

Project Description

Project Title

Sustainable Procurement in Railway Industry on the Right Track: Romania & Norway in Collaboration (SPRINT)

Project Objective:

The project aims to strengthen **Green Public Procurement (GPP) practices** in the **Romanian and Norwegian railway sectors**, addressing gaps in sustainable procurement and promoting environmentally friendly solutions. It focuses on innovative procurement strategies, best practices, and sustainable development in the railway sector.

Specific Objectives:

- 1. Analyze the current regulatory framework for GPP in railways**
 - Examine existing GPP policies and guidelines in Romania and Norway.
 - Identify gaps and opportunities for improvement.
- 2. Explore pathways towards greener and circular railway systems**
 - Develop strategies for reducing emissions and improving sustainability.
 - Align with EU and national green policies for sustainable railways.
- 3. Identify challenges in GPP implementation and propose solutions**
 - Investigate barriers such as outdated technology, regulatory gaps, and lack of stakeholder cooperation.
 - Provide recommendations for more effective GPP adoption.
- 4. Refine the GPP conceptual model for the railway sector**

- Develop a **business toolkit** to guide railway companies in meeting green procurement standards.
- Improve procurement processes with sustainability-focused solutions.

Expected Impact:

- Promote the adoption of **environmentally friendly technologies**.
- Support **policy development** for green railway procurement.
- Facilitate **knowledge exchange** between Romania and Norway.
- Contribute to **EU climate goals** by enhancing sustainability in railway transport.

Project Partners:

- **Project Promoter:** *University Babeş-Bolyai (Romania), Faculty of Business*
- **Project Partner:** *University of South-Eastern Norway (Norway)*

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