

Procura+ Network and Forum CompraVerde join forces in Rome



This coming 13-14 October will see a big international event on sustainable public procurement (SPP) take place in Rome. The event will combine the [GPPbest](#) European conference on sustainable procurement and the annual events of the [Procura+ European Sustainable Procurement Network](#), and the [Italian Forum CompraVerde](#).

The event is organised by: the [Region of Lazio](#) (Italy), [ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability](#), the organisers of the [CompraVerde-BuyGreen Forum](#) and the consortia of two European projects: GPPbest (Best Practices Exchange and Strategic Tools for GPP) and [SPP Regions](#) (regional networks for sustainable procurement).

The event will explore how working together in networks can increase capacity and support implementation of sustainable and innovation procurement.

Confirmed in the [programme](#) are numerous keynote speakers, Ministers of Environment from several Member States, good practice from local governments on SPP and public procurement of innovation (PPI), numerous opportunities for networking and exchange, a

panel discussion of the EU public procurement directives' transition, and six capacity building sessions individually covering the following:

- Can sustainable procurement become a natural reflex in an organisation?
- What are the benefits of an SPP approach? Using data to answer the inevitable question
- Risk or reward? Innovation procurement in practice
- Life cycle costing in action
- Food and catering services
- Regional procurement practices

The Forum CompraVerde-BuyGreen, now in its tenth edition, is an exhibition and conference dedicated to policies, projects and private services relating to green public procurement (GPP) in Italy. This part of the event is expected to host more than 230 public, private and non-profit organisations, numerous meetings and a mix of national and international speakers.

For more information, please visit the [Procura+ website](#), the [Forum CompraVerde-BuyGreen website](#), or contact rome2016@iclei.org.



Zoom in on... 20th European Forum on Eco-Innovation

This year's Forum will take place from 26-28 October in Tallinn (Estonia) and will examine financing opportunities for eco-innovative small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs), and showcase companies who have succeeded in attracting investors and growing their business. The programme will also provide opportunities to explore the enabling factors and challenges of transitioning to a circular business model, and will address these through the lens of business, finance and the public sector.

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Zoom in on... Preparing the ground for capacity building

The partners of the EU-funded [GreenS project](#) recently conducted a comparative [analysis on GPP national practices](#) and compiled a list of [good and bad practices](#), as perceived by public procurers in countries participating in GreenS. The results will serve as the basis for capacity building activities taking place in the following months, together with a series of national meetings to discuss strategic approaches and to help support the uptake of GPP actions in their countries.

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GPP examples

Innovative lighting procurement for London's Underground network (UK)

The iconic London Underground carries 1.34 billion passengers every year, and reliable lighting is crucial for keeping its 270 stations running smoothly. The maintenance costs of traditional fluorescent lighting are significant, and in 2015 Transport for London (TfL) introduced a new approach to lighting procurement based on whole life-cycle costs (WLC), with support from the EU funded Procurement of Lighting Innovation and Technology in Europe (PRO-LITE) project.

Using the WLC analysis of products allowed TfL to consider a range of information beyond unit price, including installation, maintenance, energy use, carbon, and cleaning costs. This approach demonstrated that the biggest savings were not from short term material costs, or to a greater extent energy costs, but from longer term labour costs (including cleaning, installation and maintenance). Indicative results from one station suggest that WLC savings of 25% are possible through switching to LEDs. Due to the success of the approach, TfL now plan to apply it to other areas of its network..

Download the full case study [here](#).

Enzkreis (Germany)

Enzkreis is a partner of the EU-funded Public Administration Procurement Innovation to Reach Ultimate Sustainability (PAPIRUS) project, which aims to promote, implement and validate innovative solutions for sustainable construction through public procurement pilot actions across four European countries (Germany, Italy, Norway and Spain). A number of purchasing actions have been piloted which involved the procurement of innovative materials characterised by nearly zero energy consumption for the repair and construction of buildings.

Enzkreis set out to refurbish the roof of a workshop building at the Mühlacker Vocational School, which houses 16 workshops for apprentices in the metal industry.

The solutions contracted exceeded the demands requested in the tender and overcame the challenge of providing innovative lightweight materials for insulating the roof and glazing the windows, while at the same time, ensuring improvements in energy efficiency.

Download the full case study [here](#).

Copenhagen (Denmark)

Copenhagen is the capital and the most populous city in Denmark. It is also one of Denmark's largest employers, consisting of seven administrations employing over 40,000 people. Copenhagen's goal is to become the world's first carbon neutral capital city, and in 2012 it set up a Unit on Green Public Procurement (GPP) to work across administrative and strategic procurement units to actively seek to move the market in a climate friendly direction.

Since 2005, CO2 emissions in Copenhagen have fallen by 38%. This is mainly due to sustainability strategies regarding sustainable building renovation works, energy savings achieved in the private sector and the implementation of anti-waste strategies. Consideration is then given to how the City's purchasing actions can help to achieve its strategic (thematic) goals, such as requiring that packaging originates from reused materials, procuring alternative fuel or zero emission vehicles (now at 53%), increasing the number of organic public sector meals - which are now at 88% - etc.

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Zoom in on... Training material for greening procurement

A new training package for GPP has just been produced through the EU-funded PRIMES project (Procurement in Municipalities focusing on Energy Efficient Solutions) to help increase implementation of energy efficient procurement in the public sector. The material addresses a number of GPP issues (for example, life-cycle costing, and innovation) and product groups. Parts of the material are available in French, Danish, Swedish and Latvian.

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Zoom in on... Sustainable urban furniture

The EU-funded LIFE FUTURE project aims to increase green purchasing actions, particularly in Spain and Croatia, when it comes to urban furniture, such as street and park benches. The main aim of LIFE FUTURE will be achieved through the development of a tool - the Green Urban Furniture (GUF) Tool - which will later be used (as part of the project) to perform simplified environmental analysis of urban furniture to help facilitate GPP.

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