

Working group 3 - Adaptation and application

Green Public Procurement (GPP)

The European Commission defines **Green Public Procurement (GPP)** in its communication COM (2008) 400 “**Public procurement for a better environment**” as a process whereby public authorities seek to procure goods, services and works with a reduced environmental impact throughout their life cycle when compared to goods, services and works with the same primary function that would otherwise be procured.”

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Questioner Green Public Procurement (GPP) per Member States

Aim:

- to identify best practice on GPP and to analyze the adoption and implementation of GPP practices by the Member States in EU in **construction sector**
- to deliver a **review and comparison** among Member States

Target group:

- partners of FP1303
- stakeholders for public participation
- decision makers



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Questioner completed by:

Member State:

Authorities responsible for the preparation, monitoring and continuous improvement of National GPP

National GPP guidelines (web page link):

National GPP criteria:

National GPP in construction sector and criteria used:

Procurement procedure and selection criteria on bidders:

How are wood and wood based products meeting the National GPP criteria?

Are there any contract performance clauses in GPP?

Is there a specific monitoring of contract compliance in GPP?

Are there any GPP barriers?

Are there any actions to overcome current GPP barriers?

Do National Environmental Product Declarations exist? If yes, who is responsible for National EPD (please provide a website link)?



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Member State: **Slovenia**

Decree of GPP published: **2011**

Authorities responsible for the preparation, monitoring and continuous improvement of National GPP:

Primarily Ministry of Finance (coordinated the preparation of the Decree on Green Public Procurement (further “Decree”), Decree Amending the Decree on Green Public Procurement, and their Annexes with criteria for the 11 categories of products), **Ministry of Agriculture and the Environment (MoAE)**, **Ministry of Economic Development and Technology (MoEDT)**, **Ministry of Public Administration (Public Procurement Service)**, **Government Office for Development and European Affairs** (has since been disbanded and incorporated mainly into MoAE and MoEDT).



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National GPP guidelines (web page link):

Ministry of Finance (<http://www.djn.mf.gov.si/sistem-javnega-narocanja/zeleno-jn>)_

Public Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia (<http://pisrs.si/Predpis.aspx?id=URED5194&pogled=osnovni>) – the text of the Decree and links to Decrees Amending the Decree and their Annexes

National GPP criteria:

The links to the technical specifications and award criteria for all the respective **11 categories of products** are given as sub-links at the web page found on the link to the Public Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia

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National GPP criteria: 11 categories

- Electricity (Annex 1); Food and catering services (Annex 2)
- Office paper and sanitary paper products (Annex 3)
- Electronic office equipment (computers, monitors, printers, scanners, fax machines, copiers) (Annex 4); TV (Annex 5)
- Refrigerators, freezers and their combinations, washing machines, dishwashers, air conditioners (Annex 6)
- Buildings, including the design, construction, ordinary and extraordinary maintenance of buildings and installation and mounting of devices and products in the building (annex 7)
- Furniture (Annex 8)
- Cleaners, cleaning services and laundry services (Annex 9)
- Cars and trucks and bus services (Annex 10) and
- Tires (Annex 11).



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National GPP in construction sector and criteria used:

The construction sector in Slovenia is primarily affected and regulated in terms of GPP by the technical specifications and award criteria for buildings, as specified in the Annex 7 of the Decree Amending the Decree on Green Public Procurement

(<http://pisrs.si/Predpis.aspx?id=URED6317&pogled=osnovni>)

(http://www.pisrs.si/npb/files/2013-01-0035-20130115_144221_2013-01-0035-2011-01-4404-NPB4.doc)

Criteria:

- **Lower energy use**
- **Building products based on renewable or recycled materials - it is in general required that 30% of in-built material by volume must be wood or wood based (50% of that (i.e. 15% total volume) can be substituted by the products certified by EcoLabels I or III). Furthermore, an award criterion awards additional “points” if the mentioned 30% are exceeded.**

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Procurement procedure and selection criteria on bidders:

Public procurement and its procedures are prescribed by the Public Procurement Act (<http://pisrs.si/Predpis.aspx?id=ZAKO4298&pogled=osnovni>), to which the Decree on GPP, its Amendments and their Annexes (see appropriate links listed above) with their selection criteria are subordinate documents



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How are wood and wood based products meeting the National GPP criteria?

Wood and wood based products are the most prominently featured in Annexes 7 and 8 of the Decree Amending the Decree (http://www.pisrs.si/npb/files/2013-01-0035-20130115_144221_2013-01-0035-2011-01-4404-NPB4.doc), which govern GPP of Buildings and Furniture, respectively.

In the category of Buildings, it is in general required that **30% of in-built material by volume must be wood or wood based (50% of that (i.e. 15% total volume) can be substituted by the products certified by EcoLabels I or III)**. Furthermore, an award criterion awards additional “points” if the mentioned **30% are exceeded**.

For Furniture products, it is required in general that they must contain **at least 70% of wood and wood based materials** (for exceptions and specifics see the text of Annex 8).

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Are there any contract performance clauses in GPP?

No specific contract performance clauses are prescribed, voluntary statements of achieving the GPP criteria and awards are requested

Is there a specific monitoring of contract compliance in GPP?

No

Are there any GPP barriers?

Lack of public funding (austerity measures – significant drop in public investments in general), fear of increased procurement costs due to GPP, resistance of industries traditionally bound to public procurement, lack of trained/experienced purchase managers and project evaluators trained in GPP

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Are there any actions to overcome current GPP barriers?

NO, mainly due to austerity measures and preoccupation of the Ministry of Finance (the coordinator of GPP efforts) with fiscal consolidation, restructuring of banks, etc.

Do National Environmental Product Declarations exist? If yes, who is responsible for National EPD (please provide a website link)?

**YES, from 2013 Slovenian National Building and Civil Engineering Institute - ZAG
(<http://www.zag.si/si/index.php>)**

Selected best practice in Member State

I am not aware of any instance of GPP being used for the categories of Buildings or Furniture