GPP in Italian Schools and cantines
a quick look based on Legambiente’s activities
What this presentation is about

small recap

1. Intro Legambiente
2. What we have done on GPP
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Who is Legambiente
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Founded in 1980, Legambiente is the most widespread environmental NGO in Italy, and possibly the most popular one. The mission of Legambiente is to bring the environmental culture to the centre of a new kind of development and diffused well-being. Important values for the association are the improvement of environmental quality in the Italian cities and countryside, the fight against all forms of pollution, a wiser use of natural resources, the construction of a more balanced relationship between human beings and nature.
Who is Legambiente

- More than 115,000 members and supporters (including 40k students) over a 3 years turnover.
- 20 regional offices, coordinating more than 800 local groups
- It’s a Not For Profit organisation, formally a federation of both regional offices and local groups. Every group and regional office is a legal entity itself: they all share the same statutes and legal status.
- Some legal activities, such as higher courts appeals, Life Projects, international institutional activities, are exclusively undertaken by the headquarters
- Funds raising: donors; national and international projects; grants and sponsorships from both public and private entities; membership fees.
What have we done about GPP?
Ecosistema Urbano

Ecosistema Urbano is the largest and oldest report on environmental criteria related to urban and metropolitan areas in Italy. It is sent every year to over 100 town councils.

It touches upon several topic such as pollution, GPP, available green spaces and other relevant environmental issues.

A few years ago we inserted in the survey we inserted some questions about green procurement (mostly office supplies)
Ecosistema Scuola

It is a specialized survey focused on schools: it focuses mostly on logistical and infrastructural details, such as buildings’ safety and walk-to-school policies, but it was recently enriched by some questions related to services such as food catering in schools’ cantines (with the exception of 2016 edition)
Available data 2015
1. Sent to a sample of 5841 schools out of 43000.
2. Students concerned: 1,081,000
3. 94 towns and cities involved (only 86 providing valid data)
5,9%

Schools with organic-only canteens
53.5%

average share of organic food in the menus of the canteen
82,5% canteens offering typical products in their menus
24.2% average share of typical food in the menus of the canteen
88,4%
tenders requiring seasonal-food catering
70% Canteens prioritizing local food (short range catering)
Other food-related GPP figures
71%
Canteens serving tap water instead of bottled water
53,4%

Canteens donating exceeding food to charities (waste prevention)
91%
Canteens serving cultural-related menus (such as kosher, halal etc)
61%  

Canteens using single-use tableware
some data evolution
Organic only canteens 2011-15
Average share of organic food in the menus
Tap water canteens (share) 2011-2015
Our New Project
“Appalti Verdi”
Appalti Verdi - Green tenders

A team has recently been put up within Legambiente’s national staff to work specifically on GPP. A partnership with Ecosistemi Foundation is also being signed.

This team is working with our local and regional groups and offices to carry out a number of action, (part of them is the reorganization of existing ongoing actions) that will give birth to several events and deliverables:
Appalti Verdi - *actions*

1. to prepare new informational leaflets and training moments for our local groups and regional offices to empower them on this topic
2. to organize National and regional conferences/seminars on GPP to target municipalities and other public bodies.
3. to organize specific training courses to spending bodies such as Parks, research centres, municipalities, in partnership with *Ecosistemi* Foundation.
4. to monitor public tenders being issued in Italy and report those non compliant with GPP laws.
5. to publish the first Italian National GPP report.
Appalti Verdi - *events*

1. Jan-Dec 2018: **Innovation for the Environment Prize** will have a dedicated section to promote best practices and ideas about GPP;
2. June 2018: a dedicated session on GPP will be organized within **Ecoforum rifiuti**, Italy’s biggest single-event on circular economy;
3. Summer 2018: **10 regional forums** will be organized throughout the country, with the same formula;
4. August 2018: **Trainings** will be organized during our national **summer school** at *Festambiente*, (biggest Italian Eco Festival);
5. October 2018: our Ecosistema Scuola conference will take place in Naples: a national report touching on GPP and schools will be presented.
Appalti Verdi - *events*

1. October 2018: publishing the first **National GPP report**, with a dedicated event in Rome.
2. November 2018: Presenting the results of the activities of our **National Observatory on GPP** (non compliance of tenders, actions taken by institutions, trends) at **Ecomondo**, main Italian environmental fair.
3. Nov/Dec 2018: possible event in Rome dedicated to **principals and municipal policy makers** to present best practices and train local decision-makers on GPP in tenders (depending on funds).
Thanks
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