

PUBLIC PROCUREMENT FOR PEOPLE AND PLANET

Key steps to developing a social and environmental approach in public procurement

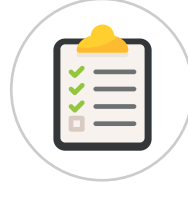
Step 1: Develop a sustainable approach



Build the case for sustainable procurement
Reuse existing sustainable criteria and take advantage of research available on environmental performance and market analysis.



Link procurement to wider priorities
Organisation's, local and national social and environmental policies and identify how they can be linked with your procurement activities.



Create a needs assessment
Consult colleagues and service users to ensure what you purchase meets social and environmental requirements.



Engage with the market
Talk with suppliers to find out their response to sustainable aims and objectives. This can take place prior, during and after your procurement, using different formats such as meetings, notices and information days.

Step 2: Choose the right procurement procedure

Open Procedure

Restricted Procedure

Competitive Negotiated Procedure

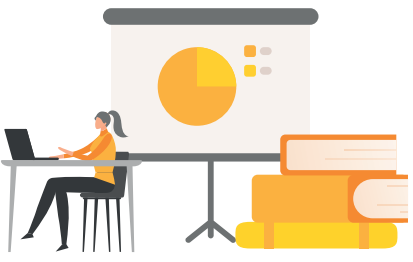
Competitive Dialogue

Innovation Partnership



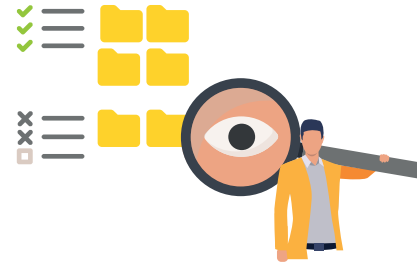
Find out more about the different procedures here:
bit.ly/EU-PublicTenderingRules

Step 3: Embed social and environmental criteria



Build on existing good practices and make use of available sources.

Reuse existing sustainable criteria and take advantage of research available on environmental performance and market analysis.



Use selection and exclusion criteria to ensure you choose the most sustainable bidders.

The 2014 Directives allow you to exclude or select bidders from tendering based on their sustainable technical ability and experience.



Make use of social and environmental technical specifications in the call for tender.

Include sustainable performance or functional requirements, a reference to standards, typical technical specifications or references, or; a combination of these approaches.



Use contract clauses and conditions to further ensure sustainable procurement.

Embed full terms and conditions that address the specific sustainability aspects can ensure that suppliers deliver social and environmental outcomes.

Explore available resources, eg:
bit.ly/EU-SocialProcurementPolicy
bit.ly/GreenPublicProcurement

Step 4: Create sustainable change



Encourage the market to create sustainable impact

Aim to push your suppliers to go beyond the baseline by providing them with an opportunity to propose more sustainable solutions. Also consider 'best available technology' or 'continuous improvement' clauses to drive innovation.



Use your network

Do not be afraid to speak with other procurers and experts. Share experience, learn from approaches tested by others and build capacity together to progress practices further.



Monitor, review and build on lessons learned

Monitor the delivery of outcomes, evidence the impact of your approach, celebrate milestones, assess how practices can be further improved and share your story to inspire others!



Embed sustainability at every stages of your procurement process.

Integrate sustainability considerations into all processes so that positive social and environmental impacts become business as usual.

For more guidance, tools and recommendations on how to take your strategic procurement journey forward discover the Making Spend Matter Toolkit:

Visit: urbact.eu/makingspendmatter

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