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Green Public Procurement in Action



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5th Newsletter

Dear reader,
welcome to the fifth edition of Green ProcA's semi-annual electronic newsletter for purchasers in public institutions and political decision makers. We will present you GPP news, events and publications.
The Green ProcA team hopes that you enjoy an interesting read.

"And the winner is ..."



12 excellent public procurement projects honoured with EU Green Public Procurement (GPP) Award

Prize giving ceremony in Brussels, June 15, 2016

Within the frame of a public ceremony the winners of the European Green Public Procurement (GPP) Award were honoured at the Climate Alliance Brussels office at June 15, 2016. The jury members, consisting of Thomas Pensel, Chief Executive Officer of the Energieagentur Rheinland-Pfalz GmbH, Lieve Bos, policy officer for innovation procurement, European Commission, Achim Neuhäuser,

Divisional Director Consulting of the Berlin Energy Agency (BEA) and Angelika Tisch, Alpen-Adria-Universität Klagenfurt, Wien, Graz, chose the winners out of 23 applications from different municipalities and municipal enterprises all over Europe. In the course of the Green ProcA project the Award was carried out as a highlight within the 2.5 years venture.

The winners in the subsequent categories are the following:

Up to 10,000 inhabitants

GOLD

„Sustainable Salve”, Municipality of Salve, Italy

SILVER

„Renewable energy and energy saving”, Municipality of Melpignano, Italy

BRONZE

„Energetic Development of the Public Buildings of the City Municipality of Ajak”, City Municipality of Ajak, Hungary

Honourable Mention

„Renovation and reconstruction of heat supply systems and heating systems in 'Bozhura Furnadzheva' kindergarten and nursery”, Bratsigovo Municipality, Town of Bratsigovo, Bulgaria

10.000 – 100.000 Einwohner

GOLD

„Construction of a biomass-fired CHP plant as the primary heat source in the heating system of the city of Lębork”, City of Lębork, Poland

SILVER

„Fully autarchic energy supply of electricity and heat from regenerative energies”, Stadtwerke Weilheim i.OB Kommunalunternehmen, Germany

BRONZE

„LED lamps for the energy-related renovation of the street lighting”, Technische Betriebe Dormagen AöR - Straßen (TBD), Germany

Honourable Mention

„Modernization of public lighting in the Municipality of Prešov using the LED technology”, Mesto Prešov, Slovakia

More than 100,000 inhabitants

GOLD

„Video interpretation service“, Bundesbeschaffung GmbH (BBG), Vienna, Austria

SILVER

“GPP in the Covenant of Mayors actions”, Municipality of Turin, Italy

BRONZE

“Network management for the promotion of the A.P.E. project”, Turin Metropolitan City, Italy

Honourable Mention

„Increase energy efficiency in +30 blocks of flats (Group I-VII) Cluj Municipality, Romania”
Development Department and EU Projects, City Town Hall Cluj Municipality, Romania

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News

1 August 2016

[ACR+] Green public procurement

A new project has just started on green public procurement and urban sustainable furniture, the LIFE FUTURE project, which might be interesting for you.

LIFE FUTURE aims to promote green public procurement, focusing on the urban furniture sector. The project will allow to overcome the difficulties encountered by persons in charge of public procurement procedures when they have to include environmental clauses in call for tenders and assess the offers received, due to their limited knowledge on environmental matters. For that an online tool will be developed, the GUF Tool which will support public bodies on the decision making related to the purchase of more environmentally friendly urban furniture.

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21 July 2016

Brochure on winner projects of the EU GPP Award online

Public procurement can have a sweeping impact on a local authority's climate and energy performance. Municipalities and districts that implement sustainable procurement practices get now the much deserved recognition via the newly launched European GPP Award, which distinguishes outstanding green public procurement projects in Europe.

Winners of this first ever European GPP Award were chosen in three categories according to the size of the participating municipality. In the selection process, an independent jury first decided on the best



submissions. The jury paid special attention to the CO₂ savings brought about by each project as well as its level of innovation and transferability. Social responsibility and the local authority's commitment to energy efficiency were also factored in.

[Download of the brochure](#) (pdf)

17 June 2016

GPP Award – Polish edition

In April 2016 the winners of the Polish GPP Award, organized under the framework of Green ProcA project, were selected. All submissions were evaluated by an independent jury according to criteria such as CO₂ emission reduction, transferability, innovation, social responsibility and environmental performance of the municipality or institution.

In the category of cities with more than 100,000 inhabitants the following entities were honored:

GOLD – City of Lublin (Public Transport Authority in Lublin) for purchase and delivery of 70 units of new low-floor urban trolleybuses.

SILVER – City of Bydgoszcz (Municipal Roads and Public Transport Authority in Bydgoszcz) for refurbishment of street lighting (sodium to LEDs) and street lighting management system.

BRONZE – City of Gdynia (Trolleybus Communication Enterprise in Gdynia) for purchase of low-floor trolleybuses, reconstruction of trolleybus traction network, construction and reconstruction of traction substations and construction of the power disposal center.

