

Buy Smart+

Country Experiences: Slovenia

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Procurement legislation



- Procurement legislation fully harmonised with the corresponding EU Directives
- The Procurement Law is comprehensive and demanding on itself
- Therefore: frequent nullifications of calls for tenders by the Court of Audit
- No regional level PP legislation, only central/national level
- GPP rules causing additional troubles for procurement officers
- GPP: Action Plan on GPP 2009-2012
- GPP: Decree on GPP (2012)
- No „green“ e-procurement platform; only the formal e-procurement portal run by the Official Gazette (www.e-narocanje.si)

Political initiatives / other projects



- Action Plan on GPP (2009-2012)
- Decree on GPP (status of regulation; 2012)

- Green public procurement exposed as one of the key sustainable development elements and as a priority topic in all national strategic documents

- NEEAP 2008-2016: 1% annual energy savings, 9% in the whole period
- NEP 2030 (National Energy Programme): energy efficiency to increase by 20% until 2020 and by 27% until 2030; share of renewables to reach 25% until 2020 and 30% until 2030; Greenhouse gas emissions reduction by 18% until 2030

- Local level: involvement of Local Energy Agencies
- Use of Cohesion funds

Procurement practice



- 2007: The lowest price as the only selection criteria →
by value: 79,81% of all procurement cases
by number: 73,48% of all procurement cases
- National GPP Action Plan 2009–2012:
Target average green share in 2010: 50% (has proven to be too optimistic)

Product group	Green share 2012
Construction	30 %
Cleaning products and services	60 %
Office IT	95 %
Vehicles	40 %
Electricity	100 %
Furniture	50 %
Stationery	70 %
Food and catering	40 %

Procurement practice



- **Decree on GPP:** In use from: 13. 3. 2012
- 12 appendices
- Construction (buildings): from August 2012 on
- Basic (core) environmental requirements → minimal mandatory requirements
- Additional environmental requirements → recommendations
- Free choice of further / more rigorous requirements

Procurement practice



- Requirements ↔ Selection criteria



Example: Construction

- Primary energy („less is more“ principle)
 - Share of renewable/recyclable materials („bonus“ principle)
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- Procurement item(s) → technical specifications;
 - Bidder → proof of competence;
 - Realisation of the PP project → contractual clauses

Procurement practice



1. Electricity
2. Foods, drinks, agricultural food products, catering;
3. Stationery, hygiene paper products
4. Office electronic equipment
5. Audio and video equipment
6. Refrigerators, freezers, combined ref./freez. appliances, washing machines, dishwashers, air conditioners
7. Buildings
8. Furniture
9. Cleaning products and services, laundry services
10. Personal and freight vehicles, bus transport services
11. Tyres

Procurement practice



- No national/local „public procurement agency“ or similar body
- On the Governmental level: centralised procurement to a minor extent
- Ministry of Finance: a special office responsible for GPP legislation
- PP: approx. 14% of Slovenian GDP
- Calls for tenders:
in the best case „copy-paste“ of requirements from the Decree, still low understanding of GPP principles, fixation on the lowest price as the only or largely prevailing criterion

Important labels



- Several national labels for food products, tourist branch etc.
- From the BS+ range of product groups:
 - EU Eco-Label, Energy Star, Energy Label for appliances
 - Solar Keymark, natureplus
 - (Energy Performance Certificate for buildings)
 - national: Znak kakovosti v graditeljstvu (Quality Mark in Civil Engineering)

Buy Smart+ experiences



- WP2 Helpdesks

Building components tools revised and updated

Website

Online training tool operational

- WP3 Knowledge Transfer

Good cooperation with SEC from Bulgaria, twinning meeting held in Sofia after the Thessaloniki project meeting, followed by a conference in Plovdiv (4 presentations about various GPP topics and aspects by ZRMK)

Buy Smart+ experiences



- WP4 Training
 - Consultations: 13 until 1st PR, currently around 25
 - Trainings: 7 until 1st PR, currently around 10
 - Good Practice: in progress
 - Networking: strong activities (Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Justice and Public Administration, ManagEnergy, Local Energy Agencies, City of Ljubljana, Green Building Council of Slovenia, Chamber of Engineers etc.)

- WP5 Pilot Projects: activities in progress

- WP7 Dissemination
 - Presentations: 13 until 1st PR, currently close to 20
 - Newsletter: 2
 - Media coverings: 7 (+1 submitted to EEDAL 2013)
 - Press releases / articles: 2

Lessons learnt



- Lacking data about G(P)P on the general level:
Feedback and statistics → how to monitor progress?
- Issues on the side of procurement officers:
Understanding?
Willingness?
Capacity?
Financial issues?
- Differences between public and private sector
- Gap between theory (formal requirements) and practice

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