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introduction

The activities of GRASPINNO project, which were carried out in 2019, saw the realization of important and strategic events for the proper functioning and visibility of the project. In practice, they characterized the Capitalization phase and ended in September during the Bruxelles' final conference: "Transition towards blue and green economies in the Mediterranean". It was a joint event of Blue and Green Growth Communities of Interreg MED Programme and on this occasion important documents intended for stakeholder and policy makers have come to light.

events



• 6th Technical Project Meeting

The 6th Technical Project Meeting was held in Bosnia and Herzegovina on 4th and 5th April 2019. The meeting was hosted by Department for Development and International Projects of Zenica-Doboj Canton (DDIP ZDC – PP11).

The meeting aimed to provide an overview of the recent activities done between October-March 2019 paying particular attention to the presentation of the capitalization framework, its activities, documents and deliverables.

Practically, the 6th technical project meeting discussions and presentations were consisted of a summary of the past activities and they were focused on the future actions which had to be done in the next period of GRASPINNO implementation.



• Final project meeting in Athens - 2019

The 6th Project Meeting took place in Athens in June 2019 on Thursday 20th and Friday 21st. The meeting aimed to provide an overview of the recent activities carried out between April - June 2019. Particular attention was paid to the presentation of the capitalization framework, to its activities, to documents and deliverables of GRASPINNO project as well as to the Capitalization Final Event in Brussels. Practically, the 6th project meeting discussions and presentations were consisted of a summary of the past activities and they were focused on the future actions, i.e implementation -which had to be done in the following implementation period of the project, thus till its end.



The 6th project meeting was a fruitful opportunity for:

- Presentation of the “Opportunities and good practices for the improvement of energy performance of public buildings by using wood and wood products” by Dr. Konstantinos

Ninikas, University of Thessaly, School of Technology, Department of Forestry, Wood Science and Design

- Presentation of the “Interreg Europe SUPER and FINERPOL projects, run by the Western Macedonia University of Applied Sciences as a partner” by Mr. Konstantinos Karamarkos, Consultant on Regional Development.
- Presentation of the Capitalisation WP progress and next Activities and Deliverables by TSL – Terre di Siena LAB Italy.
- Presentation of Coordination with Horizontal Project SYNGGI –progress of Green Growth TWGs by TSL & CMAB.
- Discussion on GRASPINNO Capitalisation Final Events in Brussels –coordination by UPatras.
- Discussion on GRASPINNO Agreement to support future development of GRASPINNO project issues – coordination by UPatras.
- Presentation of the National and regional strategy for Green Public Procurement and Circular Economy in Greece by GS CCP.



GRASPINNO participation on Green and Blue growth community event

The title of the event was “Transition towards blue and green economies in the Mediterranean” and it was a joint event of Blue and Green Growth Communities of Interreg MED Programme. The event was held on September 19th - 20th, 2019 in Brussels. The first day was focused on addressing the role of territorial cooperation for a sustainable development, on business innovation, on access to finance, on education to sustainability and policymaking for bluer and greener economies. This event aimed to reflect on regional smart specialization strategies and on how sustainability is fostered through the Mediterranean clusters. During the second day both communities presented the opportunity to address inherent issues in a more sectoral way, linked to the blue economy and to the green economy. GRASPINNO participated in the sessions of the Green Growth Community. These sessions aimed to bring out the outputs of the Interreg MED Green Growth and the recommendations towards the transition to a green and circular economy in the Mediterranean region. The work performed during the Thematic Working Groups and the policy outcomes were discussed by the community and by relevant stakeholders. The sessions also boosted synergies between the community of projects, external stakeholders and EU policymakers, leading to broader networks and facilitating the implementation of sustainable development practices in the Mediterranean area.