In the category of municipalities from 10,000 to 100,000 inhabitants jury awarded one winning project:

GOLD – City of Lębork for Construction of a biomass-fired CHP plant as the primary heat source in the heating system of Lębork.

GOLD Winners were qualified to participate in the European Green Public Procurement Award ([EU GPP Award](#)). Congratulations to all participants!

Source: BAPE – Bałtycka Agencja Poszanowania Energii Sp. z o.o.

16 June 2016

PAPIRUS guide on implementing public procurement of innovation published

A guide to implementing public procurement of innovation (PPI) has been published by the EU-funded [PAPIRUS project](#), providing a basic introduction to the topic as well as recommendations based on the experience of the PAPIRUS project partners. The document gives both a theoretical description of PPI and practical tips which can be directly applied.

Demonstration cases from Italy, Germany, Norway and Spain are included in the document, providing real-life examples of PPI in practice. The guide also looks at organising and planning for PPI in advance, conducting a dialogue with the market, implementing tenders, carrying out an evaluation, and more. The guide is currently available in English and Spanish and will soon be translated into Italian and German.

To view the guide, download it in [English](#) or in [Spanish](#).

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1 June 2016

German GPP Award on Green Public Procurement conferred in Bonn

In the course of the symposium „Energy efficiency in sustainable municipalities” at the procurement office of the Federal Ministry of the Interior on June 27 the Green ProcA project awarded the winners of the first German GPP Award. The jury members, consisting of Michael Arenz, Competence Centre for Innovative Procurement, Dr. Evelyn Hagenah, head of the department "Sustainable products and consumption patterns, municipal recycling management” of the Federal Environment Agency, Barbara Meißner, senior referee of the German Association of Cities and Achim Neuhäuser, area director of the Berlin Energy Agency, were choosing the winners out of 14 applicants from different municipalities, cities, municipal enterprises and associations.



The Winner of the German GPP-Award 2016, © Beschaffungsamt des Bundesministeriums des Innern

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13 May 2016

Launch of the eafip Toolkit

The eafip Toolkit aims to provide support to policy makers in designing PCP and PPI strategies, and to procurers and their legal departments in implementing such procurements. It will consist of three modules:

- Module 1: A strategic module addressed to policy makers, providing economic and case evidence about the impacts and benefits of PCP and PPI, together with concrete guidance on how to embed PCP and PPI into innovation strategies;
- Module 2: An operational module addressed to public procurers aimed at clarifying the prerequisites and key steps to design and implement an innovation procurement process (PCP and PPI); and
- Module 3: A legal / operational module addressed to legal services aimed at clarifying legal issues and provide practical 'how-to' guidelines, supported by templates.

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11 May 2016

Implementing deep energy step-by-step retrofits

This EU funded brochure by the EuroPHit project draws on the lessons of demonstration projects implementing deep energy retrofits in a step-by step manner across 11 EU Member States. These have been developed to the EnerPHit Standard – the Passive House retrofit Standard.

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14 April 2016

World Fair Trade Organization (WFTO) product label launched

The WFTO Label – the first international label that guarantees Fair Trade Organisations operating in any part of the supply chain, from producers to retailers – has been unveiled. With this unique Fair Trade label, consumers will be able to identify products in the international marketplace that meet high economic, social and environmental sustainability criteria. Fair Trade Organisations are fully committed to sustainable production and trade.

The label is backed by a robust and credible Guarantee System. By guaranteeing the organisation as a 'Fair Trade Organisation', the WFTO label meets the ever-growing consumers' demand for a more trustworthy scheme in the international market, which guarantees that handicraft products are produced and traded according to ethical and Fair Trade standards.

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14 April 2016

Third edition of Buying Green! Handbook published

On April 2016 the European Commission published a fully revised version of Buying Green! – A Handbook on green public procurement.

The Handbook is the European Commission's main guidance document to help public authorities buy goods and services with a lower environmental impact. It is also a useful reference for policy makers and companies responding to green tenders.

The third edition of the Handbook includes:

- Guidance on how environmental considerations can be included at each stage of the procurement process in the current EU legal framework (adopted in 2014)
- Practical examples drawn from contracting authorities across EU Member States
- Sector specific GPP approaches for buildings, food and catering services, road transport vehicles and energy-using products.



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8 April 2016

40 European cities committed to Covenant of Mayors' new objectives

Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy had launched an initiative in order to establish new objectives in line with EU targets. To reduce CO2 levels, or GHG when possible, by 40% by 2030 and to increase resilience by adapting to climate change impacts were some of their priorities. Nowadays, local authorities from 40 European cities have already signed their commitment with these new objectives.

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8 April 2016

Covenant cities on track to reach their 2020 targets! -28% CO₂, -20% energy use, +18% local energy

An analysis of 122 monitoring reports carried out by the European Commission's Joint Research Centre shows that signatory cities are well on track to achieve their Covenant commitments. Three main indicators stand out:

- Greenhouse gas emissions have been reduced by **23%**;
- Final energy consumption has been reduced by **14%**;
- The share of renewable energy sources in final energy consumption has more than quadrupled and reached **14%**.
- Local renewable energy production has more than tripled

For a more in-depth look into monitoring reports, check out the examples in the Monitoring short guide. To see the achievements of Covenant of Mayors cities, browse the Monitoring and Benchmarks of Excellence catalogues.

