

Green public procurement (GPP) - Lead the change

Every year, the European public authorities spend the equivalent of 17% of the EU GDP on the purchase of goods, works and services. The sheer size of government expenditure in public procurement can play a pivotal role in shaping production and consumption patterns, in spurring innovation towards more cost-effective and environmentally sound technologies, in expanding the demand and overall market share of greener and more efficient products and services and in substantially reducing negative impacts on the environment. By following this path, governments will enhance the contribution of public procurement towards sustainable development¹.

What is green public procurement (GPP)?

"Green public procurement means that public purchasers take into account environmental considerations in their tendering procedures when buying products, services or works"²

Why implement GPP?³

Because GPP:

- ...is powerful
- ...is smart
- ...tackles local policy goals
- ...drives innovation
- ...is popular
- ...is forward-thinking
- ...is possible!

Why this GPP national conference?

This GPP national conference is part of a wider initiative launched by the European Commission DG Environment and executed by the International Training Centre of the ILO (ITC/ILO) in collaboration with experts from key national authorities, responsible for GPP. It aims at bringing together and promoting dialogue among all those who play a role for GPP in your country.

1 Commission of the European Communities COMM (2008) final "Public Procurement for a Better Environment"

2 http://ec.europa.eu/environment/gpp/training_toolkit_en.htm

3 EC GPP Training Toolkit - Introduction Buying Green making a difference through procurement:

- You will enhance your understanding of why and how GPP can contribute to a better environment and to innovation through more sustainable technologies, while saving money.
- You will learn about the on-going EU GPP action and the ambitious target of 50% of all tendering procedures to be "green" in all Member States by 2010. The initiatives underway in other EU Member States to meet this target will be explored.
- Most importantly, you will see what steps Slovakia has undergone in terms of GPP. The key elements of the GPP National Action Plan and existing good practices will be presented.
- And at the end of this intense one-day conference you will have a clearer view of what you can do to promote and implement GPP in Slovakia.

Who should participate?

The conference is for national key actors in GPP, i.e. all those working on GPP policy and strategy formulation, implementation, dissemination and monitoring:

- Policy/decision makers;
- Public procurement managers and officers from central/regional/local authorities
- Enterprises (including SMEs);
- Chambers of commerce and industrial associations;
- Representative of NGOs and consumers associations;
- Professors, researchers and trainers in the area of public expenditure management and environmental sustainability; and
- Journalists for the TV/newspapers/magazines/specialized publications.

How to participate?

This conference is funded by the EC DG Environment and participation is free of charge. Please note that participants must cover their own travel and accommodation costs.

We invite you to participate!

Please send the attached registration form by e-mail/fax to the national GPP experts Ms. Sona Zahoranova or Mr. Ondrej Šurina (see the back of this brochure) **no later than 2 October 2009**.

Agenda

8,00 - 9,00

Registration of participants

9,00 - 9,20

Introduction and welcome

Jaroslav Jaduš State Secretary, Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic
Kamil Vilinovic, General Director, Division of Environmental Policy and Foreign Affairs, Alenka Burja, Policy Officer, European Commission, DG Environment
Maria Teresa Pisani, Programme Officer, International Training Centre of the ILO
Stanislav Štofko, Director General of Slovak Environmental Agency

9,20 - 9,30

Ceremonial handing over a certificate to use the European Eco-label "The Flower" to the corporation SHP Harmanec

Jaroslav Jaduš, State Secretary, Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic

9,30 - 9,50

Importance of GPP, state of GPP implementation in EU MS, mandatory requirements for GPP

Alenka Burja, Policy Officer, European Commission, DG Environment

9,50 - 10,10

Role of Green Public Procurement in EC policies and strategies,

Emília Bodová, Slovak Environmental Agency, Director of Environmental Management Center

10,10 - 10,40

Legal and strategic framework for green public procurement at the European and national level

Sona Záhoranová, Senior Advisor, Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic, Environmental Policy Department

10,40 - 11,00

Coffee Break

11,00 - 11,30

Integration of environmental performance in the procurement process

Petra Kovárová, Slovak Environmental Agency, Environmental Management Center

- 11,30 - 12,00** **Application of the cost of the product life cycle (LCC) in GPP**
Barbara Morton, SPP Senior Expert, International Training Centre of the ITCILO
- 12,00 - 13,00** **Lunch**
- 13,00 - 13,20** **Guide to European Commission "GPP Training Toolkit"**
Maria Teresa Pisani, Programme Officer, International Training Centre of the ITCILO
- 13,20 - 14,40** **Specific recommendations for implementation of GPP for 10 priority product groups, the LCA approach, practical examples**
Barbara Morton, SPP Senior Expert, International Training Centre of the ITCILO
- 14,40 - 15,00** **Coffee Break**
- 15,00 - 15,20** **Green office - A pilot project of GPP at regional level**
Alena Adamkovicova, Slovak Environmental Agency, Environmental Management Center
- 15,20 - 17,20** **Practical training in groups**
- 17,20 - 17,30** **Meeting conclusions**

The Green Public Procurement Management Model⁴



⁴ EC GPP Training Toolkit-Module 1 An Action Plan for GPP (The Deming Cycle http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Deming_Cycle)

How to introduce green criteria in tender documents?⁵

Requirements on products/services/works purchased	• Subject Matter
	• Technical Specifications
	• Award Criteria
	• Contract Performance Clauses
Requirements on bidders	• Selection Criteria

⁵ EC GPP Training Toolkit – Module 2 Legal Framework for GPP



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We look forward to seeing you in Bratislava!
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Implementation of the
EU Green public procurement (GPP) policy:
dissemination and awareness raising



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