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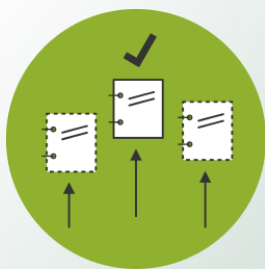
# An innovative and open learning resource for professionals of the furniture industry to expand their knowledge and provide added value



## for the Green Public Procurement

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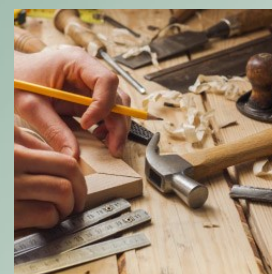
### What is GPP Furniture project about?

The main objective of GPP-FURNITURE is the development of an on-line training program for professionals of the furniture and habitat sector in the field of furniture production and design that meets the new environmental requirements known as Green Public Procurement (GPP).

The GPP is defined as “a process whereby public authorities seek to procure goods, services and works with a reduced environmental impact throughout their life cycle when compared to goods, services and works with the same primary function that would otherwise be procured.”

GPP Furniture project has started in November 2016. Its duration is 24 months.

The aim of the GPP is also about influencing the market, providing real incentives for developing green technologies, procedures and products.



### Which are the main activities to be implemented?

The main project activities include:

- ⇒ Identification of the existing knowledge gap in the furniture and woodworking industry regarding the Green Public Procurement
- ⇒ Definition of the training paths and learning content of the learning platform
- ⇒ Specifications, design and organization of training units and training paths
- ⇒ Training course materials and

- ⇒ training modules development
- ⇒ E-learning platform development
- ⇒ Pilot test of the online platform by companies operating in furniture sector
- ⇒ Implementation of activities related to the dissemination of the project results:
  - ◇ publications in specialized media,
  - ◇ organizing info days and events,
  - ◇ presentation of the project in different social media:



### Target groups

- ◆ Professionals from furniture industry
- ◆ SMEs
- ◆ Universities and VET providers
- ◆ Public authorities



[www.gpp-furniture.eu](http://www.gpp-furniture.eu)

Activities implemented during the first 6 months

(November—April)

**Kick-off meeting in Yecla, Spain**

The kick off meeting of the partners of “GPP Furniture” Erasmus+ Project has taken place in **Yecla, Spain**, on 23 and 24 of **November 2016** and hosted by the leader of the project, AMUEBLA (Asociacion empresarial de fabricantes de muebles y afines de la region de Murcia). During the 2-day meeting, each participant presented its role in the project.

The project activities, objectives and the responsibilities of each organisation were discussed. The Intellectual Outputs and its activities and expected results were presented by the



relevant leader.

The partner organizations discussed and agreed on the specific tasks and deadlines for the next activities.

The **next project meeting** will be on **7-8th June in Bucharest**.

**Completion of**

**Intellectual Output 1**

**Report on the furniture and wood-working industry: identification of the lack of knowledge regarding the GPP**

The aim of the output was to define knowledge and competence mismatches between furniture industry and related sectors and public procurements with green requirements

regarding concepts in sustainable materials, energy efficiency, and GPPs.

The project partners in Bulgaria, Spain, Romania and Poland carried out a **research on the furniture and woodworking industry**. The research was based on questionnaires that were sent to the **target groups**: professionals and managers of the furniture industry, interested students and University staff.

The main objective of this report was to define the current situation in the partners countries, legal framework, latest developments in GPP and Sustainable Furniture Manufacturing, existing knowledge, training offers, and national practices.



**Information, promotion and dissemination activities**

The primary objective of these activities is to disseminate the project's results. In the first 6 months of the

project were implemented the following activities:

- Development and maintenance of website of the project: [www.gpp-furniture.eu](http://www.gpp-furniture.eu)
- Development and maintenance of

social media tools: Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn

- Preparation of a leaflet and newsletter of the project

**Progress on Intellectual Output 2 Training Path and Learning Content**

The partnership defined GPP-

FURNITURE **learning outcomes** in the form of specific knowledge, skills and competences.

The work on **IO2-A2** Formation/ grouping of training units has started.

**Project partners:**

