

Sustainable Procurement

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Dear Reader,

We are pleased to send you the triannual Update on Procura⁺, the European Sustainable Procurement Campaign, and ICLEI's Sustainable Procurement activities in Europe.

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1. First summit of the Global Lead City Network on SP to take place at COP21

Participants of the Global Lead City Network on Sustainable Procurement will come together in Paris in December to celebrate their first Summit, at the [COP21](#). The event will be held in ICLEI's



TAP Pavilion in the afternoon of 5 December (from 16.00 until 17.30). During the summit, cities in the network will outline how they intend to fulfil the commitments they have signed and will exchange experience and knowledge.



Auckland (New Zealand), Denver (United States), Oslo (Norway), Quezon City (Philippines) and Warsaw (Poland) are the latest participants to have joined the Global Lead City Network on Sustainable Procurement, a joint initiative of Seoul Metropolitan Government and ICLEI, to promote SPP and related environmental, societal and financial benefits. United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) and Korea Environmental Industry and Technology Institute (KEITI) have welcomed the initiative and are looking forward to its integration in the 10YFP on SPP Programme. The Network was launched in April 2015 with Seoul (Republic of Korea), Cape Town (South Africa), Helsinki (Finland), Ghent (Belgium) and Rotterdam (The Netherlands) as founding cities.

The Global Lead City Network on Sustainable Procurement aims at leading a transition to sustainable production and consumption. Procurement makes up a significant proportion of public expenditure. According to the **United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS)**, an average of 15 percent of global gross domestic product (GDP) is spent through public procurement systems each year, amounting to over \$10 trillion. By introducing sustainability criteria in their purchases, public authorities can use procurement as a mechanism for the transition to a resource efficient, low-carbon and socially responsible world.

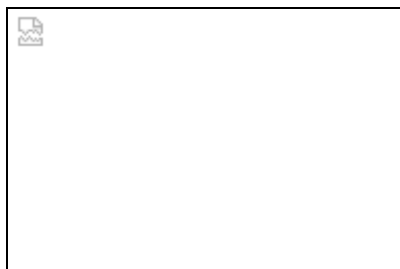
Key pillars of the network are target setting, implementation and monitoring of measures. To this end the city participants will both set quantified commitments on SPP and report annually on their progress. This ability to quantify savings will provide convincing evidence to others of the impact more sustainable procurement practices can have.

"These global SPP ambassadors are joining efforts to raise awareness on the benefits of sustainable public procurement and public procurement of innovation, as well as combating climate change with their activities," states Gino Van Begin, ICLEI Secretary General. "Network participants show their commitment to improve the quality of life for their citizens, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, foster new markets, create new job opportunities and save money for their administrations."

For more information, contact **Mark Hidson** and follow the "**GLCN on SP**" [twitter account](#).

2. Project news

Experts invited to drive uptake of innovation in Europe's waste management sector



The EU-funded PPI4Waste project is inviting public procurers and others interested in innovative waste solutions to work together to make the transition to better waste management a reality.

The **Interest Group** is open to all stakeholders interested in waste management. It will provide useful information and peer to peer exchange for municipal waste management experts, procurers, policy makers, and suppliers. Group members will be the first to hear about upcoming PPI4Waste trainings and will be kept up to date with the latest innovations in the field.

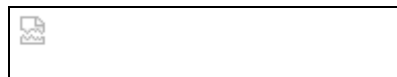
The **Purchasing Community** provides an exclusive opportunity to procurers who are involved in the procurement of waste management solutions in the public sector. Group members will be given the chance to improve their knowledge of the innovative solutions available on the market and take part in webinars, face-to-face meetings and trainings with other procurers.

Both groups will use the **Procurement Forum**, a dedicated online networking space, to facilitate exchange.

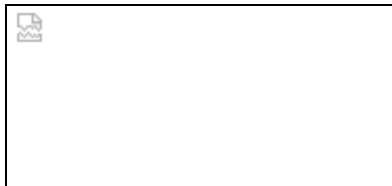
For more information, visit the [PPI4waste website](#)

Austrian wastewater recycling system wins prize for most innovative procurement in Europe

The procurement of a machine that vaporises waste-water to remove waste particles saw the Federal Procurement Agency of Austria awarded the Public Procurement of Innovation Award at a ceremony



in Paris (France) last night. The Federal Procurement Agency received a trophy for innovation procurement excellence, together with the title “European innovation procurement of the year”. They will also have a case study published on the [Procurement of Innovation Platform](#) in the coming weeks.



Four other finalists from across Europe were also in competition for the award (more information on each finalist is available on the [PPI Platform website](#)). “The quality of each of the finalists meant that choosing the overall winner was very difficult. It was an exceptionally close competition,” said Mark Hidson, Deputy Regional Director at ICLEI Europe and jury member. “We felt that the procurement of the vaporising system best showcased the impressive work being carried out, as well as the type of solution that public procurement of innovation can achieve. The procurement brought together the institutional knowledge of public procurers with the ingenuity of the private sector.”

