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### 5th Project Partners Meeting Tirana, Albania on 15 December 2025

The 5<sup>th</sup> Project Partners Meeting focused on internal project activities and partner coordination. Sessions were held at the Tirana International Hotel and were dedicated to work plan updates, financial adjustments, and the advancement of key work packages. Partners presented the state of play and next steps related to green innovation upscaling, transnational cooperation strategies, and communication activities. Dedicated time was allocated for questions and discussion, enabling partners to clarify responsibilities, align timelines, and share updates on national-level implementation.

The programme opened with a session on the work plan and financial adjustments, led by the Lead Partner (TNO). During this session, partners were provided with an overview of the current state of project implementation, including progress achieved to date and key priorities for the upcoming period. The discussion focused on ensuring a common understanding of administrative procedures, financial planning, and reporting requirements, allowing partners to address questions related to budget adjustments and implementation timelines.



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This was followed by a dedicated session on Work Package 3 – Green Innovation Upscaling and Piloting, also coordinated by TNO. The session presented the status of the guidelines developed under WP3 and outlined the planned next steps for upscaling and piloting activities. Particular attention was given to the initial setup and workflow of the Monitoring Committee, including its role in overseeing implementation and tracking progress. The subsequent question-and-answer segment enabled partners to clarify responsibilities, coordination mechanisms, and national-level implementation approaches.

The programme then moved to Work Package 1 – Increasing Transnational Knowledge and Awareness, presented by KEPA. This session focused on the next steps toward finalizing Output 1.1, namely the strategy aimed at facilitating effective transnational interaction between research and development actors and the business community in the field of green innovation. The presentation highlighted the methodological approach and forthcoming tasks, followed by an exchange among partners to ensure alignment and consistency across participating countries.



The afternoon continued with a session dedicated to communication activities and upcoming tasks, led by AGRRA. Partners received an update on the overall status of communication actions, including ongoing and planned outreach and visibility measures.

After the coffee break, the final working session focused on Work Package 2 – Transnational Green Innovation Capacity Building and Networking, coordinated by CIDEA, with contributions from all partners. Each partner delivered a brief update on the implementation status of the SME capacity-building programme and the Business Support Organizations (BSO) capacity-building programme in their respective countries. This session facilitated cross-country exchange, enabling partners to share experiences, highlight progress, and raise questions related to programme delivery and coordination.

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