



EU GPP-Award

Winner 2016: Municipality of Salve, Italy

Sustainable Salve

Over the last decade the municipality of Salve has committed itself to adopt sustainable actions to reduce the impacts of the community activities on the environment. In 2013 Salve SEAP was adopted, GPP was included.

One of the core actions of Sustainable Salve is the full replacement of the former inefficient public lighting system with LED technology and a GPP policy to make its municipal purchases more sustainable. In addition the municipal employees have been trained to incorporate sustainable criteria in their procuring activities.

The municipal fleet is being gradually renewed through the replacement of former gasoline cars with new hybrid model which allows to reduce the polluting emissions thus improving the quality of urban air and to reduce GHG emissions.

Some traffic lights of the village centre were substituted with round-about systems to speed up traffic and decrease pollutants and particulate discharges. Moreover, the historical centre has been transformed into a traffic restricted area.

Salve developed a territorial communication plan to convey the need for a cultural change on the issues of energy savings, efficiency and use of renewable sources. That is why information campaigns have been promoted over the last two years and all the public events have been used as a stage to sensitize the community on these topics and to create consent for future actions despite the financial shortage experienced by small municipalities.