

BuyZET project aims to lower transport emissions of procurement activities

The [BuyZET project](#) is a partnership of cities aiming to achieve zero emission urban delivery of goods and services through changes to their procurement practices. The cities of [Rotterdam](#), [Oslo](#) and [Copenhagen](#) will study the transportation impacts of different types of procurement activities using methodologies developed within the project. Based on these results, each city will then identify two priority procurement areas to focus on.

For each procurement priority area, the cities will explore potential innovative procurement solutions through market dialogue, engaging with other cities, exploring best practice from across Europe, and forming buyers groups to launch joint or collaborative procurement actions. At the end of this process plans will be developed for each procurement area, to be implemented by the cities in the coming years.



Outcomes from the project will include new procurement plans for each priority area in each city, a methodology for mapping the procurement transportation footprint, a BuyZET Implementation Handbook and input into EU policy making and relevant working groups.

[Southampton](#) and the [Brussels Capital Region](#) are also participating as Observer Cities and will aim to implement the project activities as well. The project, launched in November 2016, is co-ordinated by [ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability](#), with the support of [Polis](#) and [TNO](#).



Zoom in on... State of the art report on market engagement

A new report on market engagement practices has been made available, aimed at guiding public procurers in engaging with suppliers in the context of procurement procedures. The report contains practical advice and guidance, features best practices and actions to demonstrate how market engagement can be carried out in the different stages of the procurement process and describes the potential risks and required resources for public authorities.

Download the report [here](#).

Regional Networking for Green Public Procurement



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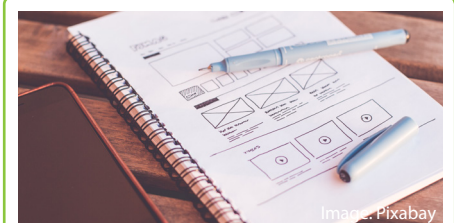
What is the SPP Regions project and what does it aim to achieve?

SPP Regions promotes the creation and expansion of European regional networks of municipalities working together on sustainable public procurement (SPP) and public procurement of innovation (PPI). We believe that regional networks can help increase the capacity of public bodies for SPP and PPI, send a stronger signal of demand for sustainability to suppliers and spur eco-innovation in the private sector.

The regional networks participating in the project are collaborating directly on tendering for eco-innovative solutions, whilst building capacities and transferring skills and knowledge. The tenders within the project will achieve at least 54 GWh/year primary energy savings and trigger the purchase of 45 GWh/year renewable electricity.

Reports, guidance and tools for public authorities interested in SPP and PPI are being produced, including: State-of-the-art reports on market engagement, life cycle costing, performance-based specifications and circular procurement; three tools for calculating and energy savings and 42 eco-innovative tender models.

To read the interview in full, click [here](#).



Zoom in on... New tender models available from APE network

The first tender models provided by partners of the [SPP regions](#) project have been made available at the project website. The 7 regional networks which constitute the consortium are currently working to deliver a total of 42 eco-innovative tenders, focussed on energy savings in public buildings, vehicles and food and catering.

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GPP examples

Circular Procurement of Furniture for the City of Wageningen

In 2015 Wageningen joined the [Dutch Green Deal initiative](#) and committed to implement 100% circular procurement in its municipal purchases. Furthermore, the municipality adopted its new [Public Procurement policy](#), which incorporates a detailed procurement manual and seeks to further improve the overall performance of all procurement procedures.



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For the refurbishment works of the new City hall, the municipality decided to implement a circular procurement concept for their new furniture, seeking products that would deliver a healthy working environment while being truly 100% recyclable.

In order to gain understanding of what the market was able to deliver, the municipality conducted several pre-procurement market consultation activities in January 2016.

After evaluating the feedback from the market, the municipality decided to split the products in categories and to launch seven different calls for tenders. The contracts were awarded in June 2016 to three different suppliers.

Download the full case study [here](#).

Purchasing Framework for energy efficient client computer systems in Scotland

One of the key priorities for Scottish Procurement is to embed sustainability in all activities. This is in line with the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 which established laws to maximise the environmental, social and economic benefits through effective and efficient procurement activity.



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Scottish Procurement established a new suite of frameworks for the supply of ICT client devices in 2016 which are for use by the Scottish Government and any other Scottish public sector organisations and were developed in collaboration with users of the framework and extensive engagement with the market. This included establishment of a User Intelligence Group of stakeholders, and regular conference calls and face-to-face meetings with industry experts and other organisations within the supply chain.

The frameworks, which are estimated to be valued at up to £250 million over 4 years, cover the following categories:

- Mobile Client Devices
- Thin Client Devices
- Web Based & Proprietary Devices
- Desktop Client Devices
- Workstation Client Devices
- Tablet Client Devices

Scottish Procurement wanted to focus on circular economy outcomes through end-of-life management of devices, energy and environmental management, packaging, fairly and ethically traded supply and fair work practices.

Download the full case study [here](#).



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Zoom in on... GPP criteria on computers and monitors available in 23 languages

The EU GPP Criteria for computers and monitors published last October 2016 have now been made available in all European languages and can be consulted [here](#).

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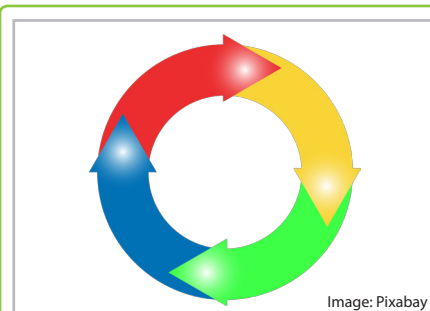


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Zoom in on... Circular procurement webinar

A webinar on circular procurement took place last 13 March. The webinar introduced the concept of circular procurement, featured best practice examples from the project Rebus and the ECAP initiative and presented the last activities of the European Commission and UNEP's 10 FYP working group on circular procurement.

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