



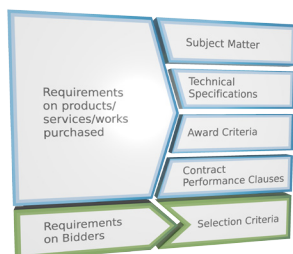
Public Procurement: a tool for sustainable development

Every year, public authorities spend approximately 17% of the EU GDP on goods and services. Among them are IT equipment, construction, textiles, food, cleaning, gardening, furniture, electricity, paper, transport.

All these goods and services have an impact on the environment during the cycle of extraction, production, use and disposal. They cause greenhouse gas emissions, pollution, biodiversity loss, and depletion of natural resources.

GPP as a voluntary tool can substantially lessen these adverse effects. The EC, together with stakeholders, has therefore developed common GPP criteria for 10 products and services.

Public authorities in the EU are responsible for the way they use their spending power. They should lead the change to sustainable production and consumption patterns and to eco-friendly technology!



What is GPP?

Green public procurement is a process in which public authorities take environmental concerns into account in their tendering for goods and services.

Drawing on public procurement legislation, procurement authorities can consider environmental factors when

deciding what to buy, provided they remain in line with the key principles of transparency, equal treatment and non-discrimination!

Why GPP?

Through GPP, procurement authorities can:

- reduce their carbon footprint and move toward their climate change objectives
- reduce pressure on the environment
- contribute to more sustainable use of natural resources
- drive innovation and boost the competitiveness of industry
- set an example for private and corporate consumers
- meet citizens' expectations
- ...and be cost-effective, if they take a life cycle costing approach!



How to implement GPP in your own organisation/country?

Follow the steps of a simple management model for systematic implementation of GPP in your organisation/country.

Political commitment is essential for building a coherent, well coordinated approach.

Analyse procurement needs and prioritise goods and services with less adverse environmental impact. Establish improvement targets, a timeframe and a monitoring mechanism. Inform the market in advance and engage in dialogue with suppliers.

Act. Consolidate gains. Report on results!



More guidance on the EC GPP Toolkit: <http://ec.europa.eu/environment/gpp>

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Green Public Procurement (GPP) Lead the change

National Conference

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Chamber of Commerce and Industry,
CCIS Dimiceva 13
Ljubljana, Slovenia





Learn, share and act! The GPP national conference



This GPP national conference is organised by the Slovenian Government Office for Development and European Affairs and the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Slovenia. It is part of a wider initiative funded by the European Commission DG Environment and executed by the International Training Centre of the ILO (ITC-ILCO) to build capacity to disseminate, promote and implement GPP in Member States.



Why?



The conference aims at promoting dialogue and networking among all GPP stakeholders in Slovenia.



You will enhance your understanding of why and how GPP can contribute to a better environment and to innovation through more sustainable technology, while saving money.

You will learn about EU GPP action to achieve the ambitious target of turning at least 50% of the tendering procedures in all Member States "green" by 2010, where "green" means compliant with endorsed common core GPP criteria for 10 product and service groups.

Most important, you will see what steps Slovenia has taken toward GPP. The key elements of the GPP National Action Plan and existing good practice will be presented.

And at the end of this intense one-day conference, you will have a clearer view of what you can do to promote and implement GPP in your organization and country!



Who should participate?

All national stakeholders working on GPP policy formulation, implementation, dissemination and monitoring:

- policy makers and decision makers
- public procurement managers and officers from central, regional and local authorities
- chambers of commerce, industrial associations and businesses (including SMEs)
- NGOs, consumer associations, academics and journalists.



How to participate?



Please register online, on the website of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Slovenia: "www.gzs.si/slo/storitve/varstvo_okolja/47931" no later than 25 January 2010.

For any further information, you can contact Ms. Marjana Dermelj, Government Office for Development, by telephone: +386 1 478 11 83 or e-mail: marjana.dermelj@gov.si.

We invite you to participate!

- Participation is free.
- The number of participants is limited.
- Please note that participants must cover their own travel costs.



Programme



8.30 - 9.00 Registration

9.00 - 9.10 Welcome speech

Mitja Gaspari, minister, Office for Development and European Affairs

9.10 - 9.20 Green public procurement and business opportunity in Slovenia

Samo Hribar Milič, president, Chamber of Commerce

9.20 - 9.50 An inconvenient truth

Vida Ogorelec Wagner, Umanotera, The Slovenian Foundation for Sustainable Development

9.50 - 10.15 GPP in European Union, current status and development prospects

Alenka Burja, European Commission

10.15 - 10.50 Legal issues of GPP

Roberto Caranta, University of Torino

10.50 - 11.00 Questions and answers

11.00 - 11.30 Coffee break

11.30 - 11.45 GPP as responsible public procurement

Igor Šoltes, Court of Audit of the Republic of Slovenia

11.45 - 12.10 Slovenian National Action plan on GPP and Ordinance on GPP

Mojca Gregorič and Maja Koković, Ministry of Public Affairs and Ministry of Finance

12.10 - 12.30 GPP and experiences of Ministry of Public Administration

Sašo Matas, Ministry of Public Administration

12.30 - 12.45 Questions and answers

12.45 - 14.00 Lunch break

14.00 - 14.20 Green public procurement in UK

Barbara Morton, DEFRA

14.20 - 14.40 GPP and Life cycle costing in construction

Marjana Šijanec Zavrl/Miha Tomšič, ZRMK

14.40 - 15.00 GPP as the business opportunity

Tommy Pettersson, U-lift

15.00 - 15.20 GPP at the local level

Eva Persy, Vienna Municipality

15.20 - 15.45 Questions and answers

15.45 - 16.00 Closing remarks

We look forward to seeing you in Ljubljana!