The program of the conference included:

- Territorial cooperation: building bridges for a sustainable development
- Fostering business innovation and access to

finance

- Education and awareness raising to and for sustainability
- Development of policy recommendations for a green and blue economy in the Mediterranean

The target audience for the two-day conference was: EU policymakers, national, regional and local public authorities, members of the Interreg MED program of the Interreg MED Green Growth and Blue Growth communities, actors interested in innovation, in green and circular economy and in sustainable development.

On September 19th, Mrs. Marianella Pereira from Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Terrassa (CCIT – PP10) participated in the Spark show session, presenting the project to a panel of 6 journalists and answering to their questions. Spark show is an innovative idea, inspired by “TEDx” and “The Voice”. It was carried on during the last session of the 1st day and offered to few selected Interreg MED Project the opportunity to pitch their project before a panel of ten journalists.

This format allowed to highlight dynamically projects' positive impact and to create a network with journalists who are seeking good stories for their readers.

As a result, it was a real opportunity for GRASPINNO to get media coverage and to promote its results not only to the audience of the event, but also to the journalists involved in it.



On 20th of September, Mrs. Iro Vergadi from General Secretariat of Commerce and Consumer Protection (GSCCP – PP9) participated in the first session entitled “Recommendations for a green and circular economy”. The title of her presentation was “Greece: A Growth Strategy for the Future – a good example of capitalization of project results.

capitalization

At the end of the project, particular attention was paid to capitalization actions, which were translated into important final project documents including:

• GRASPINNO instruments

Capacity building

In this document, GRASPINNO partnership collected the existing knowledge concerning Business Angels Networks (BANs) and mentors, presenting systematically their definitions and their main characteristics.

After a description of the role of BANs and mentors, especially for SMEs, the report continues with the presentation of the European Business Angels Network (EBAN). EBAN is the pan-European representative for the early stage investor gathering over 150 member organizations in more than 50 Countries in Europe. With the collaboration of the European Commission and EURADA, EBAN represents a sector that is estimated to invest 7.5 billion euros a year, playing a vital role in the future of Europe and notably in the funding of SMEs. GRASPINNO partnership systematized the existing BANs around the Mediterranean region. More specifically, BANs are categorized per Country (Greece, Italy, Slovenia, France, Cyprus, Spain, Bosnia and Herzegovina), and their main role and basic details are recorded.

BANs and mentor's participation in TMN and project activities were presented as well as next actions to involve BANs and mentors in the project.



GRASPINNO partners raised the interest of the audience who attended the events, including policy makers and experts in green growth and circular economy. The participation in Spark show by CCIT and the presentation by GSCCP were successful as they led to the promotion of the project results and outputs and to further communication with other participants.

Representatives of the project also presented GRASPINNO through face to face communication with the participants and at the same time they investigated potentials for future cooperation and synergies with other projects.

Finally, important contacts made between the project and relevant stakeholders will bring benefit to GRASPINNO project till its end. Especially, contacts with policy makers from EU and ongoing EU projects may be proved useful for further capitalizing and mainstreaming of GRASPINNO in the future.

- **GRASPINNO spatiotemporal patterns**

The document presents an estimation and prediction of the spatiotemporal e-GPP use. More specifically, the following topics are highlighted: a) the current use of e-GPP all across our region (this corresponds to spatial estimation); b) the expected future use of e-GPP in MED project regions for the next years (this corresponds to temporal estimation).

- **GRASPINNO Certification Instruments**

The purpose of GRASPINNO Certification Instruments is to provide a uniform approach. The adoption of any standards should support efficiency and overall cost reduction through competition ensuring product quality, interoperability, safety and reliability. Standards represent the concept of 'good practice'. The Deliverable 5.5.3 GRASPINNO Certification Instruments is divided into three parts. The first part of document presents synergetic actors, operating in the field of green public procurement or energy refurbishment of public buildings, their activities and benefits to the GRASPINNO community. The second part presents suggestions on common decisions about e-GPP, where all standards/directives of all subjects of GPP are summarized. The third part presents the joint activities that were organized with synergetic actors, in order to establish and to improve the certification instruments.



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