



Update on the 2nd Edition of Global Review

The Coordination Desk of the 10YFP SPP Programme has committed to periodically survey and assess the progress of SPP at a global level and to publish the results in a Global Review of SPP.

The 2nd edition of the Global Review examines the state of SPP policies and practices being undertaken by national governments worldwide in the last five years. Building on the findings of the 1st Global Review published in 2013 [click [here](#)] and on research conducted between 2015 and 2016 among 41 national governments and more than 200 SPP stakeholders, the 2nd edition aims to track the progress made and deepen the collective understanding of the current barriers, needs, opportunities and innovations in SPP.

The report will be released at the end of April 2017. A webinar on the Global Review 2016 will be held on Thursday 20 April 2017, 13:00 CEST. During the webinar, Farid Yaker (UN Environment), Aure Adell (Ecoinstitut SCCL) and Dr. Anastasia O'Rourke (Industrial Economics Inc.) will present the main findings of the study and respond to questions from the audience. Click [here](#) to register for the webinar.

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1A - Implementing SPP on the Ground

The working group 1A (WG 1A) acts as a lighthouse project and provides support to purchasing bodies in the East Asia region to procure the best available sustainable products and services which are highly relevant in terms of potential energy and CO2 emission reductions and social impacts.

WG 1A is targeting local governments in China and the Republic of Korea. Activities aim to support two Chinese local governments and one Korean local government in procuring eco-innovative products and services, build on and amend an existing network of local authorities on Green Public Procurement (GPP) in the East Asia region, and work with the local governments to monitor the impact of GPP.

End of April 2017, WG 1A will finalize the selection process of targeted local governments in China and Korea, have on-site visits to selected local governments and conduct GPP surveys to identify their baseline, needs and expectations in GPP development for customizing GPP tender implementation action plan with them.

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3C - Including Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in SPP

The working group 3C (WG 3C), led by CEGESTI, has focused on promoting the linkage between the policies to promote SMEs in public procurement with the policies to improve environmental performance in developing countries.

WG 3C has completed the project work in December 2016. The final web conference on SMEs and Green Public Procurement can be viewed [here](#); and the final report is available at the [SCP Clearinghouse](#). This report presents valuable case studies and best practices on how to actively promote the participation of SMEs in Green Public Procurement.

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4B.2 - Supporting SPP Implementation through the Use of Ecolabelling and Sustainability Standards

The working group 4B.2 (WG 4B.2) hosted a webinar on 'The Sustainable Development Goals and Public Procurement; how sustainability standards and ecolabels can support the 2030 Agenda'. You can watch the recording on the SCP Clearinghouse YouTube channel [click [here](#)].

This year's in-person meeting of WG 4B.2 will take place the 27th of June in Zurich, Switzerland. The working group will come together with experts and practitioners to discuss a range of topics, including the Sustainable Development Goals, zero-deforestation, consumer information and procurement, and tools and challenges for the implementation of sustainable public procurement. The meeting takes place on the sidelines of the [Global Sustainability Standards Conference 2017](#), a two-day international event hosted by the ISEAL Alliance. The working group meeting will be open to a limited number of non WG 4B.2 members.

For further information and to register for the conference, please contact Mr. David D'Hollander, ISEAL Alliance, davidh@isealalliance.org



4C - Promoting Resource-efficient Business Models and Circular Economy

The key activities of the working group 4C (WG 4C) are to promote resource-efficient business models (REBMs) and circular economy, to collate best practices from emerging pilots for alternative procurement and to collate cases of business models shifting away from the linear make-use-dispose model. WG 4C has completed the suite of training materials for integrating resource efficient business models and circular economy principles into sustainable procurement. A one-day practitioners' workshop is now available on a basis of need alongside the half day policy-makers workshop, as well as an e-module introduction to circular procurement.

WG 4C has reached 540 delegates, including training 320 delegates in the policy-makers workshop, held most recently at the Procura+ network meeting in Rome, and a Nordic Green Growth meeting in Copenhagen. WG 4C coordinators have opened discussions with the ICLEI circular economy interest group which is made up of ICLEI members that are interested in applying circular economy to their organizations as a next step in ensuring a legacy that links SPP with the delivery of circular economy. The working group training has also been linked with the EU LIFE+ REBus project to enable scale-up of activities. A key finding from the EU LIFE+ REBus project has been the potential for REBMs to deliver economic benefits equivalent to €324 billion if fully implemented across EU Member States.

