



New policy developments – GPP and the European Green Deal

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Priorities of the new European Commission 2019-2024

A European Green Deal

An economy that works for people

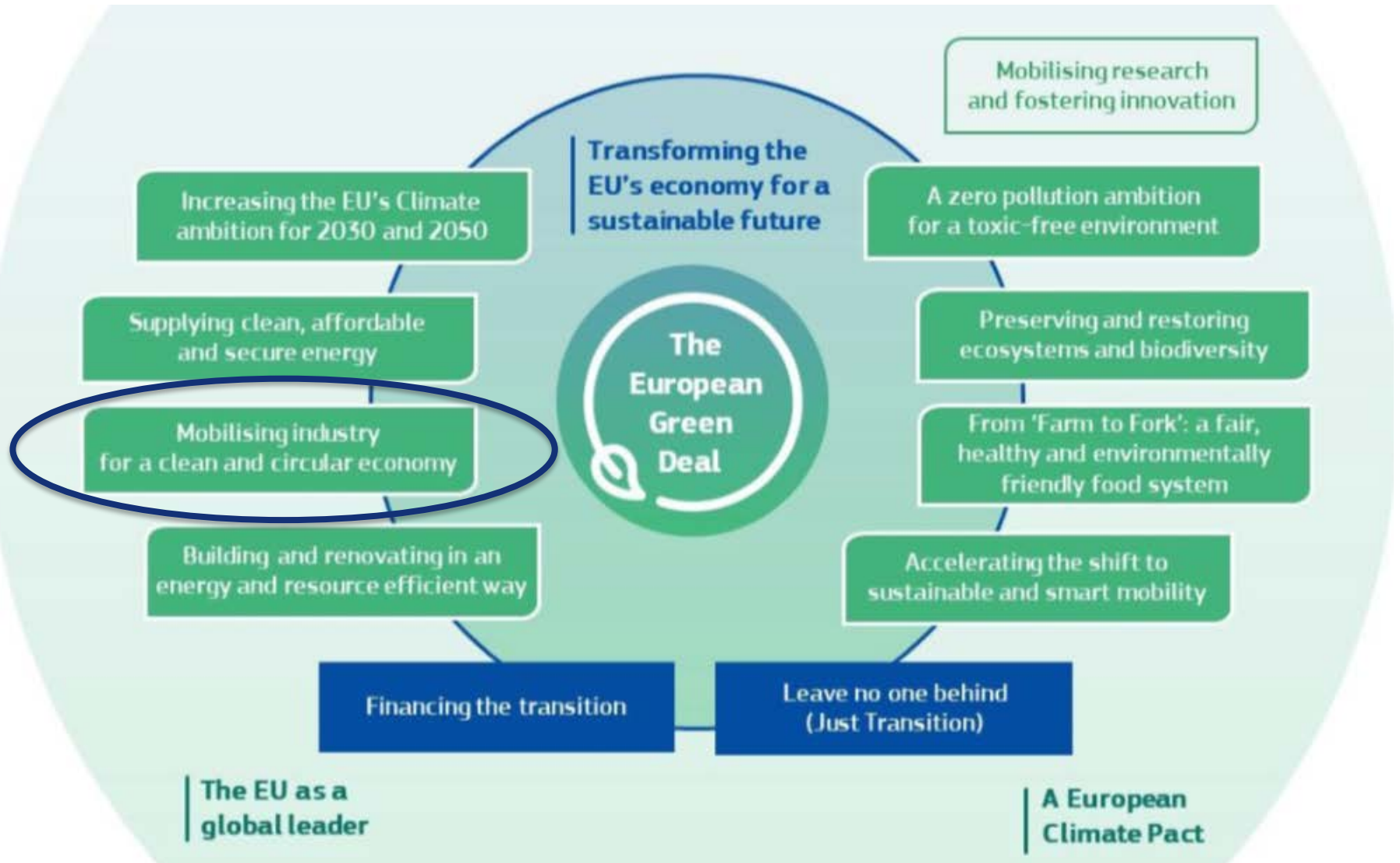
A Europe fit for the digital age

Protecting our European way of life

A stronger Europe in the world

A new push for European democracy

The European Green Deal



European Green Deal and GPP

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2.1.3. Mobilising industry for a clean and circular economy

Public authorities, including the EU institutions, should lead by example and ensure that their procurement is green.

