

Nordic Criteria for more sustainable packaging for healthcare products

Deliveries for the healthcare sector come with large quantities of packaging. Packaging protects healthcare products, but also constitutes a complex type of waste for the healthcare sector, with consequences for the environment and climate. In order to reduce this, the Danish healthcare regions have developed a set of Nordic criteria for more sustainable packaging. These have been developed in collaboration between stakeholders responsible for public green procurement, at both state level, regional level and at hospitals in Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Iceland and the Faroe Islands. By joining forces in the development and the implementation of these environmental criteria for packaging, they want to send a strong signal to the market and set a clear direction to suppliers.

The purpose of the criteria is to assist the relevant responsible persons for public tenders, e.g. category managers, public procurement officers or procurement



consultants, to define packaging specific criteria relevant to the specific procurement. The document includes a guide on how to use the criteria (section 2) and a library of criteria (section 3) which can be implemented in the tender material as appropriate.

The criteria are divided into three levels: basic, advanced and spearhead criteria. These are used depending on how mature the market is given the procurement situation.

Have a look at these Nordic criteria [here](#).



Zoom in on... Nordic Public Procurement Forum 2022 November

Join the biggest independent public procurement event in Northern Europe in Copenhagen on 22-25 November. Within the program there will be four lectures on sustainable public procurement:

1. "New legislative developments on GPP in the EU",
2. "Two sides of the same coin: Sustainable meets strategic Public Procurement",
3. "Case: how does the European Environment Agency work with green procurement" and
4. "Green procurement: willingness and ability to change".

Have a look at the program [here](#).

Interview



The Austrian Action Plan for Sustainable Public Procurement (naBe)

Gerhard Weiner, Head of the Sustainable Public Procurement Platform (naBe Platform) since September 2019. The naBe Platform is the service point of the naBe Action Plan, it accompanies the public administration in the implementation of the naBe criteria and develops them, among other things.

What are the objectives of the updated Austrian Action Plan for Sustainable Public Procurement (naBe) by the Federal Government? What are the main updates?

In the course of a major reform process from 2018 to 2020, the 16 naBe criteria groups underwent a general overhaul and all criteria and target quotas were further developed. In the process, the catalogue was renewed from the ground up and designed in a particularly reader-friendly manner, divided in each case into

the following subchapters: Introduction, Eligibility Criteria, Technical Specifications, (Optional) Award Criteria and the corresponding Evidence. The objectives for the new generation of the naBe Action Plan were set as (1) anchoring sustainable procurement in all federal institutions, (2) harmonising criteria with regard to sustainable public procurement, and (3) securing Austria's pioneering role in sustainable public procurement in the EU.

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



Zoom in on... The Technical report: Revision of the EU Green Public Procurement Criteria for Road Transport.

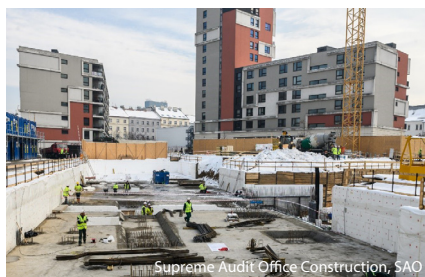
Road transport covers a wide scope of vehicles and services. This revision has considered the policies of the Clean Vehicle Directive (CVD) and the Introduction of new test procedures to measure CO2 and air pollutant emissions of vehicles in order to ensure a full harmonization of the EU policies.

Have a look at the Technical report [here](#).

GPP Good Practice

Building net-zero energy innovation through procurement in the construction of the headquarters of the Supreme Audit Office RUNNER-UP PROCURA+ AWARD 2021 - INNOVATION PROCUREMENT OF THE YEAR Prague, Czech Republic

The Supreme Audit Office (SAO) of the City of Prague decided to build its first permanent seat reusing a brownfield site. From the beginning, SAO was driven by the ambition to build its own net-zero energy administrative building with the lowest life-cycle costs appropriate for modern administrative buildings, and to ensure a longer service life of the public building. Before the actual tendering phase, the project team consulted with academic experts and conducted market engagement. A taskforce across units was set up to make strategic decisions together. Pushing for innovation in the Czech procurement context, the tender documents include high requirements for the effective and economic operation of the building, including the use of Building Information Modelling (BIM) to evaluate life cycle costs and building performance.



Since the BIM requirement was quite innovative and it was not easy to meet the requirement of previous experience with BIM projects, the SAO required proof of experience with six individual segments of BIM. Overall, three tenders were published for the Principal Architect, the Engineer and contractors. For each of them, multiple bids were received and successfully awarded. Benefits already achieved in the construction process include, for example, the use of recycled concrete from the previous structures on-site and using sand from the construction pit used for the construction itself.

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

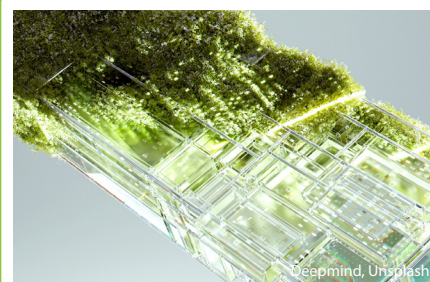
Process for the systematic and coordinated incorporation of equality clauses in the contracts Provincial Council of Gipuzkoa, Spain

The Basque Law on Equality between women and men laid the foundations for the gradual and generalised incorporation of gender equality clauses in its public procurement procedures. The Provincial Council of Gipuzkoa started integrating these principals in 2007, and created its first Equality Body in 2008. The Provincial Council of Gipuzkoa aimed to promote equality between women and men through public procurement.



The policy has had a clear impact. Equality clauses are included in all public contracts of the Provincial Council, but with different degrees and levels of applications and varying results. Among the most frequent equality clauses in the contracts are, for example, a) have a gender equality plan or a commitment to draw up an equality plan in the execution of the contract, b) on-stereotyped use of language and images, and c) measures for work-life balance.

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



Zoom in on... Public Procurement of Innovation in the city of Las Rozas de Madrid, Spain

The city is a pioneer local authority in Spain in terms of innovation and has developed an innovative strategy on Public Procurement. It aims to solve public needs that cannot be satisfied through already existing solutions on the market within the field of sustainability and digital administration.

Have a look at the strategy (in Spanish) and their recent call [here](#).



Zoom in on... Upcoming and past webinars

Join the webinar on "Introduction to Innovation Procurement" on 27th October, from 10-11.30 CET. Learn from the experts about the policy and legal foundations of Pre-Commercial Procurement and Public Procurement of Innovative solutions. Register [here](#).

Re-watch the EU GPP Helpdesk webinar on "Public Procurement of Nature-Based Solutions" of 06th October 2022. The presentations and recording are available [here](#).

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