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Helping cities buy sustainably: Green Public Procurement Guide released

Guidelines on integrating sustainable procurement in municipal energy strategies now available

Frankfurt, 1 October 2015. Green procurement forms a pillar for ever more municipalities seeking to take climate action. To support them in this task, a new guide on incorporating green public procurement into municipal planning has been published. The guide, available free of charge, is especially tailored to municipalities elaborating their Sustainable Energy Action Plans as required within the framework of the Covenant of Mayors, EU initiative with some 6,500 signatories.

Entitled Green Public Procurement in Sustainable Energy Action Plans, the guide leads municipalities and local governments through the various phases of SEAP development. It offers a theoretical background on green public procurement while providing the practical information necessary for its successful incorporation into municipal planning. The guide also offers tips, concrete advice and best practice examples.

“Public procurement, when conducted sustainably, can make an important contribution to municipal climate action planning, greatly reduce emissions and therewith make a substantial contribution the SEAP goals,” comments Andreas Kress, chief author of the guide and senior expert for green public procurement at the city network Climate Alliance. Local authorities with green public procurement strategies favour goods, services and works with reduced environmental impacts throughout their life cycles.

Green Public Procurement in Sustainable Energy Action Plans is available in English, Italian, Polish, Romanian, Slovakian and German. The Bulgarian and the Hungarian editions will follow soon. The English version of the guide can be downloaded on www.gpp-proca.eu under downloads/purchasing guidelines.

The guide was developed in the framework of the EU-funded project known as Green ProcA. Green ProcA offers information on green public procurement for public purchasers as well as free consultations and training sessions. The Green ProcA GPP award, also made possible via the project, will recognise outstanding green public procurement projects. The national awards are set to kick-off this November.

Further information

The Green ProcA project: www.gpp-proca.eu

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CONVENANT OF MAYORS

Since its launch 2008, the EU initiative known as the Covenant of Mayors, led by the Directorate General of Energy, has seen some 6,500 local authorities across Europe sign a voluntary commitment to meet and even exceed the EU's 20 percent emissions reduction target by 2020. As such, the initiative focuses on the local level to mitigate climate change through the development and implementation of sustainable energy policies. Signatories are required to submit Sustainable Energy Action Plans (SEAPs) that lay out a climate action road map on the basis of energy efficiency and renewable energies. So far, almost 5,000 such SEAPs have been submitted. covenantofmayors.eu

CLIMATE ALLIANCE

Founded in 1990 with the aim of uniting European municipalities and the indigenous peoples of the Amazon Basin, Climate Alliance has been working for the benefit of the global climate for the past 25 years. Its member municipalities across Europe have committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions locally by 10% every 5 years as well as to helping to protect the rainforests in partnership with the indigenous peoples of the Amazon region. Climate Alliance supports its members in their activities by developing CO2 monitoring instruments, organising opportunities for exchange, coordinating European projects with and for member cities and representing their interests at the national, European and international levels. climatealliance.org



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