



The EU Helpdesk on Green Public Procurement has expanded its scope to include social aspects

AEIDL and ICLEI have been awarded a contract to manage the EU Helpdesk on Green Public Procurement (GPP), which was set up in 2010 by the European Commission to support the implementation of GPP. The new contract has the objective of renewing the function of the Helpdesk and expanding its mandate to cover sustainable public procurement.

Sustainable Public Procurement (SPP) is a process by which public authorities seek to achieve the appropriate balance between the three pillars of sustainable development - economic, social and environmental - when procuring goods, services or works. Many public authorities in the EU are implementing green public procurement as part of a broader approach to sustainability in their purchasing, which also addresses economic and social aspects.

Public authorities are among the largest consumers of Europe, and it is because of this considerable purchasing power that they must buy in a sustainable manner. SPP is, therefore, procurement choosing environmentally-friendly, circular and socially responsible goods and services.

The [Helpdesk service on GPP](#) engages in communication and dissemination services, production of best practices of sustainable procurement, website development and maintenance, process public enquiries, organising webinars on SPP-related topics, and support to GPP meetings.

Good practice cases are disseminated through the [GPP News Alert](#). In the last [issue of May](#) you can read two new cases that integrate social and green aspects: the purchase of [sustainable office chairs](#) by the European Commission Office for Infrastructure and Logistics and the purchase of [material for events](#) in a sustainable way by the Municipality of The Hague.

On 22 June, AEIDL is going to organise the first webinar of this year on “the use of innovation partnerships in the social sector”.

To learn about the how to design tenders which foresee innovative partnerships in the social sector, plus hear first-hand good practice, register [here](#) for the next **EU GPP Helpdesk Webinar on Wednesday 22 June (10:00 to 11:30, Brussels time)**.