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Country Experiences: Croatia

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Procurement legislation



- No binding laws for the organization to undertake activities related to the green procurement
- Law for public procurement (NN90/11) - only several law articles which give possibilities to public procurers to include environment criteria in public procurement (threshold 10 000 eur)
- For example:
 - Article 81, paragraph 6, if the contracting authority determines the characteristics relating to the protection of the environment in the form of performance or functional requirements referred to in paragraph 3 Item 2 of this article, he may use the detailed specifications, or, if necessary, parts thereof, as defined by European, national, multinational, or any other eco-label, provided that:
 1. those specifications are appropriate to define the characteristics of the goods or services which are the subject matter,
 2. requirements for the label are drawn up on the basis of scientific data,
 3. environmental codes adopted a procedure in which all stakeholders, such as government bodies, consumers, manufacturers, distributors and environmental organizations can participate, and
 4. available to all interested parties.

Political initiatives / other projects



- 2. National Action Plan for Energy Efficiency
 - 14th February 2013
 - Measure: Green public procurement
 - Development of guideline for GPP
 - Product groups: electrical appliances and machines, equipment for heating, ventilating and air conditioning systems, vehicles and construction machinery, reconstruction and construction of new buildings
 - 65 000 eur
 - Supervising: MINGO i MGIPU
 - Executive bodies: MINGO, JLP(R)S, State office for public procurement

Political initiatives / other projects



- Procura +- UNDP- several workshops (theory)
- Euro Topten Max- REGEA partner
- SUSTAINCO (nZEB)- REGEA partner
- Come On Labels
- ProMotion (Promotion and Procurement of Clean and Energy Efficient Vehicles)

Procurement practice



- Current national/ regional practice concerning public procurement is that most of the public administrations buy through open competitions based on best offered price
- In private sector that depends on the type of company and its business culture but most of the procurement competitions are focused on closed competitions and cooperation derived from former experiences and financial and technical possibilities
- The main barriers on national level are the facts that including the environmental criteria as a part of the procurement requirements is not compulsory, but only recommended
- Cooperation between all involved stakeholders and implementation of projects regarding the promotion of green procurement could lead to accepting this kind of approach by the government and accompanied by the specific laws and regulations which will significantly support use of green procurement not only in the public institutions, but also in the private sector.

Important labels

- Regulation on energy labeling of household appliances (NN101/11)
- The supplier is obligated to deliver energy efficiency label and technical documentation to distributor, which confirms the more detailed explanations about the data on the label.



Product groups:

- refrigerators and freezers;
- washing machines;
- tumble,
- combined washer-dryers;
- dishwashers;
- electric ovens;
- air conditioning equipment;
- lighting sources supplied directly from the mains.

Buy Smart+ experiences



- WP2 Helpdesks
 - Establishment of Croatian web page
 - Translation of GPP guidelines- vehicles, lighting, office equipment, building components
- WP3 Knowledge Transfer
 - Twinning partner meeting with BEA- 4th-6th July 2012
 - Steering Comitee meeting- 6th July 2012
 - National workshop 13th March 2013
- WP4 Training
 - Consultations- 1
 - Trainings- in preparation- 1 conducted, 2 confirmed dates
 - Good Practice- 1
 - Networking

Buy Smart+ experiences



- WP5 Pilot Projects
 - In preparation- City of Zagreb, Klanjec and Zagreb county
- WP7 Dissemination
 - Presentations- in preparation
 - Newsletter- 2
 - Media coverings- 5
 - Press releases / articles- 2

Lessons learnt



- Low level of GPP awareness- more visible campaign needed
- Lack of government support- in cooperation
- Lack of interest from private sector- focused on product/service price
- More promotion by the national stakeholders (public administration)- needed for wider uptake of GPP

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