The innovative solution is used by the Austrian mint to clean water contaminated during the production of coins and notes. Vaporisation of the waste-water takes place in a vacuum, allowing for fresh water and waste particles to be separated. Once the filtering process is complete, 97 percent of the water can be reused. The ceremony was held as part of the European Assistance for Innovation Procurement event, organised by [EAFIP](#).

For more information, visit the [PPI Platform](#).

New project: procurement of bio-based products and services



InnProBio, the Forum for Bio-Based Innovation in Public Procurement, aims to develop a community of public procurement practitioners interested in innovative bio-based products and services. For this purpose, the [InnProBio website](#) has been launched. InnProBio will assist in collecting information on the bio-based sector, develop tools for practitioners and help to bridge the knowledge and awareness gap of public procurers. Those who want to be regularly updated about the project’s developments can subscribe to the [newsletter](#).

Depending on how sustainability issues are addressed, the bio-based sector offers the potential to help to reduce our dependency on fossil fuels and reduce CO₂ emissions. Sustainably produced products made from renewable raw materials (bio-based products) can also contribute to green growth, innovation, and employment.

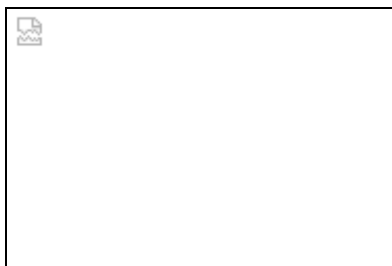
Stakeholders interested in helping assess the existing experience of purchasing innovative bio-based products can [take part in an online survey](#). Results of the survey will help map hurdles to procurement of bio-based products and services and facilitate ways to overcome them.

For more information, visit the InnProBio website or contact meritxell.diaz@iclei.org.

EU GPP News Alert publishes first Croatian example

Published ten times a year, the EU GPP News Alert shares the latest GPP news and information from across the EU Member States.

The recently published [October News Alert](#) includes an interview with [Anja Leetz](#), the Executive Director of Health Care Without Harm (HCWH) Europe, on how HCWH, a non-profit organisation, is working to transform the healthcare sector worldwide to become more ecologically sustainable; the first ever example from Croatia explains how the [Municipality of Župa Dubrovnik](#) reduced energy consumption and carbon emissions by procuring LED lighting for the Municipality; as well as an example of how the [The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust](#) procured a people centered, low carbon, catering solution for its hospital.



The previous News Alert, published in [September](#), provided insight into an EC commissioned study evaluating the options for supporting a European GPP network; an interview with [Zane Ramane](#) of the Latvian Environmental Investment Fund (LEIF) on challenges and opportunities for green purchasing in Latvia; GPP Examples from [Wales](#) and [Italy](#); and the clearer format in which the GPP examples are now presented on the website, whereby examples are sorted by category. [Categories](#) include: Food and Catering Services; Waste Management and Collection; Street Lighting and Traffic Signals and Implementing GPP Policies, and make it easier for users to find GPP examples based on topic.

For more information contact the gpp-helpdesk@iclei.org.

School catering in the spotlight in INNOCAT report



Eco-innovation need not involve expensive high-tech solutions, according to a new [INNOCAT report on the sustainable procurement of school catering services](#). The report looks at sustainable catering practices in schools across Europe and highlights the importance of broad stakeholder involvement and inventive approaches to food rather than a reliance on expensive equipment and significant financial investment.

The catering sector is a significant contributor to greenhouse gas emissions in Europe. Conventional food production, processing, delivery and preparation processes are linked to heavy consumption of fossil fuels as well as significant soil and water pollution,

proliferation of plastic and other non-organic waste, and local air pollution caused by transportation within cities. It is therefore not only the food itself but the systems by which it is packaged, prepared and delivered which need to be considered when reducing catering's carbon footprint.

Based around an exploration of common practical and perceived problems faced by schools, the INNOCAT Good Practice Report on Sustainable Public Procurement of School Catering Services tries to draw out the many clever and innovative approaches already being used to procure more environmentally and socially sustainable catering services. By highlighting ideas and best practice cases from around Europe, the report provides ideas, inspiration and further resources for those who are involved in the procurement of food and catering services for schools.

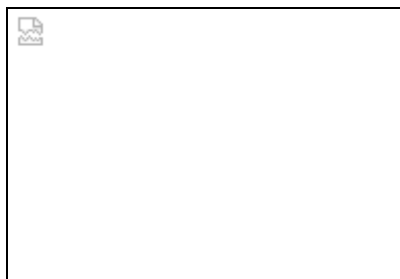
For more information, download the [report](#).

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3. Procura+ Campaign news

South Norway Health Region joins Procura+



Southeast Norway Health Region is the latest member of Procura+. It is the largest of four health regions in Norway and has a procurement spend of over 8bn euros per year. The organisation has implemented a programme called Win-Win, aimed at professionalising procurement practices to include consideration of sustainability in a more structured way. Win-Win will incorporate carbon footprint analysis of current procurements and use this baseline data to include carbon savings in outcomes-based procurement.