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PARLIAMENT, THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL, THE COUNCIL, THE EUROPEAN
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE AND THE COMMITTEE OF THE
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The European Green Deal

The Commission will propose further legislation and guidance on green public purchasing.

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SELECTION OF RELEVANT ACTIONS FOR GPP

- **Clean, affordable and secure energy**
 - 'renovation wave' initiative for the building sector (2020)
- **Industrial strategy for a clean and circular economy**
 - circular economy action plan (following slides)
- **Sustainable and smart mobility**
 - Strategy for sustainable and smart mobility
- **'Farm to Fork' Strategy (spring 2020)**
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European Green Deal Investment Plan

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4. ENABLE: CREATING A FRAMEWORK FOR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INVESTMENTS TO COME ABOUT.

4.2. Providing the public sector with guidance and appropriate means for making sustainable investments

The Commission will propose minimum mandatory green criteria or targets for public procurements in sectorial initiatives, EU funding or product-specific legislation.

Such minimum criteria will 'de facto' set a common definition of what a 'green purchase' is, allowing collection of comparable data from public buyers, and setting the basis for assessing the impact of green public procurements.

Public authorities across Europe will be encouraged to integrate green criteria and use labels in their procurements.

The Commission will support these efforts with guidance, training activities and the dissemination of good practices. At the same time, life-cycle-costing methodologies should be applied by public buyers whenever possible. The Commission calls on all players, including industry, to develop such reliable methodologies.

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5. EXECUTE: CREATING A PIPELINE OF SUSTAINABLE PROJECTS

5.1.2. Supporting project promoters

Public investors will profit from tailor-made support on how to implement their projects in practice.

A newly introduced 'Sustainable Procurement Screening' instrument – on the basis of the existing voluntary ex-ante mechanism for large infrastructure projects – will help them make use of all the possibilities to green their procurements and guarantee sustainability of the project and the respect of the highest environmental standards throughout the supply chain.

New Circular Economy Action Plan (2020)

- **Sustainable product policy framework**
 - product design and producer responsibility
 - empowering consumers
 - production processes
- **Value chains and high impact sectors**
 - plastics, textiles, electronics, constructions, etc.
- **Less waste, More value**
 - waste policy, toxic-free environment, SRMs
- **Circular economy for people, regions and cities**
- **Horizontal issues**
 - climate neutrality, economics, R&I
- **Global circular economy**
- **Monitoring**

Key Product value chains

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➤ Boosting the circularity potential



**Electronics
and ICT**



**Batteries and
vehicles**



Packaging



Plastics



Textiles



**Construction
and buildings**



**Food, water
and nutrients**

New Circular Economy Action Plan and GPP

2. A SUSTAINABLE PRODUCT POLICY FRAMEWORK

2.2 Empowering consumers and public buyers

the Commission will **propose minimum mandatory green public procurement (GPP) criteria and targets in sectoral legislation** and phase in **compulsory reporting to monitor the uptake of Green Public Procurement (GPP)** without creating unjustified administrative burden for public buyers.

Furthermore, the Commission will continue to support capacity building with guidance, training and dissemination of good practices and encouraging public buyers to take part in a “**Public Buyers for Climate and Environment**” initiative, which will facilitate exchanges among buyers committed to GPP implementation.

GPP Training activities

- 14 training programs, in national language, 16 hours each, 11 countries:
Croatia, Cyprus, Hungary, Latvia, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Bulgaria, Estonia, Lithuania and Malta
- Activities are ongoing and will end in March 2021.

