

PROCUREMENT

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Your purchase power to buy sustainable goods and services is a key lever in the transition towards a circular economy!

Yet, circular and green public procurement (CPP/GPP) are still under-spread practices for most of the public administrations, mainly because it remains a voluntary instrument. The European Commission wants to support the uptake of CPP/GPP and leverage the weight of public spending by setting mandatory criteria for specific groups of products, under its proposed Eco-design for Sustainable Products Regulation. This change can take time but why not already lead by example?

Be an example, stimulate eco-innovation

Public authorities are encouraged to boost the demand for sustainable goods and services which would otherwise be difficult to get onto the market. They can also provide support to SMEs to apply for circular and green tenders. This will create competition, bring innovative solutions and, broaden the potential supplier base. Nonetheless, embedding circular/green criteria in tenders can be challenging, due to:

- lack of internal organisational support;
- difficulties to get started with the tenders;
- reference cases as best practices;
- lack of expertise...



Do you want to be more active in CPP/GPP?

“Circular procurement is the process by which public authorities purchase works, goods or services that seek to contribute to closed energy and material loops within supply chains, whilst minimising, and in the best case avoiding, negative environmental impacts and waste creation across their whole life-cycle.”

(European Commission, 2017)

Network with peers interested in cross-border PPI

BRINC Network of Public Authorities

Get in touch with suppliers and other procurers and be inspired to develop new circular procurement activities

ProCirc Communities of practice

Offer support to SMEs to apply for circular and green tenders

GREENER Training course

Follow guidelines for the development of training programmes

GREENER Toolbox

Find information on other types of procurement

PPI4Waste includes 5 training modules on public procurement of innovation

Integrate circularity in all procurement stages

The Procurement toolbox

Create a strategy for behavioural change in your organisation and bring on board your colleagues

Organisational change guidance

Learn from successful experiences of circular procurements

ProCirc pilot case studies

Know which are the steps to take to procure

The Circular Procurement framework guidance

