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EU GPP-Award

Winner 2016: Turin Metropolitan City, Italy

Network management for the promotion of the A.P.E. project

The environmental policies and the relevant implementation actions that the municipalities of Turin Metropolitan Area adopted to comply successfully with their GPP objectives are diversified in several lines of action. The Metropolitan City provided technic support for the redaction of a Sustainable energy action plan (SEAP) as part of the Covenant of Mayors containing a chapter on green tenders by means of the A.P.E. protocol (valid for all the Turin province member cities). In these plans GPP is used as a tool for the achievement of the goal to enhance sustainable purchasing and it can be even better implemented through the adhesion to the A.P.E. network.

Among the actions provided by Turin Metropolitan City's SEAP there is a special focus on the complementarity between SEAP actions and synergic GPP policies. Namely, it is promoted the use of contractual forms aimed at enhancing energy savings and at improving buildings energetic performance.

The number of A.P.E. project members has been increasing continuously and the partners show very diversified specificities: 46 members, among which there are many cities (whose population represents more than 50% of the inhabitants of the whole Metropolitan City), natural park authorities and schools. Turin Metropolitan City and Arpa Piemonte (operating though conventions financed by the former and by the European project SPP Regions) provide to the network members many training initiatives. These training are both basic for newly recruited employees or for the employees of new entrants on technical and juridical aspects, eco-labels and GPP practices incorporation in the procuring procedures and specialized for managers and officials on specific product/service categories, costs and advances of GPP, legislative update, etc. On a side note, some trainings hosted also the suppliers by means of their associations to participate in technical working groups for preparation prior to the application and then the technical specifications.

In order to assess whether the GPP initiatives are actually and efficiently implemented a serious monitoring of the activities' results is performed. The objective is to make GPP activities transparent and verifiable and to allow more specific analysis on their ecological and economic effects.

