

SPP Implementation Plan

General information

Name of the Network:	Catalan Green Public Procurement Networking Group (Grup de Treball Compra Pública Verda de les Administracions Catalanes)
Region	Catalonia
Country	Spain
Kind of participants	Procurers from central procurement agencies and managers in charge of implementing GPP or SPP from different Catalan public administrations
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1. Background

In Catalonia several administrations have advanced at different paces in the implementation of Green Public Procurement policies; some on their own, some with the support from the Directorate-General for Environmental Quality and Climate Change (DGQACC) of the Catalan Government.

In 2016 the DGQACC takes a step forward and joins the Procura+ Network, which not only promotes exchange among its member administrations, but also encourages them to promote networking throughout Europe.

In that framework, it is proposed to create networking space between Catalan administrations to share the work done and to coordinate future actions, in order to optimize efforts and resources.

2. Framework (short description of the network)

The Catalan Green Public Procurement Networking Group is created as an informal working group, without a specific adhesion process, and is based on voluntary collaboration between the participants.

The Working Group is led by the Ministry of Territory and Sustainability of the Government of Catalonia, with the support as facilitator/technical secretariat of Ecoinstitut SCCL, strategic partner of the Procura+.

The following administrations are participating:

- Ministry of Territory and Sustainability of the Catalan Government (Directorate-General for Environmental Quality and Climate Change, in charge of GPP implementation in the Catalan Government)
- Central Supply Commission of the Ministry of Vice-presidency and of the Economy and Finance of the Catalan Government
- Catalan Energy Agency
- Catalan Waste Agency
- Procurement coordination of the Catalan University Service Consortium
- Central Procurement Agency of the Catalan Consortium for Local Development (Catalan Association of Municipalities)
- Barcelona Provincial Council (Regional Government)
- Metropolitan Area of Barcelona
- Barcelona City Council
- Ecoinstitut SCCL

Additional administrations or public bodies will be invited to participate.

The role of the technical secretariat is: the elaboration of the annual work programme based on contributions from the participants, the preparation and dynamisation of the two annual work meetings, the treatment of information, the preparation of reports and the communication of results.

3. Overall objectives and targets

The aim of the Catalan Green Public Procurement Networking Group is to ensure coordination, exchange and collective action by leading authorities promoting and implementing green public procurement in Catalonia.

The specific objectives are to:

- Exchange and share information about planned call for tenders and environmental criteria for product and service groups prioritized by the participants.
- Identify information gaps in specific product groups and exchange information about the market situation.
- Identify common interests and new priority action areas.

4. Networking and capacity building activities

The following networking activities are foreseen:

Meetings:

- Two annual meetings of the Working Group are planned. The meetings will serve to decide on priority topics to work on, general information exchange and definition of specific activities.

Specific Working Groups:

- According to the priorities defined during the meetings, smaller working groups on specific topics will be established. For the first year, one of the priorities will be the exchange on contract management of service contracts (and the compliance with the environmental criteria established in the tenders), specifically in cleaning contracts. Another priority identified is how public procurers can act as a lobby and influence the market.

Elaboration of materials and indicators:

- It is foreseen to elaborate indicators on specific product groups or tenders that are of general interest to the Catalan Green Public Procurement Networking Group. In the mid-term, the Group could act as an Observatory for public procurement in Catalonia: through the collection of data and the elaboration of specific studies and/or indicators for selected product groups or contracts.

Best practice examples:

- Each participant of the group is active in the promotion and dissemination of good practices and of the environmental benefits associated with the greening of tenders for specific product groups, in order to be replicated by other administrations. In the mid-term, as Networking Group, it would be of interest to communicate the aggregated results for priority product groups and show the accumulated benefits and influence on the market.

Annual Networking Day:

- Guarantee a meeting place and the direct exchange among those responsible on procurement from other Catalan administrations not participating in the networking group (half-yearly or annual networking day).

5. Dissemination activities

Newsletter:

- A newsletter about GPP activities and developments in Catalonia will be published at least annually, both in Catalan and English. The newsletter will include also indicators.

Annual Networking Day:

- The SPP Networking Day, established during the GPP2020 project and maintained in the SPP Regions project, will be held at least once a year.

Collaboration with other networks:

- Collaboration with other networks and initiatives is actively promoted by the group. Part of the participants of the Catalan Green Public Procurement Networking Group is also partners of the European Network Procura+ (Directorate-General for Environmental Quality and Climate Change, Catalan Waste Agency, Barcelona Provincial Council, Barcelona City Council and Ecoinstitut). Mostly all participants have participated in different European projects (Smart SPP, GPP2020, SPP Regions).

Website:

- The promotion of GPP will be done through the existing websites by participants, especially those that are dedicated to GPP, for example:
 - [Catalan Government: Compra i Contractació Pública Verda](#)
 - [Metropolitan Area: Compra Responsable](#)
 - [Barcelona City Council: More Sustainable City Council Programme](#)
 - Ecoinstitut: Comprasostenible.net

6. Financing

During the first year, it will be financed with contributions through the European SPP Regions project and the Directorate-General for Environmental Quality and Climate Change of the Ministry of Territory and Sustainability. The continuity of core activities after the first year will be guaranteed through own resources of participants, additional activities could be financed through different resources, like for example future regional or European projects focussing on GPP implementation.