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ICLEI Launches 2017 Procura+ Awards

ICLEI has launched the [2017 Procura+ Awards](#), which reward sustainable and innovative public procurements leading to significant improvements of public good, services, process and infrastructure.

Procura+ Awards highlight sustainable and innovation procurements and tender procedures. The competition gives visibility to the most dynamic, forward-looking and innovative public authorities and their initiatives.

The [2016 edition](#) of the Procura+ Awards saw the City of Copenhagen (Denmark), Transport for London (UK) and Rijkswaterstaat (Netherlands) win awards for Sustainable Procurement of the Year, Innovation Procurement of the Year and Tender Procedure of the Year, respectively.



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The 2017 Procura+ Awards ceremony will be held at the [Third Major eafip Event on Innovation Procurement](#) in Tallinn, Estonia on 17 October. Winners will be featured in a variety of ICLEI publications and web platforms, and at the next EcoProcura conference.

For more information and to download an application form, visit the [Procura+ website](#).



Auckland Replaces 12,500 Lights with LEDs

By the end of 2016, the City of Auckland (New Zealand) had replaced 12,500 streetlights with LEDs, achieving a saving of 72 percent on energy consumption. The decision was part of Auckland's LED replacement programme, which committed the city to replace over 44,000 high pressure sodium streetlights with LEDs by 2018. The city's decision is being hailed as a particularly good example of sustainable procurement.

Other sectors in which the city is purchasing sustainably includes waste, energy, and buildings. The city also intends to trial e-buses, increase the number of hybrid vehicles in the city fleet, and add additional electric vehicle charging points.

Auckland, who joined the [Global Lead City Network on Sustainable Procurement](#) (GLCN on SP) in 2015, has been pursuing sustainable procurement for several years. Its achievements include carrying out an ISO 14001 training with city suppliers, and retrofitting municipal buildings resulting in 82 percent waste to landfill diversion.

For more information, download [Auckland's SP Profile](#).



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Copenhagen Reaps Rewards of Impressive Procurement Approach

The Danish capital of Copenhagen was presented with the prestigious 2016 Procura+ Award in the category of "Sustainable procurement of the year" for its efforts to supply municipal organisations, such as schools, day-care centres and elderly homes, with organic and sustainable fruit and vegetables.



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“The procurement of food products is a very successful and efficient way to impact the environment and consumption,” said Pia Allerslev, the city’s deputy mayor for children and youth issues, speaking to The Copenhagen Post.

“In Copenhagen Municipality we have discovered a way to sustainably procure for the city’s citizens without increasing costs, and our method has inspired other cities in Europe to follow suit. By sharing our experiences, we can reduce food waste, utilise our resources better and shorten the producer-to-consumer chain.” The Procura+ Awards were held as part of ICLEI Europe’s [Procura+ Network](#), a network of public authorities at the forefront of sustainable and innovation procurement in Europe. For more information, read [The Copenhagen Post article](#).

04 News and Publications on SPP & 10YFP



News

Basque Government Adopts its New GPP Programme

The Basque Government, in its commitment to use public procurement as an instrument to advance its environmental policies’ objectives has now published its “Green Public Procurement Programme of the Basque Country 2020” for voluntary adherence. It represents a qualitative improvement as it targets the whole public sector in the region (not only the central government as the previous plan) and promotes actions to institutionalise GPP and ensure the appropriate coordination with the market.



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To supervise and plan its deployment an inter-agency Steering Committee is being set up with the initial participation of several Government Departments (Finance, Environment, Social Affairs, Internal Affairs, Education and Health) and Public Organisations, with [Procura+ Participant Ihobe](#) (Environmental Management Agency) as coordinator.

The promotion among Basque public authorities has already started. The first meeting was held with the three Basque regions and capitals to foster adherence and define collaborative work strategies to achieve implementation and results in an efficient way. To read more about the programme, please visit [here](#).



Publication

Comparative Analysis of Green Public Procurement and Ecolabelling in China, Japan, Thailand and the Republic of Korea: Lessons Learned and Common Success Factors

This report compares Green Public Procurement (GPP) programs from four leading Asian countries (China, Japan, Thailand and the Republic of Korea) to understand what the frameworks and key success factors that result in high impact green and sustainable procurement are. It looks at their commonalities and differences with the goal of informing a more effective implementation of green procurement policies and programs across Asia. It will be beneficial for other countries in the early stages of promoting and implementing green public procurement, and it will give practitioners insights into the tools and approaches used to implement and promote it.



