



B3 National Action Plans: Examining how national governments in the old EU-15 are promoting sustainable procurement and how transferable these approaches might be.

Presentation title: Sharing experiences – results of a survey on national green public procurement approaches in 11 European countries.

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Short description: Each year the Dutch government (central government, provincial authorities, municipal authorities and water boards) spends more than €40 billion on purchasing goods, works and services. The government authorities have set clear targets: in 2010 central government wants 100% sustainable procurement. Municipalities are aiming for 75% in 2010 and 100% in 2015. Provincial governments and water boards are pursuing at least 50% in 2010.

Executive Summary of your Abstract

This presentation will reflect on the results of a questionnaire on sustainable public procurement in 11 European countries. Through comparing various national policies, programmes and initiatives differences and similarities in approaches to topics such as criteria development, stakeholder involvement, implementation and monitoring will be highlighted.

Abstract

The Netherlands approached 10 European countries (Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom) with a questionnaire on Sustainable Public Procurement. This was done in response to the study 'GPP in the EU; methodologies and data collection'. The Netherlands felt that, as frontrunners, we have a special interest in what our counterparts are currently undertaking. However, we lack detailed insight into each other's activities, interests and challenges. Gaining mutual understanding in regards to our national GPP aims, tools and results would provide us with a platform from which we can share best practices and initiate cooperation between our countries.

As a result of the questionnaire a report has been compiled on the various national approaches and a seminar will be held for the participating countries to facilitate further insight into each other's activities and interests.

The presentation will reflect on the results of the survey. Through comparing various national policies, programmes and initiatives differences and similarities in approaches to topics such as criteria development, stakeholder involvement, implementation and monitoring will be highlighted.

Resumé

The Programme Directorate for Sustainable Procurement is an interdepartmental programme coordinated by the Dutch Ministry of Environment. In collaboration with my colleague Ric Hettinga I am responsible for the international policy coordination of our programme. I have an academic background in political science and journalism.

Recommended reading

Austria – <http://www.ifz.tugraz.at/index.php/article/articleview/19/1/9/> (in German)

Belgium - <http://www.guidedesachatsdurables.be/nl/productfiles/home.asp> (in French and Vlaams)

Denmark – <http://www.statensindkob.dk/composite-69.htm> (in danish)

Finland – http://www.kunnat.net/k_etusivu.asp?path=1;161;122591 (in finnish)

France – <http://www.ecoresponsabilite.ecologie.gouv.fr/index.php> (in french)

Germany – <http://www.beschaffung-info.de/php/index.php4> (in german)

The Netherlands – <http://www.senternovem.nl/duurzaaminkopen/> (in dutch, english version planned)

Norway – <http://www.innkjopspanelet.no/> (in norwegian)

Sweden – <http://www.msr.se/en/> (in english)

Switzerland – <http://www.bafu.admin.ch/produkte/?lang=de> (in german, english version planned)

United Kingdom - <http://www.defra.gov.uk/sustainable/government/publications/pdf/SustainableProcurementAc>
(in english)

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