Dear readers,

Welcome to the fourth issue of the Circular PP project newsletter. This newsletter presents an overview of many of the actions that have taken place in the period April 2019 to September 2019. Enjoy!

Activities in Circular PP

Circular PP Pilot Actions
The City of Aalborg, City of Malmö and Latvian Environmental Investment Funds for Plavinas municipality elaborated the Pilot Action Plans. The documents describes in simply way planned pilot tenders. Read more

No climate solution without circular economy

50% of total emissions is related to material use: mining, transport, production of goods and waste disposal (see: Chart 1);
90% of biodiversity loss and water stress are caused by resource extraction and processing;
From 2000 to 2015, the climate change and health impacts from extraction and production of metals doubled. Read more

The circular purchasing course in The Hague
More and more organizations want to get started with circular procurement. Are you involved in circular purchasing, for example as a buyer, project manager or sustainability consultant, and do you want to know how you can start with that? On 21 May 2019, PIANOo and Rijkswaterstaat are organizing a circular purchasing course in The Hague. Read more
Now the economy is moving in circles

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For DAGENS Samhälle for sharing the article. This text was originally published on DAGENS Samhälle webpage. We present the interview with Emma Börjesson and Victoria Boysen from City of Malmö about practical way to implement circular economy approach. The article is available here (click the photo).

Circular PP pitches at Interreg Baltic Sea Region Programme Conference
‘Let’s talk about achievements’ was the heading of the Interreg Baltic Sea Region Programme Conference 2019, which brought together more than 300 participants from 13 countries over two-days (9-10 April) in Lübeck, Germany. The goal of the conference was to share and learn from the achievements of projects co-funded by the 300 million euros invested by Interreg Baltic Sea Region with the aim of making the region more innovative, more accessible, and more sustainable.

Pressure cooker training circular procurement
In the Netherlands Rijkswaterstaat in cooperation with PIANO organised two seminars on circular procurement for Dutch public procurers. These took place on 21st and 22nd May in The Hague. The seminars were part of INTEREG project Circular Public Procurement. Consultants of Copper 8, a consultancy firm based in Amsterdam and specialised in circular economy, were the trainers.

Second mentoring in Latvia
In May 2019 second mentoring programm in Latvia was organized. It was divided in 2 days in May 9 it was organized in Kurzeme region West part of Latvia, because 2 of 3 pilot-municipalities Liepaja and Pavilosta are located in this region. Also other neighboring municipalities were invited to join and attend this mentoring in Grobina municipality.
Circular PP study tours reveal Malmö’s circular economy
In March 2019, the Circular PP had their 4th Partner Meeting in Malmö, Sweden. As well as being an opportunity to update partners on ongoing work, and to share learning developed through project activities, it was also a chance to experience first-hand many of the exciting circular activities happening in Malmö. Read more

What is the state of the art of circular public procurement?
Within the CircularPP project, the state of the art of circular public procurement report was elaborated. This study presents the current policies and practices related to circular public procurement (CPP) in the partnering countries of CircularPP. In addition, the main existing gaps and the lines of action that are to be set as a priority in the following years concerning Circular economy (CE), Circular Public Procurement (CPP) and Sustainable Public Procurement (SPP) are identified. The report presents also an overview for the legal environment of Circular public procurement in Europe and in Russia. Read more

International Circular Week 2019
On 7-13th of October 2019 in selected Polish, Czech and Slovak cities the second Circular Week in an international convention will be organized. Read more

CircularPP project on 10th Annual Forum of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region 2019!
At the 10th Annual Forum of the EU strategy for the Baltic Sea Region on 12 and 13 June in Gdansk our project’s colleague Emile Bruls from Rijkswaterstaat – Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management (the Netherlands) presented the CPP project. Read more
International conference on Resource Efficiency and Circular Economy
On 25-26th of September 2019 in Brussels
The European Resource Efficiency Knowledge Centre – EREK will organize a two-day international conference on Resource Efficiency and Circular Economy. Read more

Sustainable Business Models in Circular Bioeconomy Conference
On 23th of September 2019 in Brussels
The Slovenian Business and Research Association – SBRA will organize a conference. The conference will be held on Sustainable Business Models in Circular Bio-Economy. Read more

Circular Transition Indicators – invitation to public consultation
World Business Council for Sustainable Development has published the announcement for public consultation of Circular Transition Indicators. The objective of publication entitled Circular Transition Indicators | Proposed metrics for business, by business was – as the Authors wrote – “to establish a harmonized set of indicators that help to identify circular opportunities and linear risks and determine the circular priorities and targets”. Read more

Standardisation as innovation support for circular economy
On 27th of September 2019 in Berlin
The German Insitute for Standardisation- DIN will organize a international conference about standardisation as innovation support for circular economy. Read more

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Infographic 1- The public sector can use their buying power to push the circular economy transition
Nowadays, 7.6 billion people live on earth, according to forecasts, this is expected to grow to 10 billion people by 2050. If we don’t change our approach to natural resources use, and don’t reduce the level of our consumption, we will need the equivalent of 2.5 to 3.5 globes worth of natural resources by 2050! Read more

Infographic 2- Resource Loop
The purpose of a Resource Loop is to eliminate waste and to keep products and materials in the value chain for a longer period and to recover raw materials after the lifetime of the products for their next use. A Resources Loop consists of multiple processes and involves different pathways. Read more

Infographic 3- Circular Tenders Criteria
For a circular tender there are six aspects to consider when planning the purchase of a product or service. Starting at the top of the infographic, procurers have to answer a few questions iconography for each of the six aspects. Read more

Infographic 4- 5-steps for market engagement ahead of a circular public procurement
Public authorities can take 5 simple steps to engage the market ahead of a circular public procurement. Read more
Infographic 5- Circularity Strategies
Circular procurement involves different circulation strategies, which can be clustered as a circle that consists of three phases: production, consumption and recovery. Read more

Circular seminar & Meet-the-buyers
On 18-19th of September 2019 in Warsaw The Rzeszow Regional Development Agency – RRDA will organize a two-day Circular seminar & Meet-the-buyers. Read more

Registration for Mazovia Circular Congress 2019 has begun!
Registration has begun for the most inspiring event in the area of circular economy – Mazovia Circular Congress, about which we have already written. Read more

Circular PP Animated video
Animated video explains the main principles of circular economy and circular public procurement. The film could be used at all trainings for public procurers and widely disseminated at procurement events. To watch the video, click the picture!
Interesting events
- The first day of Circular seminar took place on 18th of September 2019 in Warsaw. That seminar was organized by The Rzeszow Regional Development Agency - RRDA. The next day, the Meet-the-buyers took place. Keep reading
- The representatives of Rzeszow Regional Development Agency plans to organize a conference on circularity in November. It is to be held in Rzeszow Jasionka.

Partners in the project
Ten partners from seven countries take part in the project:

- DENMARK: City of Aalborg (AAL)
- SWEDEN: City of Malmo (MAL)
- DENMARK: Aalborg University (AAU)
- RUSSIAN FEDERATION: Saint Petersburg Campus of National Research University Higher School of Economics (HSE)
- LATVIA: Latvian Environmental Investment Fund (LEIF)
- POLAND: Rzeszow Regional Development Agency (RRDA)
- NETHERLANDS: Rijkswaterstaat – Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management (RWS)
- FINLAND: Finnish Environment Institute (SYKE)
- LATVIA: Latvian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI)
- DENMARK: North Denmark EU-Office (EENA)

There is also an engagement of 21 associated organisations from 7 countries, interested in circular procurement, sought for further exploitation of project outcomes.

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