For more information, visit the dedicated Procura+ page: www.procuraplus.org/en/participants/norway-southeast-norway-health-region/

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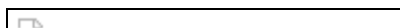
Lipor encouraging SPP in Portugal

Lipor is leading by example in the practice of SPP in Portugal. This includes using a verification scheme to raise supplier awareness of the importance of respecting social and environmental criteria.

Find out more in their newly updated Procura+ web page here: www.procuraplus.org/en/participants/portugal-lipor



Barcelona invites cities to follow its lead on sustainable procurement



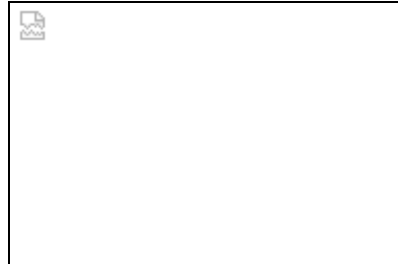
Public procurers from across Europe gathering at the 2015 Procura+



Seminar in Barcelona (Spain) last week to learn from the city's experiences of using sustainable procurement to reduce its ecological footprint and improve citizens' quality of life. Organised by ICLEI, the seminar is an annual event that, through practical workshops and facilitated discussions, offers inspiring examples of sustainable and innovative procurement.

"By bringing procurers from all regions of Europe together, the Procura+ Seminar provides an excellent environment for exchange and learning. Barcelona is the ideal host city, having used their purchasing power to drive a shift towards sustainability. It is my hope that the procurers in attendance go away with a greater sense of the benefits that smart procurement choices can bring," said Mark Hidson, Deputy Regional Director with ICLEI Europe. "Responsible public procurement is a very important part of Barcelona's broader approach to sustainability," added Janet Sanz, Deputy Mayor for Environment, Urban Planning and Mobility.

At a meeting following the seminar, Procura+ participants officially endorsed the transition of the campaign to become the PROCURA+ European Sustainable Procurement Network, introducing new networking and exchange opportunities such as interest groups and a twinning programme.



For more information, please visit the [PROCURA+ website](#).

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4. Upcoming events

Urban Futures Conference

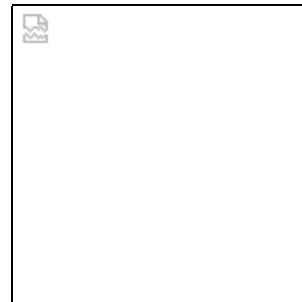
Berlin (Germany), 25-26 November 2015

5. Other News

New addition to Sustainable Procurement team

We would like to welcome Estela Grana to ICLEI's Sustainable Economy and Procurement team.

Estela has a Masters Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Granada. Before joining ICLEI she worked as Consultant at DS Consulting in Stuttgart in the field of Innovation and Waste Reduction within the Construction industry. She has also organised international tendering processes throughout Europe and supported entities with the procurement strategy of complex construction projects. Previously she worked as Researcher at the Centre CEAMA Granada, conducting a Research in Sustainable City Development.



Check out some of the latest resources on sustainable procurement

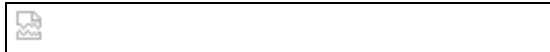
The [Sustainable Procurement Resource Centre](#) has more than 700 resources available online through an easy to use system. These include publications on the results of studies; good practice cases; tools and guidance material; online information; and SPP criteria use in preparing public tenders.

A few of the resources recently added:

- Environmental and Cost Relief through Green Public Procurement (2015)
- Sustainable Public Procurement of School Catering Services: A Good Practice Report (2015)
- Healthier Procurement: Improvements to working conditions for surgical instrument



manufacture in Pakistan (2015)



These, along with all the resources available on SPP, can be accessed by visiting www.sustainable-procurement.org/resources

If you have a resource which you would like to see published through the Sustainable Procurement Resource Centre, please let us know by sending an email to procurement@iclei.org.

6. Up for discussion



The online hub of all things related to public procurement, the Procurement Forum is the place for public authorities, procurers, policy makers, researchers and other stakeholders working in the field of sustainable and innovation procurement to exchange, connect and collaborate.

Register to get involved in current discussions, including:

1. Arguments against deforestation

- What is the link between deforestation and the products we commonly procure?
- What is the best method of discouraging deforestation within the procurement process?
- What are the impacts of deforestation in different regions?



2. Energy recovery or waste prevention?

- Could food waste be effectively re-used as energy, compost etc with a widespread installation of biodigesters?
- Is recovery of energy from waste products a cost-effective proposition?
- Is energy recovery an effective waste management technique or a distraction from broader discussions around waste prevention?

Head over to the [Procurement Forum](#) and join the debate!

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More than 1,200 cities, towns, counties, and their associations worldwide comprise ICLEI's growing membership. ICLEI works with these and hundreds of other local governments through international performance-based, results-oriented campaigns, such as the Procura+ Sustainable Procurement Campaign.

The Procura+ Sustainable Procurement Campaign is an initiative designed to help support public authorities across Europe in implementing Sustainable Procurement and help promote their achievements. The Campaign was established in 2004 to help drive the mainstreaming of sustainable public procurement throughout Europe. Through participating in the Campaign, public authorities can contribute to a growing international movement and help bring about real change on the market.

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