

Good Practice Factsheet

Mainstreaming green public procurement in the Nordic countries

Topic	Energy efficient public procurement: Tools for Energy Efficient Public Procurement - purchasing as an area of expertise
Name of work programme/project	Mainstreaming green public procurement (GPP) in the Nordic countries
Project scope and description	
Short description of the programme & what it hopes to achieve	The project meant conducting a study in the five Nordic countries (Finland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Iceland) with the aim of identifying potential synergies between the current development in public procurement and green public procurement respectively. The aim was to give recommendations to the Nordic environmental authorities on how to mainstream GPP.
What is the scope of the project? e.g. - National/regional/local - Building type/owner	The project was conducted as a co-operation between the five Nordic countries.
Who are the key people involved? e.g.: - Installers - Local Authorities	Partners in the projects were Motiva(Fi), SEMCO(Swe), DiFi(NO), SKI(DK) and the Ministry of Environment (ICE)
Who was the target audience?	The target group of the project was the Nordic working group on Sustainable Consumption and Production.
How was this work programme/project financed?	The project was funded by the Nordic Council of Ministers working group on Sustainable Consumption and Production.
What was the cost of the work programme/project?	Funding was available for one year and added up to 360 000 DKK.
When did it start and end?	
Project Outcomes & Communication	
What were the key achievements?	The project made some important observations and accordingly made recommendations to the working group.
What were the outcomes and expected benefits?	Some of the key observations were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Co-operation between policy areas seems to be led by GPP policy makers. - Help desks and consultancy on GPP and PP are often in different organisations. - Policy level should acknowledge existing procurement networks. - Energy efficient PP often separated from other PP at policy and operational level. - Huge potential exists in synergies between different initiatives and would lead to a boost of smart PP.
What were the key lessons learned?	More co-operation at policy level is needed.
Is there anything you would do	No comment

differently in future?	
What makes this a good practice example?	It is the first project of this kind, which aims at finding synergies between different policy areas on public procurement in order to boost the competence of the public sector.
Web links to further information	http://www.norden.org/en/publications/publikationer/2012-504
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