

ECOPOL project

Public innovation partnership for better policies and instruments in support of eco-innovation

THEMATIC PRIORITY

Eco-innovation policy (Green public Procurement, Waste, Internationalisation)

PROJECT FUNDING

No project funding

DESCRIPTION

ECOPOL's mission is to foster transnational cooperation in the development and implementation of better eco-innovation policies and instruments. 3 issues are in focus: green public procurement as powerful demand side instrument, waste & recycling as a sector with very high CO2 footprint and high potential for business creation, and internationalisation as means to increase productivity by enlarging the markets for eco innovators.

The project identifies, analyses and evaluates policies and supporting instruments and makes recommendations for their implementation both in partner countries and at EU level.

ECOPOL thus reinforces the eco-innovation action plans for each participating country. On the practical level, the project looks at specific examples of good practices and launches several pilots in each partner country in order to test the effectiveness and transferability of the practices.

During the first year of the project the concrete work of the thematic working groups started with collection and initial analysis of the potential good practices in the partner countries. This analytical work resulted as three deliverables consisting of lists of good practices in GPP, waste & recycling and internationalisation of SME's, as well as matrixes for their analysis. On the basis of these lists the first "Initial list of good eco-innovation practices" was delivered. This list will be updated continuously including examples from countries outside Europe or from other European countries than those involved in the project, as well as relevant examples from other fields than the three topics addressed by thematic groups. The best practices of the initial list were investigated and the first pilots were discussed. In addition, a template for the policy briefs and a methodology for investigation of critical conditions were introduced.

Based on the analytical work done during the first year the major gaps in partner countries in each thematic area were identified. The collection of the best practices addressing these gaps will continue during the first half of the 2012. During the spring an EU level open call for additional best practices will be organized based on the major gaps identified. The ECOPOL consortium encourages eco-innovation stakeholders to contribute and to send in comments and successful eco-innovation policy measures.

The main task for the first half of the 2012 is to choose and plan the national pilots. At least one pilot in each partner country related to the thematic areas is started. These pilots are chosen to address the national gaps and to boost eco-innovation.

The work for policy recommendations in each thematic area and partner country is continuous and aiming at EU-level policy recommendations in support of eco-innovation policies as a result of the project.

ACTIVITY SUMMARY (November 2013 – December 2013)

2013 is the last year of the project and all tasks will be finalized. The country specific policy recommendations in all three focus areas will be concluded and these will be used as a basis for delivering eco-innovation roadmap giving EU level eco-innovation policy recommendations.

Project funding

No project funding available

Meetings & Conferences

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Activities of the network

Active networking with European eco-innovation community is ongoing. The cooperation with EcoAP High Level Working Group in developing national eco-innovation roadmaps will be continued.

START & END DATES

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