

## New GPP criteria published



On 15 July the second set of GPP criteria, covering eight new product groups, were published on the EU GPP website. The criteria are designed to be inserted directly into tender documents, and are accompanied by technical background reports which explain the environmental impacts addressed.

The products covered are:

- Windows, glazed doors and skylights
- Thermal insulation

- Hard floor-coverings
- Wall panels
- Combined heat & power (CHP)
- Road construction and traffic signs
- Street lighting and traffic signals
- Mobile phones

The criteria were developed following a broad stakeholder consultation and are based upon scientific information gathered from industry, civil society and Member States, as well as existing ecolabel criteria. A life-cycle approach is taken, and both core and comprehensive criteria are available for each of the product groups.

Criteria for a further two product groups, boilers and heatpumps/air conditioning, have been postponed pending the development of Ecodesign criteria. For further information, visit the [GPP website](#).

### Zoom in on...a sector

#### Legally-harvested timber



On 7 July the European Parliament voted in favour of an agreement on a regulation which will require operators introducing timber on the EU market to provide full traceability.

The new rules are expected to take effect in late 2012.

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## Green procurement of IT equipment, Munich



Interview with Christian Mairgünther - Head of the IT Procurement Department in the City of Munich, Germany

### Which sustainability issues does the City of Munich take into account when procuring IT equipment?

Munich has been including environmental criteria in its IT procurement decisions for many years. We use the German benchmark standard ([UfAB IV-amended](#)) that allows a monetary value to be assigned to environmental aspects. This is then included in awarding the contract.

### Have you achieved any cost savings by demanding environmental criteria?

Just recently we received an offer for a

monitor that consumes no measurable energy in stand-by mode (that is, 0 watt). Compared to standard equipment needing 0.5 - 1 watt, Munich saves over €10,000 over a lifetime of five years. Besides cost savings, the positive recognition of the bidder encourages manufacturers to produce even better greener products.

### Do you have any tips for public authorities wanting to get started?

Be brave and try out more ambitious technical specifications. Start with a tender published nationally, and then with an EU wide procedure, for subsequent tenders. Make the volume "interesting" for bidders as they need to trawl through many pages worth of technical specifications. With the queries and feedback received from your bidders, you can adjust your specifications and award criteria on a step-by-step basis for future tenders.

### Zoom in on...a country

#### France



France's new Strategy for Sustainable Development (launched on 27 July) identifies nine strategic challenges for achieving "a green and fair economy". Changing public consumption behaviour and integrating sustainable manufacturing practices is one of the strategies being taken forward to 2013.

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## Zoom in on...an event



**CompraVerde Forum: 7-8 October 2010, Cremona, Italy**

The Forum will provide three days of information and exchange among representatives of the public sector on GPP. It will also host a number of awards to showcase GPP success stories from the Italian and EU public sector, such as the Best Green Tender, Best GPP Policy and the "Mensa Verde" award (best "green cafeteria").

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## GPP across the EU

Many public authorities in the EU are taking the lead in greening their procurement practices, as illustrated by the three cases on the right.

National Action Plans (NAP) on GPP have been adopted in 20 Member States, with the remaining seven either in the process of preparing or adopting a NAP.

The next steps include measuring the impact of GPP activities to determine where further efforts should be focussed. The European Commission will be monitoring the implementation of GPP in all Member States and reviewing its GPP policy during 2011-2012.

## Case studies

### Sustainable Food for Thought in Malmö

To establish the feasibility of preparing and serving organic meals in Malmö's schools, a pilot project was carried out between 2004-2007. The aim was to serve 100% organic food in a school restaurant which was considered to be a good model for replication. Strict sustainability criteria including minimum financial, technical and professional requirements for bidding companies, food standards and delivery specifications were integrated into the tender. By the end of the pilot project, 97% of food purchased by Djupadal School was organic.

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

### 'Green' Primary School in Pembroke, Malta

The Foundation for Tomorrow's Schools issued a tender to construct the first energy self-sufficient school in Malta that relied solely on solar and wind energy produced on site for electricity and warm water. The open public tender included criteria sets that required the bidder to demonstrate its technical capacity to carry out the project, and to protect fauna and flora whilst developing an energy self-sufficient building. The School consumes little energy and is equipped with water saving installations and solar-powered water-heating systems.

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### Vienna's Sustainable New Hospital

The Vienna North Hospital is planned as a main hospital in north-east Vienna with 800 beds. A Sustainability Charter has been developed for the project, setting out detailed site, interior, energy and construction criteria to be included in each stage of the hospital's planning and building. By considering sustainability criteria early on in the process and applying life-cycle costing, it has been possible to build these considerations into the economic and environmental aspects of the project from the outset. Construction is due to begin in 2012.

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