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The report was produced in the framework of the Asia-Pacific GPPEL project (“strengthening the capacities and improving the knowledge on green public procurement and ecolabelling in the Asia Pacific region”) run by UN Environment and supported by the Ministry of Environmental Protection of China and the Korea Environmental Industry and Technology Institute.



Publication

A sampling of Successes in Green Public Procurement: Case Studies of Green Public Procurement Implementation in Asia-Pacific Countries

This is a compendium featuring six successful examples of green public procurement implementation in four different Asia-Pacific countries, namely Thailand, Japan, China and the Republic of Korea. Each case study can be read independently and focuses on identifying the challenges faced in the implementation process, as well as the key factors that determined the success of the green procurement activities. The compendium was prepared by the Green Purchasing Network Malaysia in the framework of the Asia-Pacific GPPEL project run by UN Environment and supported by the Chinese Ministry of Environmental Protection and the Korea Environmental Industry and Technology Institute. The case studies were written with the contribution of green public procurement practitioners from the four countries involved, with the goal of showcasing successful examples of green purchasing in the public sector and inspiring policy makers to improve their green procurement practices.



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Publication

SPP Regions Best Practice Reports Published

The SPP Regions project has published Best Practice Reports, aimed at guiding public procurers in various approaches to sustainable public procurement. Two Best Practice Reports on the topics of Market Engagement and Performance Output Based Specifications, and a State of the Art Report on Life Cycle Costing, have all been developed in cooperation with the project partners and other public sector procurers in Europe.

The reports contain practical advice and guidance, using examples of successful processes and actions to demonstrate how the procurement approaches can work, including the risks, resources required and first steps for public authorities.

A fourth Best Practice Report, on Circular Procurement, will also be published shortly.



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05 Upcoming Webinar & Events on SPP & 10YFP

Webinar	20 April 2017 13:00 CEST	Webinar on the 10YFP SPP Global Review 2016	Click Here
	5-7 June 2017 Helsinki, Finland	World Circular Economy Forum 2017	Click Here
Event	27-29 June 2017 Zürich, Switzerland	Global Sustainability Standards Conference	Click Here
	4-5 July 2017 Rome, Italy	2nd Global Procurement Conference	Click Here





About the 10YFP SPP Partners

The 10YFP SPP Programme is implemented through an extensive network of 112 partners in over 40 countries including governments, international organizations, NGOs, and SPP experts etc. As a collaborative platform to enhance SPP implementation, the SPP programme is open to all organizations and individual experts that are interested to join. It provides all the partners the access to a global network aiming at fostering SPP implementation, engagement in knowledge and experience sharing, advice and technical support on SPP implementation, and the opportunity to apply for financial support for SPP activities in developing countries through the [10YFP Trust Fund](#), which issues calls for proposals on a periodic basis.

Download the [Application Form](#) to join!



Partner in the Spotlight: CEGESTI

Centro de Gestión Tecnológica e Informática Industrial (CEGESTI) is a non-profit organization founded in 1990, with the mission of contributing to sustainable development in Latin America with special emphasis on three core topics: Environment and Development, Responsible Business and Impact on Social Responsibility. Since its beginnings, CEGESTI has collaborated with bilateral and multilateral cooperation agencies, local entities, enterprises and other society actors in formulating initiatives that facilitate an equitable and sustainable development.



CEGESTI's main office is located in San José, Costa Rica and provides services in Latin America, mainly in Central America. It has extensive experience in the design and provision of services of information disclosure, research and knowledge transfer, capacity building, consulting, training and policy influence in multiple fields and issues associated with sustainable development.

Since 2007, CEGESTI has been a key promoter of Sustainable Public Procurement in Central America through advocating public authorities to not only consume greener products but also perform more socially responsible procurement. As the member of Sustainable Purchasing Leadership Council, CEGESTI have provided on-the-field capacity building activities on SPP in 6 of the 8 countries in the region (Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Panama). It also created an [online resources library](#) to share the manuals, articles, and webinars, and other developed resources about SPP.

For more information, please visit the official website of [CEGESTI](#).

For more information on the programme, please visit the [10YFP SPP Programme](#) website.

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