

Welcome to the fourth newsletter of the PPI4Waste project. The exploration of mechanisms to overcome barriers to public procurement of innovation in the waste sector has now started. Browse this newsletter to learn more about the latest developments and next activities of this work under progress.

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Identifying and assessing risks in PPI

The first task (Feasibility Plan for a real/concrete public procurement of innovation) aims at carrying out a feasibility plan for the involved core buyers and for the buyer's group to uptake a collaborative PPI and to reduce risk associated to the uptake of PPI.

This task is divided into two parts: **definition of contract models and financing modelling of different approaches** and **development of risk reduction strategy**. This latest task is being developed by UniZar-Obcp. The first draft of the Common Risk Management Strategy includes an overall vision of risk management in public procurement of innovation, a brief description of the main types of risks that can be found in these procedures and finally, risk management in the PPI4Waste project.

Next step is the **evaluation and assessment of all risks**, the creation of a "Risk Map". A risk is assessed in relation to the likelihood of it occurring. And if it occurs, the task consists in determining what are then the consequences for the targeted objectives. At the present time, **all partners are evaluating and assessing the identified risks** (as low, medium, high). Afterwards, UniZar-Obcp will analyse the results and define a "PPI4Waste Risk Map".

More details on the Risk reduction strategy on [PPI4Waste website](#).



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PPI4Waste training opportunities



As part of the PPI4Waste project, a series of **national training workshops** are being offered to help **build capacity in public procurement of innovation** and **show how this can be applied within the municipal waste sector**.

The training is divided into **six modules**: the first modules introduce the PPI4Waste project and identifying **key areas where innovation is needed** within the waste sector in Europe. Module 3 provides an **overview of public procurement of innovation more generally**,

including **key definitions, methodologies and approaches**. The course moves on to provide more detailed insights into the **case of a PPI for bulky waste in Ireland** and the **application of performance based contracts**. Finally, a series of **useful resources** are provided to help procurers build on the training they have received.

The training sessions are being held in **January 2017 in Germany, Spain, Croatia and Sweden**. More information will be available [online](#) in the coming weeks.



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Discover the University of Zaragoza

With more than five hundred years of history, the [University of Zaragoza](#) (UniZar) is **one of the most established universities in Spain**. It is located mainly in Zaragoza, the capital city of Aragon (Spain). The University has over 37,000 students in its 22 faculties and it is the only public University in the region of Aragon. Its activity is spread along the whole territory of Aragon, with campuses and research centres also in Huesca and Teruel.



UniZar research team involved in the PPI4Waste project is made up of the researchers linked to the [Spanish Observatory of Public Procurement](#) (Obcp), located at the Law School of the University of Zaragoza. This think-tank involves academic members from several Spanish Universities, who have focused their research on public procurement, and professionals, including members of advisory committees of regional and state governments.



In PPI4Waste project, UniZar-Obcp leads the work related to **collaborative activities and building capacity for preparation of coordinated public procurement for innovative solutions**. The main objectives are the assessment of a feasibility plan for cross-border PPI and the **preparation for joint or coordinated procurement**, to create opportunities for the strategic use of budgets and financing instruments to support innovation, **to assess risks and develop a risk reduction strategy**, to increase knowledge on PPI and to acquire necessary skills to uptake a PPI process, foster the product purchase and accelerate service delivery.

UniZar is in charge of **developing a PPI contract model** (UniZar team has experience in the preparation and execution phases of single contracts) and a **risk reduction strategy**.

For more details on UniZar and its role in PPI4Waste, [read the full article online](#).



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Live from the Procurement Forum



At the beginning of the project, several public authority representatives, municipal waste management experts, procurers and policy makers, as well as academics, suppliers and interested stakeholders joined the **PPI4Waste Interest Group**. This Interest Group has its own discussion group on the [Procurement Forum](#), the [Innovative Waste Management Solutions and Resource Efficiency Discussion Group](#) where they **exchange knowledge, solutions and experiences** regarding innovative sustainable waste management in Europe. Here is a short overview of the discussions which can be found there:

A future-proof industrial revolution

"Back to the days of smoke, nothing else than smoke and low life expectancy, the 1st industrial revolution was the start into a resource-heavy, overshooting society we now live in. Nowadays, voices get stronger that talk about another industrial revolution - this times the 4th one - it

shall look different than before: sustainable, resource-light and future-proof.

What role will innovative waste management play?" ([full post](#))

How Adidas uses plastics found in the ocean for new gear

An article about Adidas shows a new approach from the brand to re-using ocean plastics in their running shoes and soccer jerseys. Did you know it? ([full post](#))

The circular procurement process uncovered

"Wondering how the circular procurement is process structured? Is this essentially different than the traditional or linear process? Carmen van Kruisbergen (Supply Value) conducted research about circular procurement in practice and has sought to gain insight into the circular procurement process." ([full post](#))

You would like to share your opinion on the 4th Industrial Revolution, contribute with another good practice in recycling or just get more information from Carmen van Kruisbergen?

It is easy, [join the Innovative Waste Management Solutions and Resource Efficiency Discussion Group!](#)

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Get ready for PPI4Waste next activities

Capacity building and [training sessions](#) are the next "not-to-be-missed" meeting of the PPI4Waste project. But did you know that more activities are under preparation?

A meeting is already scheduled at the end of January 2017 in Zagreb for project partners to **discuss about the project's progress and assess the situation for the two pilots**, Mancomunidad del Sur and Zagreb. In addition, following the publications of different reports during the past months (namely [Common Report on Targeted Improvements](#), [Agreeing Common Needs report](#) and [State of the Art of Emerging Solution](#)), the **methodology for a coordinated approach** regarding public procurement of innovation in the waste management sector will be finalised.

As the project is slowly getting to an end, with the last steps of the project planned for the end of the first semester 2017, project partners are also preparing the final conference.

Stay tuned with PPI4Waste project by following it on [Twitter](#) or joining the [discussion group on the Procurement Forum](#) not to miss the announcement of this final conference!

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