Mmain goals of the event will be: supporting to local authorities to for adopting in their own internal administrative the GRASPINNO tools and methodology; development of a regional platform including tools and best practices deriving from several cooperation projects managed by regional organizations.

## Greece

- In March 2019, a common newsletter of GRASPINNO and Prominent MED project will be dedicated to the promotion of TMN and MED PPI Network.
- Transfer seminars for SMEs and Capitalisation workshops for PAs will be organized by the General Secretariat of Commerce and Consumer Protection (GSCCP) along with other Greek Partners (University of Patras and Atlantis). The above mentioned seminars and workshops will take place not only in Athens but also all around Greece, as GSCCP has become National Central Purchasing Body for goods and general services. Transfer seminars will thus take place as follows: on 11th and 12th of April in Athens, on 17th of April in Kozani, on 19th of April in Karditsa, on 8th of May in Mytilini and, finally, on 10th of May in Heraklion-Crete, in order to disseminate GRASPINNO project's outcomes and tools in the field of Green Assessment.
- In May 2019, Atlantis will organize a public event with the participation of the SMEs representatives who are interested in opportunities for addressing "green" tenders to create synergies and awareness of "green" criteria and eGPP platform.;
- GRASPINNO Capitalisation Final Conference is foreseen to take place on October 2019 in Brussels for promoting p the importance of TMN and other existing communication and GPP platforms to higher level.

## Bosnia and Herzegovina

- In March 2019, DDIP ZDC will organize a Capitalisation workshop for PAs, to be trained on smart SEAPs, financial tools and MPIs/KPIs/green criteria in eGPP, with provision of findings that will be used in development of policies recommendations, as well as a Transfer seminar for SMEs with the aim to interact and exchange ideas, perspectives and inputs on capitalizing GRASPINNO methodology and Unified Platform.
- In April 2019, two additional capitalisation events will be organized for PAs and SMEs to attracting more stakeholders and to implement best practices from the Living Labs, adopt eco-innovations, learn about financing for building refurbishment, and to participate in green tenders through the e-GPP procedures.
- For contributing to GRASPINNO Capacity Building Instruments, a wider campaign will be performed to encourage new actors to take part in the TMN, ensuring their interactive communication with other PAs, SMEs, Mentors, funding institutions. In the following period successive constant meetings with decision/policy makers are planned to mainstream the new recommendations needed for effective transition.



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