

# 15th FEAD NETWORK MEETING

## PANEL ON DIFFERENT TYPES OF DELIVERY CHAINS WITH A FOCUS ON PROCUREMENT

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# How do we attempt to make procurements more environmentally responsible?

- With the help of experts, we work on the technical specifications of the food products that we want to purchase  
How?
  - Fish-products:
    - We avoid some species or pay attention to fishing zone and fishing method (for example tuna)
    - We ask for labels MSC, ASC, ..
  - For all products:
    - We prohibit the use of GMOs and the use of palm oil
    - We pay attention to the use of additives, preservatives, sugars ...
  - We ask for at least one bio-product
  - We ask for at least 2 fair trade products (chocolate and coffee)





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- We pay attention to the norm used for transportation
- Last year – for the first time – we experimented with:
  - Adding clauses and award criteria regarding CO2 emissions
  - Adding award criteria regarding differentiated quality
  - For milk:
    - We asked for a minimum price to be paid to the local farmers
    - We obliged a minimum period of time that cows had to be out to pasture
    - We obliged local feed for the cows
  - Limiting the access to our public procurement procedures to the social economy sector (pilot project)





# Challenges faced and lessons learned

- Public procurement regulations are heavy:
  - No flexibility
  - Audit
  - Analysis of the received offers sometimes takes more time
  - External expertise is needed and sometimes comes with a cost
- Prices of some products went up (**not all!**):
  - Milk: +58,90% !
  - Flour: + 65,82% !

**→ Difficult balance between more sustainable purchases on the one hand and the necessity to have sufficient quantities of food products on the other hand**

