

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

