EU Green Public Procurement (GPP) Support Tools

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EU Green Public Procurement Policy

Communication (2008)
Public Procurement for a Better Environment

Political target: 50% of tendering procedures to be green

Common EU GPP criteria for priority products and services

Legal/operational Guidance

GPP National Action Plans
GPP support tools by the Commission

GPP website of the European Commission:

- Full sets of EU GPP criteria and background reports in 20+ languages
- Buying Green Handbook **NEW!** *(translated)*
- More than 100 GPP Examples
- News and upcoming events

HELP DESK:
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Newsletter (please sign up!)
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- Copying and graphic paper *
- Computer and Monitors* NEW
- Transport
- Electricity
- Textiles* NEW
- Cleaning products and services*
- Office Buildings NEW
- Furniture*
- Food & Catering services
- Gardening products and services

*= also EU Ecolabel criteria available
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- Wall panels
- Water based heaters*
- Waste water infrastructures
- Flushing Toilets&Urinals*
- Imaging Equipment*
- Roads NEW
- Combined Heat & Power
- Street lighting and traffic signals
- Indoor lighting
- Sanitary tapware*
- EEE Health care sector
Criteria under development

- Street lighting
- Food and Catering
- Cleaning Services
- Furniture
- Transport
- Paints and Varnishes
- Data Centres
GPP (GPP/Ecolabel) development process by the Joint Research Centre and DG Environment
Two levels of criteria

Core criteria:
• Aim at addressing the key environmental impacts
• Require minimum additional verification effort or cost increases.

Comprehensive criteria:
• Aim at purchasing the best environmental products available on the market
• Possibly requiring additional verification efforts or a slight increase in cost compared to other products with the same functionality.

Often adapted by Member States/Contracting Authorities

GPP criteria are largely based on standard Type I ecolabels.
From a Linear Economy... 

- Natural Resources
- Take
- Make
- Dispose

Waste Waste Waste
...to a Circular Economy
Green Public Procurement in CE AP

- Key role for circular economy acknowledged
- Special emphasis on circular economy aspects in criteria-setting
- Support a greater uptake of GPP criteria by public authorities, e.g. by training
- Commission to lead by example - in its own procurement, and by reinforcing the use of GPP in EU funding
Reinforcing CE aspects in GPP criteria

Examples

• *Replaceability and longer life-time of batteries in laptops*

• *Easy dismantling of monitors for recycling*

• *Easy repair of furniture, incl. spare part availability*

• *Encourage use of recycled materials in construction*
Support higher uptake of GPP

- Training
- Technical assistance
- Peer-to-peer learning
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GPP webpage: http://ec.europa.eu/environment/gpp