GPP Training activities

	Apr. 2019	May. 2019	Jun. 2019	Sep. 2019	Oct. 2019	Nov. 2019	Dec. 2019	Jan. 2020	Feb. 2020	Mar. 2020	Apr. 2020	May. 2020	Jun. 2020	Jul. 2020	Aug. 2020	Sep. 2020
BULGARIA	24th Gabrovo	30th Burgas			4th Gabrovo							Gabrovo				
CROATIA									14th Zagreb	11th Zagreb	22nd Zagreb	12nd Zagreb (TBC)				
CYPRUS						29th Nicosia				17, 18 or 19 Nicosia	Nicosia or Lacarna	Nicosia				
ESTONIA						14th Tallinn			13th Tallinn		14th Tallinn					17th Tallinn
HUNGARY					30th Budapest			8th Budapest		11th Budapest		20th Budapest				
LATVIA		14th Riga										Riga	Riga			Riga
LITHUANIA					24th Vilnius			23rd Vilnius		Vilnius		21st Vilnius				
MALTA			11th Floriana	12th Floriana					3rd Floriana			12th Floriana				
POLAND										Warsaw		Warsaw				
										Łódź		Łódź				
PORTUGAL									4th Coimbra		15th Coimbra	13th Coimbra	17th Coimbra			
										4th Lisboa	8th Lisboa	20th Lisboa	24th Lisboa			
ROMANIA					29th Piatra-Neamt	14th Buchar.	10th P. N.		13th Bucharest	20th B.			4th B.			



GPP Training toolkit

- Revised GPP Training Toolkit finalised in May 2019 and available in 11 EU languages
- Feedback from its use?
- Need for changes/improvements?

http://ec.europa.eu/environment/gpp/toolkit_en.htm

GPP LCC Tools

- 5 GPP life-cycle costing tools now available online:
 - **Computers and monitors**
 - **Indoor lighting**
 - **Outdoor lighting**
 - **Imaging equipment**
 - **Vending machines**

<https://ec.europa.eu/environment/gpp/lcc.htm>

Life cycle assessment and Public Procurement directives

- Study planned to be launched soon: “ Life cycle assessment and the environmental footprint methods in the context of the public procurement directives”
 - Mapping of national rules on integration of life cycle assessment criteria
 - Use of public procurement procedures that include LCA/EF criteria
 - Best practice

GPP TAIEX – EIR Peer 2 Peer

2019

- 3-4 April, Helsinki - Finland
- 12 April, Vantaa – Finland
- 2 May, Prague - Czech Republic
- 27-28 May, Riga – Latvia
- 20-21 June, Rome - Italy

http://ec.europa.eu/environment/eir/p2p/index_en.htm



Socially responsible PP

Updated guidance on socially responsible PP (2020):

- Update of key recommendations to the 2014 Directives
- New examples, recommendations on planning and contract management
- Indicative timeframe:
 - Targeted public consultation launched in March 2020
 - Consultation open for 12 weeks
 - Publication in summer 2020

Good practices and dissemination (2020):

- Collection of good practices in socially responsible PP ongoing
- Publication planned for summer 2020

Big Buyers initiative

<https://sustainable-procurement.org/big-buyers-initiative/>

- Promote collaboration between big public buyers in implementing strategic public procurement
- Pooling resources and demand (joint market dialogue and engagement)

Three working groups:

- Electric vehicles (heavy duty electric vehicles)
- Circular construction materials
- Zero emissions construction sites



Urban Agenda – partnership on innovative and responsible PP

<https://ec.europa.eu/futurium/en/node/2230>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IGfeFLO4Pts>

Action plan:

- Guidance on building city strategic procurement
- Measuring spend and wider impact in European cities
- Recommendation(s) for funding
- Innovation procurement brokerage
- Legal handbook innovative public procurement
- A flexible concept for setting up and further development of Local Competence Centres
- Competence building in circular procurement

Final meeting: Brussels 8-9 June 2020

Innovation procurement

- European Assistance for Innovation Procurement (www.eafip.eu/assitance): open call (deadline 15 April 2020) for public procurers to receive free support in the preparation and/or implementation of innovation procurements
- Open market consultation of the EU blockchain pre-commercial procurement.

<https://ec.europa.eu/digital-single-market/en/news/european-blockchain-pre-commercial-procurement>

- Artificial intelligence solutions to become climate neutral – pre-commercial procurement - 17 April starts the open market consultation

<https://forumvirium.fi/en/ai4cities-accelerating-cities-transition-to-carbon-neutrality/>