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10YFP on SPP report “Monitoring Sustainable Public Procurement Implementation. Recommendations and Case Studies”



10YFP on SPP report entitled “Monitoring Sustainable Public Procurement Implementation. Recommendations and Case Studies” released. This report aims at closing the information gap with respect to SPP monitoring by making knowledge and experience with respect to this subject more widely available to both policy makers and practitioners interested in setting up and improving SPP monitoring systems. It includes a number of outputs produced by the 10YFP Programme on SPP. These outputs include recommendations for enabling frameworks and efficient SPP monitoring systems at the organization level; recommendations for an international framework to report on SPP progress; and case studies presenting in detail how governments at different levels – and in different parts of the world – monitor their SPP programmes.

You can download the report on the Global SCP Clearinghouse E-Library section by clicking [here](#).

8 February 2016

INNOCAT Good Practice Report on Sustainable Public Procurement of School Catering Service

Published in August 2015, the INNOCAT Good Practice Report on Sustainable Public Procurement of School Catering Services highlights the many clever and innovative approaches being used by European public authorities to procure more environmentally and socially sustainable, and innovative catering services.

The report includes a number best practice case studies from cities across Europe, including Malmö (Sweden), Copenhagen (Denmark), Torino (Italy) and East Ayrshire (Scotland), and also provides a wealth of ideas, inspiration and further resources for those who are involved in the procurement of food and catering services for schools.

Many of the examples in the report come from the INNOCAT City Interest Group, a group coordinated by ICLEI which includes the Procura+ Campaign participants



Copenhagen, Malmö, Helsinki and Ghent and INNOCAT partner the City of Turin. In a series of webinars and face to face meetings, the group discusses their achievements, goals and the challenges they face as they strive to procure sustainable catering services.

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27 January 2016

Fairphone achieves first-ever Fairtrade gold supply chain for consumer electronic

Social enterprise becomes the world's first Fairtrade-licensed smartphone manufacturer

After almost two years of research and collaboration with a variety of partners, Fairphone is pleased to announce that they have successfully established the first pilot supply chain for Fairtrade certified gold for the electronics industry. Fairphone is now the world's first Fairtrade-licensed consumer electronics manufacturer to support responsible gold mining in Peru with the production of the Fairphone 2.

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11 January 2016

10YFP on SPP report "Measuring and Communicating the Benefits of Sustainable Public Procurement"

The report seeks to provide the ever increasing number of governmental organizations engaged in SPP with a step-by-step guide to planning, measuring and communicating on the benefits they are creating through the implementation of their sustainable procurement programmes and activities. It includes a Baseline Review on "Measuring and Communicating the Benefits of SPP", a Guidance Framework and supporting methodologies, indicators and recommendations for implementation. Private sector organizations engaged in sustainable purchasing activities will also find the report useful.

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6 January 2016

Commission further simplifies public procurement across the EU

Today, the European Commission adopted the European Single Procurement Document (ESPD) that will considerably reduce the administrative burden for companies, in particular small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), who want to have a fair chance at winning a public contract.

The ESPD will replace the current system, which can differ drastically between Member States. While some countries have already introduced some form of self-declaration of suitability, others require all interested parties to provide full documentary evidence of their suitability, financial status and abilities.

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Events

13 September 2016 | Grenoble, France

Public procurement of innovation for smart roads

<http://www.grex.fr/les-achats-publics-innovants-et-l-innovation-dans-le-domaine-routier-41215.kjsp>

20-21 September 2016 | London, United Kingdom

Data, Intelligence & TechX Summit 2016

<http://www.procurementleaders.events/summit-london>

29 September 2016 | Bilbao, Spain

PAPIRUS Final Conference

<http://papyrus-project.com/index.php/home/10-english/174-papyrus-project-final-conference-29th-september-2016>

13-14 October | Rome, Italy

Procura+ Seminar 2016

<http://www.procuraplus.org/events/procura-seminar-2016/>

18-19 October 2016 | Athens, Greece

Second Major eafip Event on Innovation and Procurement

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc01m3d_gk6oBZmfjPhLE1KQ_C_waTlzzIFErXhsD4LFmj6bA/viewform?c=0&w=1

26 October 2016 | Berlin, Germany

eWorld Procurement and Supply

<http://www.eworld-procurement.com/>

23 November 2016 | Stockholm, Sweden

Workshop for Energy Sector Public Procurers

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe3JlwPATa77H39VBvYamULmSpMAS-E09cgngAodY1CtHpCg/viewform>

16-17 May 2017 | London, United Kingdom

World Procurement Congress

http://www.procurementleaders.com/world-procurement-congress-london?_hstc=230005635.e77b5f85aefefa89ea030f0646140285.1470217365817.1470217365817.1470217365817.1&_hssc=230005635.6.1470217365817&_hsfp=342975559



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