

Buy Smart+

Country Experiences: Bulgaria

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Green procurement in Bulgaria

- In 2011 the amount of public procurement reached 5,78 milliards Leva and represents nearly 8% of the GDP.
- In spite of the trend to increase the application of criteria for green procurement, the share of it is very low.

Authorities

- Public Procurement Agency
- Ministry of Economy, Tourism and Energy
- Ministry of Environment and Water
- Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works
- Agency for Sustainable Energy Development

Acts related to public procurement

- Law for Public Procurement – this act regulates the process of public procurement
- Law for the Protection of the Environment - the aim of this Act is to decrease the impact of the consumption and the production on the environment , the health, the climate and the natural resources. It applies directly the system EMAS.
- Energy Act - RUE
- Law for RES and Alternative Sources of Energy and Biofuels – supporting mechanisms for green energy

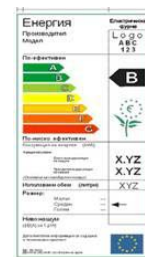
Political initiatives / other projects

- National Action Plan for Supporting Green Procurement for the Period 2012-2014 – criteria for green procurement of:
 - Copying and graphic paper
 - Cleaning products and services
 - Office equipment
 - Lighting
 - Air-conditioning systems
 - Vehicles
- Incentives for RES in buildings
- National Programme for Refurbishment of Multi-Dwelling Buildings – including subsidies for RES
- Residential Energy Efficiency Credit Line
- Bulgarian Energy Efficiency and RES Credit Line – for SMEs
- Programmes for Regional Development, etc...

- Public Procurement in Bulgaria is performed following the requirements of the Law for Public Procurement
- Green procurement is supported by several financing schemes as:
 - Grants for measures for EE and RES in buildings
 - Grants for improvement of EE and use of RES in the industry
 - Feed-in tariffs for electricity from RES and cogeneration
- Green Procurement is voluntary, in most cases the decisions are made following the “safe” criteria for lowest price, with less efforts.

Important labels

- Energy label for household appliances



- Quality Label BACIW

The members of the Bulgarian Association for Construction Insulation and Waterproofing (BACIW) at their regular General Assembly held on April 19th, 2006 approved and adopted *Criteria of BACIW for Quality Mark Award*.

- 26 companies – members of BACIW for systems for thermal insulation and materials
- 28 companies – members of BACIW for systems for waterproofing systems and materials
- 10 companies – members of BACIW for systems for soundproofing systems and materials
- 7 companies – members of BACIW for corrosion protecting coverings
- 14 companies – members of BACIW for floor coverings



WP2 Helpdesks

- On-line training tool in Bulgarian (tested)
- Guidelines for green procurement of vehicles, office IT equipment, lighting and buildings (household appliances will be uploaded in a few days)
- Training materials (slides) for the 4 product groups
- Tool for calculation of LCC
- Calculation tool for lamps
- Calculation tool for vehicles
- Calculation tool for office IT equipment

WP3 Knowledge Transfer

- 26 September 2012, Sofia Energy Centre
 - twinning meeting, 6 participants. Topics:
 - Organisation of training courses
 - Synergies between Buy Smart+ and other projects
 - Content of training courses
 - Performance of consultations
 - Possible best practice examples
 - Pilot projects – municipalities and private companies



WP3 Knowledge Transfer

- 27 September 2012, Green Energy Days, Technical Fair of Plovdiv, Workshop: „Buy Green“. 42 participants. Presentations:
 - The Buy Smart+ Project, SEC
 - Green Procurement in Europe, ZRMK
 - National Action Plan for Supporting Green Procurement, SEC
 - Helpdesk and Tools for Green Procurement, ZRMK
 - How to apply for consultation or training, SEC
 - Results from Pilot Projects for Green Solutions



WP4 Training 1

- 8 December 2012, Silistra. Training of representatives of Associations of Homeowners and experts from the municipality „Measures for Energy Efficiency in Buildings“. 14 participants. Content of the course:
 - Green Procurement – a tool for improvement the energy efficiency
 - Programme for energy refurbishment of Bulgarian dwellings
 - Green Procurement for Construction and Refurbishment
 - Energy Certification of Buildings
 - Measures for Energy Efficiency in Buildings



WP4 Training 2

- 18 February 2013, Hissaria. Training of experts from energy consulting companies in the frame of a 2 days conference. Course: „Green Procurement“. 22 participants. Content of the course:
 - Green Procurement – a tool for improvement the energy efficiency
 - Green office IT equipment
 - Choice of green lighting
 - Green procurement of vehicles
 - Green procurement of building materials and components



WP4 Networking

- Association of Rhodope Municipalities – member of NSC
- Association of Bulgarian Energy Agencies – member of NSC
- Chamber of Architects in Bulgaria – member of NSC

WP4 Consultations

- 3 consultations after the first training on the following topics:
 - Additional thermal insulation on building
 - Solar thermal system for domestic hot water in multi-family dwelling building
 - Heating with biomass
- 1 consultation for a private company for installation of PV collectors on the roof of a shopping mall

Good Practice – 2 possible cases are identified:

- Taxi company in Sofia with hybrid cars
- Street lighting with PV cells in the municipality Nikolaevo

WP7 Dissemination

- 4 Presentations
- Printing of leaflet and dissemination at conferences and training events
- 1 Newsletter
- 3 Press releases / articles
- 1 media covering

Lessons learnt

- There is a lack of awareness regarding green procurement
- It is necessary to link the training courses to the need of the different target groups
- We can reach good results when the training is linked to a specific project or programme as:
 - National Programme for Refurbishment of Dwelling Buildings
 - Elaboration of SEAPs by municipalities
- We should be flexible and adapt the training materials to the level of experience of the audience
 - For Associations of owners – more information on the process of organisation of the procurement
 - For architects – more technical information and evaluation tool
- It is good to include information on available financing schemes supporting the process of green procurement

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