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 December 2019 to March 2020. Enjoy!

Activities in Circular PP

**Baltic Circular Procurement Congress**
We invite everyone to Baltic Circular Procurement Congress. On 27-29 May 2020 procurement experts, suppliers, researchers and key opinion leaders from all over Europe will meet in Warsaw to share their experiences and best practices of using procurement as an effective tool for transition towards the circular economy. The purpose of the Congress is to raise awareness of circular concepts, procurement in particular, highlight good practices, share experiences and pave the road ahead for circular procurement to enter the mainstream. [Read more](#)

**Baltic Furniture 2019 in Latvia**
On the 18th of October 2019, Latvian Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized a practical forum about the circular economy within the exhibition “Baltic Furniture 2019”. The name of the forum was “Circular economy: examples of business modules, opportunities and challenges” and the forum was moderated by well known Latvian journalist and TV host – Ansis Bogustovs. [Read more](#)
New circular project
We invite everyone interested in the subject of circularity to familiarize themselves with our sister INTERREG circular procurement project in the North Sea Region, which also deals with this topic. Read more

19th IERC: International Electronics Recycling Congress
From 21 to 24 January, the 19th IERC: International Electronics Recycling Congress will take place in Salzburg, Austria. Read more

CERÁMICA INNOVA – 7th Networking Event
Everyone interested in circularity is invited to Valencia, because there from 3rd to 7th February 2020, will be held The 7th edition of CERÁMICA INNOVA in the framework of the International Fair for Ceramic Tiles and Bathroom Furnishings: CEVISAMA. Read more

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Circular Bioeconomy Conference
Potsdam
On 4-5th of June 2020 in will be organized a fourth two-day conference about bioeconomy Potsdam. Read more

The International Partnering IFAT 2020
From 4 to 5th May, the International Partnering IFAT will take place in Munich, German. IFAT is the leading trade fair for environmental technologies around water, sewage, waste and raw materials management. In 2020, the main focus is on technologies, engines and services within the sectors water and wastewater. Read more

Clusters in the Circular Economy
The change of mindsets, development of new circular business models, products and services as a consequence of the growing focus on circular economy is a complicated task. Read more

Danish report “Green public goods purchases – without unnecessary additional costs”
Confederation of Danish Industry (DI) has published a report “Green public goods purchases – without unnecessary additional costs”. In the report, DI sets a target of 80% of public procurement in Denmark to be sustainable and green. Read more

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Second national seminar for Circular PP in Malmö
The 15 of January the second national seminar for Circular PP was held in Malmö Sweden. Read more

Circular seminar in Denmark
The first national seminar for procurers and procurement managers in Denmark was held in Roskilde on January 30th 2020. The seminar was held in collaboration with City of Aalborg, Aalborg University, Gate21, The Danish Environmental Protection Agency (POGI/FORUM) and KTC (Municipal Technical Association in Denmark). There were around 60 participants for the seminar, where the participants were a mix of purchasers and expert in environment issues and waste mainly from eastern Denmark. Read more

Annual meeting at SKI in Denmark
The State and Municipal Purchasing Service in Denmark (SKI) held their annual meeting in Denmark in January 2020 with over 800 participants. Read more

“Circular economy and circular procurements” article
The ‘Circular Economy’ is a concept that is already known in Russian practice. Circular economy is commonly understood as ‘economic and production system, which aims to restore resources and to make each of the products and materials to be of the most of use’. Read more
**Sopköket case study**

We invite everyone to familiarize yourself with the case study created within the Circular Public Procurement. Sopköket is a restaurant and catering business in Sweden that prepares meals based on partly rescued and surplus ingredients from supermarkets and wholesalers. [Read more](#)

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**Circular Public Procurement project’s brochure in the Icelandic newspaper**

Project Circular PP in cooperation with Cluster Excellence Denmark developed and published a booklet on mapping of possibilities for SMEs, tools and approaches to move towards more sustainable business models. [Read more](#)

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**Energy Security – Pillars and Development Perspective**

Scientific Committee and Organizing Committee cordially invite you to participate in the 5th Scientific Conference “Energy Security – Pillars and Development Perspective”. The conference takes place on 30-31 March 2020 at the Rzeszow University of Technology. [Read more](#)
Circular Tenders, why and how
On March 5, the seminar “Circular Tenders, why and how” took place at the CREATE campus of Aalborg University, Denmark.
This is the second seminar focused on circular economy and public procurement organized by CircularPP partners (Aalborg Municipality, Aalborg University and the North Denmark EU Office of Enterprise Europe Network) in addition to external partners like NBE (Network for sustainable business development in Northern Denmark). Read more

CPP – exhibition on non-new furniture
The contract for “non-new” furniture in Malmö came into force in February 2019. Following the launch, the mission of spreading the knowledge and increasing the use of the contract took on. As part of the communication strategy, we chose to set up an exhibition to show the content of the contract in a fun and informative way. Through the exhibition we could show that second hand furniture can be just as comfortable and esthetically pleasing as new ones. We also chose to address the history of these furniture as something valuable and desirable – after all who wouldn’t want to carry out their daily work from a chair with 20 years of experience in the legal profession? Or attend a meeting from a chair that has gathered knowledge from the IT business for 15 years? Read more
**Circular Networking Event**
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**Turza case study**
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Turza is retail shop following the zero-waste philosophy. They offer a variety of produce and products package free and in bulk. Product selection includes oils, teas, plastic-free body care, household and daily food products. [Read more](#)

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**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

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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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