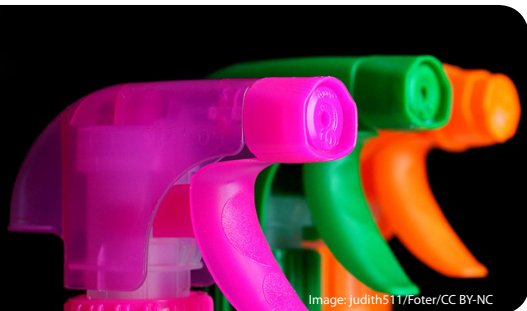


Four sets of EU GPP criteria now under consultation



There are [EU GPP criteria](#) published for 22 categories of products, services and works. Each set of criteria, comprised of recommended technical specifications, award criteria and contract clauses, is accompanied by a technical background report, which describe the scope and reasoning behind criteria. The EU GPP criteria form the basis for many sets of national GPP criteria across EU Member States.

The EU GPP website contains further information on the [process for setting EU GPP](#)

[criteria](#) along with a [criteria development work plan](#). Additions include criteria for [Electrical and Electronic Equipment used in the Health Care Sector](#), [Water-based Heaters](#) and [Imaging Equipment](#). They are developed by the EC's Joint Research Centre who consults policy makers, governments and local authorities, industry and NGOs. The JRC emphasises the importance of public authority contributions to the development and consultation process as users of the criteria, in order to ensure they are fit-for-purpose and appropriately ambitious.

New documents for the development of EU GPP criteria which are now under consultation include [Road Construction](#) (deadline 22 February), [Textiles](#) (27 February), [Office Buildings](#) (10 March) and [Cleaning Services](#) (13 March). Feedback from procurement, policy makers or environment professionals is welcome.



Zoom in on... Clean Fleets guide and LCC tool

The [Clean Fleets project](#) has released further freely available resources including a guide and a life-cycle costing (LCC) tool, providing up-to-date information and advice from experts and practitioners. The guide presents in-depth information for those purchasing or providing public vehicle fleets in accordance with EU legislation. The LCC tool allows procurers to measure the cost of fleet over the full life span in terms of environmental impacts and financial costs. The project also offers a [free helpdesk](#) for any procurement queries related to improving the efficiency and/or minimising the impact of vehicles.

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The Green Deal on Circular Procurement in the Netherlands



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Tell us more about the 'Green Deal on circular Procurement':

Joan: The overarching aim is to understand and use the power and possibilities of procurement in spurring green growth i.e. economic growth that takes account of our living environment and sustainable development. We want to share the

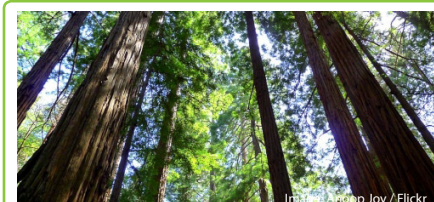


knowledge and experience of the partners. The Green Deal Circular Procurement was established by 16 public and private partners in 2013 and we have now have 64 projects underway.

What can encourage local authorities on the right path to circular procurement?

Cuno: We need to re-think the way we relate to organisations in the supply chain and with waste contractors. Culture is one key aspect that acts as a barrier to circular procurement being more prominent and this is probably the most difficult to influence. Also, it is still a fairly rare phenomenon for procurers to take a step back and focus on need rather than replicating previous procurement procedures.

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



Zoom in on... 2nd EU Sustainable Tropical Timber Coalition Conference

The [European Sustainable Tropical Timber Coalition](#) (STTC) will host a conference on the power of sustainable timber procurement as the driving force behind the sustainable use of tropical forests. The STTC's aim is to give economic value to tropical forests and encourage their sustainable use by creating a European market for sustainable tropical timber. Held in Valencia on 13 February, it will host 150 local authorities, private sector and civil society representatives to discuss forest certification and conservation, and present an STTC innovation award. To attend, or join the Coalition, click [here](#).



GPP examples

London gets FIRED-uP with smarter fire engines

London Fire Brigade (LFB) is one of the largest firefighting organisations in the world, with a fleet of over 500 vehicles. Amongst other environmental goals, it has a target for a 45% reduction in CO₂ emissions from its operations by 2020, compared to 1990 levels. In 2012, LFB was granted funding for the FIRED-uP project – a partnership with the City and Fire Brigade of Ghent, Belgium. The focus of FIRED-uP is on the environmental performance of frontline firefighting vehicles and how this can be improved by applying new ideas and technologies. The first phase of the project was dedicated to research and market engagement, which led LFB to select vehicle telematics and equipment tagging as the two areas of greatest interest for procurement. Two framework agreements were awarded in November 2014 and pilots are currently being run on the newly developed systems. As the requirements are complex and discussion with potential suppliers was needed, the competitive dialogue procedure was chosen. An output-based specification was used, meaning that suppliers were asked to commit to performance levels, rather than to provide a defined list of inputs. This allowed greater room for innovative proposals to be put forward. Award criteria were based on aspects including whole life costs, environmental impact and innovative character.

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



Image: London Fire Brigade

Aalborg uses procurement to meet environmental objectives

Aalborg is the fourth largest city in Denmark with 205,000 inhabitants and an annual procurement budget of 0.3 billion Euro. Aalborg has been a pioneer in the field of Sustainable Development since 1994, and has been involved in the effort to put local sustainability on the agenda in Europe. In 2013, the City of Aalborg established a Sustainability Strategy to be implemented over three years. As part of this strategy, the City Council decided to strengthen its efforts towards SPP and established a corporation between its Environment and Procurement offices.

Aalborg's Sustainable Procurement Policy, set within the framework of European and national legislation, translates the City's Environmental Policy and other requirements into concrete sustainability commitments that are observed throughout the management of the entire procurement process. The Procurement and Environment offices work closely together throughout each procurement process. Before the City procurers can begin the process, a proposal must be submitted to the management team within the Environment Office.

The City has realised that this corporation between the Environmental and Procurement Offices has been crucial for success. Additionally, the City has recognised the importance of addressing sustainability at an early stage of a tender as a part of the identification of the relevant products and services.

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



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Zoom in on... Livewell: A Balance of healthy and sustainable food choices

The [LiveWell for LIFE](#) project recently came to an end. During its lifetime the project produced a number of [resources](#), primarily relating to the procurement of low environmental impact food and maintaining a sustainable diet. Resources include guidelines on how governments can use the principles of a sustainable diet to inform their procurement strategies. The project provided figures for the CO₂ emissions of the average diet and recommends governments urgently develop and promote eating habits which are based on a sustainable diet, to address climate change and protect ecosystems.

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Zoom in on... GPP2020 low-carbon procurement

[GPP 2020](#) aims to mainstream low-carbon procurement across Europe in support of the EU's goals to achieve a 20% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions, a 20% increase in the share of renewable energy and a 20% increase in energy efficiency by 2020. The GPP2020 project website offers a [searchable tender database](#), and covers a wide range of product categories such as [vehicles](#), [printers](#), [infrastructure](#), [ICT](#) and [white goods](#). Both public procurers and procurement training providers can join the project as [associate partners](#). To date GPP2020 has saved the equivalent of the average amount of CO₂ produced by [12,000 households](#) in a year.

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