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Impact of the CircPro Project Implementation in the Zagreb County Region

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At the beginning in 2018

- Development Agency IGRA joined CircPro project without any knowledge of circular or green public procurement
- the same situation was with the stakeholder group (City of Ivanić-Grad, neighbouring municipalities, companies owned by the City)
- low level of knowledge even on the wider regional and national level

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In 2019

- IGRA was engaged to develop the Smart City Strategy of Ivanić-Grad - in the strategy development IGRA used information and knowledge gained from the participation in the CircPro project
- Smart City Strategy of the City of Ivanić-Grad became the first policy instrument to be addressed by the future action plan
- activity envisaged under the Measure 1.5 of the Strategy:

“Revision of the Ordinance on the Implementation of Simple Procurement Procedures in accordance with the digital transformation of public procurement process and implementation of the green public procurement standards and circular procurement principles.”

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- the Smart City Strategy under the influence of CircPro project defined the second policy instrument to be addressed by the Action Plan: Ordinance on the Implementation of Simple Procurement Procedures of the City of Ivanić-Grad

Action 2 of the Action Plan: Improvement of the Ordinance on the Implementation of Simple Procurement Procedures of the City of Ivanić-Grad by introduction of the CPP/GPP principles

- a goal is to set recommendations for the introduction of the GPP/ CPP principles in the simple procurement process to improve the Ordinance
- the document will be finished and prepared for mayor's approval till the end of March

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- during the implementation of CircPro project IGRA realised that the stakeholder group should have been extended in order to achieve a stronger impact in the region
- Development Agency of Zagreb County joined the stakeholder group at the end of 2019 – it was agreed that the Agency's active involvement in the project might play the key role in the dissemination of information and knowledge on circular procurement in the Zagreb County



- this way CircPro project was able to achieve influence in the whole Zagreb County region, not just locally as it was the case at the beginning

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- In 2020
- IGRA introduced a local architectural studio to green and circular public procurement and provide one of the designers with the practical knowledge of implementation of green and circular principles in the designing process

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- In 2021
- City of Ivanić Grad decided to prepare a project of building a new technological park/business incubator facility and DA IGRA was requested for assistance in the design development
- DA IGRA as a partner in the CircPro project suggested the procurement for the designing services and project assignment for the architect to be formed in a way that circular and green criteria need to be implemented already in the phase of the design development as a basis for future green public procurement of works

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- In 2022
- Special Hospital Naftalan from Ivanić-Grad joined the stakeholder group and started to develop a project of reconstruction of its 5th floor for health tourism purposes



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- as a Stakeholder Group member, and under the influence of CircPro project, Special Hospital Naftalan included green public criteria in the technical details of the reconstruction project
- in the public procurement procedure for contracting works the green procurement criteria will be included in the technical specification for paintings, furniture, floors, and sanitary equipment
- the building permit will be issued on the basis of the proposed project budget with defined technical specification which include green procurement criteria

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- In 2023
- Zagreb County is planning to renovate 16 schools according to new national school standards
- Development Agency of Zagreb County will lead the project team – green and circular public procurement principles will be included in the architectural plans development for all 16 schools

CONCLUSION

- CircPro project in Croatia has overcome its local boundaries and manage to make a wider impact in the region
- there is a hope for participation in the further similar projects in order to make this impact even stronger