



# Green Public Procurement

## The way forward

DG Environment

# GPP – the way forward

- **Political support**

**National Action Plans - Targets -  
Monitoring**

- **Capacity building**
- **Networking**

# Why GPP?

Public procurement = 16 % of EU GDP  
=> Greening will have huge benefits for

- **Environment**
- **Economy**

purchasers - LCC

Huge market for eco-technologies

- **Political - Example setting !**

# Definition of GPP

**GPP = procedure where environmental considerations are included in**

- **Technical specifications**
- **Selection criteria**
- **Award criteria**
- **Contract performance clauses**

# Definition of GPP

- **Outcome-based**
- **Definition to be refined per product group – minimum levels**
- **Beyond mandatory requirements**
- **Compliant with public procurement legislation!**

# EU Political support



- **IPP Communication 2003**
- **Lisbon review Nov 2004**
- **ETAP**
- **Renewed SDS June 2006**

# International Political support



- **OECD Recommendation 2002**
- **World Summit on Sustainable Development 2002 – Marrakech Task Force on Sustainable procurement**

# National Action Plans

- 6 Action plans => Denmark, Estonia, NL, Poland, UK, Sweden
- 7 drafts => Cyprus, France, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta
- Work on-going in 9 other States

# Targets for GPP

- **Renewed Sustainable Development Strategy 2006 sets EU target for 2010**  
**=> average level of GPP should be at current level of best performing states**

# Targets - monitoring

- EC to develop indicator => “the value of “green” tenders as compared to the total value of public procurement”
- EC to develop methodology for calculating this indicator

# Targets - Monitoring

- **EC will monitor situation for 2006 and beyond**
- **Until statistics 2006 are available  
=> results of TAKE-5 study = good  
“indication” of current situation**

# Targets

---

- **Current best level = more than 40 % of all tendering procedures are « green » (TAKE-5 survey)**
- **More specific targets to reach overall target**

## More specific targets

- For example for government purchases = easier to guide/monitor
- For example for certain priority groups of products => vehicles, ICT, paper, timber products..

# Capacity building

- **New EUROPA website**  
**<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/gpp/>**
  - **Examples of GPP strategies**
  - **Life cycle cost information**
  - **Continuous upload of good practices**
  - **Links to environmental databases**

Environment - Microsoft Internet Explorer provided by European Commission

File Edit View Favorites Tools Help

Address [http://158.166.162.18:8888/environment/index\\_en.htm](http://158.166.162.18:8888/environment/index_en.htm)

**Environment** English (en)

European Commission > Environment Contact | Search on EUROPA

About this site | What's new? | Site Contact | A-Z Index | FAQ

Home | Who's who | Policies | Integration | Funding | Resources | News & Developments

---

# GPP

## How Green is your Public Procurement?

"Green" public procurement stands for public purchasers who take into account environmental elements when buying products, services or works.

---

**Homepage**

Background

GPP In practice

Training & Networking

Media & Events

Glossary

Q&A

GPP Links

GPP Sitemap

**Final report on GPP in Europe released**

The [final report](#) of the **Green Public Procurement in Europe** study, based on the interim [2005 report](#), has been finalised by the consortium [TAKE-5](#) and is now available on this website. The report provides conclusions and recommendations for organisations and individuals working on national GPP action plans of Member States, as well as for purchasers and other stakeholders in the operational procurement process. The implementation of these recommendations is designed to enhance the quantity and quality of GPP in Europe.

**>Welcome word**



Commissioner Stavros Dimas: "The Greening of Public Procurement is a major challenge for Europe's public administrations, but also a major opportunity to boost Europe's competitiveness and stimulate the market for environmental technologies." [More](#)

**GPP Roundtable in Hamar**



On 8-9 November 2006, the Norwegian city of Hamar hosts the International Roundtable on Developing Public Procurement Policies for Sustainable Development and Innovation. The meeting is a unique opportunity to contribute to the elaboration and implementation of policies for sustainable development that also promote innovation. [Roundtable website](#)

**Five workshops on GPP**



ICLEI-Europe organises five workshops on Green Public Procurement with the support of the European Commission. The workshops take place between 25 October 2006 and 26 February 2007 in Lisbon, Dublin, Bologna, Avilés and Athens. For additional information on dates and venues, and to sign up, please consult the workshop website. [Workshop website](#)

**Quick links**

- [Handbook on Environmental Public Procurement](#)
- [National Action Plans](#)
- [Templates](#)
- [GPP in Europe report](#)
- [GPP guidelines](#)

Address [http://158.166.162.18:8888/environment/contact/contact\\_en.htm](http://158.166.162.18:8888/environment/contact/contact_en.htm) Unknown Zone

# Capacity building

- Handbook on GPP in all EU languages

Copies at OPOCE

<http://europa.eu.int/comm/environment/env-informa>

- Workshops <http://www.iclei-europe.org/index.php?id=gppworkshops>



# Capacity building

**GPP training toolkit by end 2007**

- **Strategic information**
- **Life cycle cost information**
- **Environmental criteria for priority products**

# Capacity building

- **Cleaning products and services**
- **Food products - catering services**
- **Construction work and products**
- **Office equipment – ICT- paper**
- **Transport ....**

# Capacity building



- **Eco-labelling criteria can be cut/pasted into tender documents**
- **If established through stakeholder consultation, on scientific basis, non-discriminatory**
- **If relevant for purchased product**

# Capacity building

- **Production process related criteria can be included**
- **If non-discriminatory, objective and verifiable**
- **If relevant for the production of the purchased product**

# Networking



- **Meetings with government experts**
- **Workshops for local authorities**
- **International cooperation**

# Addresses

## European Commission

Environment Directorate-General

Directorate G – Sustainable development and  
integration

1049 Brussels

Belgium

<mailto:jill.michielsen@cec.eu.int>

– <http://europa.eu.int/comm/environment/gpp/>