National Action Plan for Green Public Procurement (GPP)

Minimum environmental criteria for public tenders

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ITALY, some data

- N. of contracting authorities: around 30,000.
- n. of central purchasing bodies: 34, the biggest one being Consip.
- Public expenditure above 40.000 Euros: € 110 bn. in 2016 and almost € 36 bn. during first quarter of 2017*.
- public procurement spent / GDP ratio: around 10%
Steps from a voluntary to a mandatory GPP framework

2003- mandatory procurement of products and materials with a **minimum recycled content** for at least **30% of the total need** (exhaust oils, plastic, glass, wood, tissue products, compost, bitumen)

2003 - Life project “GPP infoNET”, **Province of Cremona**: network of contracting authorities and economic operators, a GPP forum and a GPP helpdesk, guidelines to put in place GPP politics and practices

2003 **Province of Turin** – APE project: definition of GPP environmental criteria for several PGs, a network of contracting authorities that apply those criteria, and monitoring system
2003 cooperation CONSIP- MATTM, Italian national purchasing body starts putting GPP criteria in its public tenders.

2004 - GPP background document - three key issues: dangerous substances; waste, energy

2008 adoption of the GPP National Action Plan and starting the definition of Minimum Environmental Criteria
Art. 34 (Energy and Environmental Sustainability Criteria): technical specifications and contract clauses are mandatory; award criteria must be taken into account.
GPP policy in Italy

2008

1° GPP Plan
MECs voluntary

2013

2° GPP Plan
MECs voluntary

2016

Public Procurement Code
MECs mandatory
Minimum environmental criteria

**THE QUESTION IS:**

WHAT IS GREEN?
Content and structure of CAMs

General data

- Relevant legislation
- Analysis and reduction of needs

Environmental criteria

a. Object of the contract
b. Candidate selection
c. Technical specifications
d. Award criteria
e. Contractual clauses

- Only 1 level of criteria – they are in some cases ambitious as the comprehensive criteria of GPP toolkit in some cases as core criteria

Verification: Test Methods and Documentation
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# Links between EU environmental strategies and MECs

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<td>Energy efficiency and climate</td>
<td>IT (computers, printers, e.g.); Public lighting; energy services for buildings; public transport; Buildings</td>
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<td>Circular economy; closing the loop</td>
<td>Indoor and urban furniture; toners and cartridges; paper; waste management; catering; Management of public green areas; buildings; Roads</td>
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<td>Dangerous substances</td>
<td>Almost all MECs, in particular, textiles, paper, cleaning products.</td>
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Links between Circularity and MECs

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<th>Circular economy principles</th>
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<td>Preserve and enhance natural capital;</td>
<td>Ecodesign for buildings; modularity; Recyclability; Reusability; Min % Content of recycled materials variable for each material; Reduced dangerous substances; Energy efficiency Water saving Enhancing building sustainability of the project and the whole building performance through building environmental schemes. Pushing on product labels</td>
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<td>Optimise resource yields;</td>
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<td>Foster system effectiveness</td>
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problems and solutions

Information

- Newsletter
- GPP web site
- Meetings with stakeholders
problems and solutions

- Agreement with Regions dedicated to share best practices in training and supporting activities with economic operators.
- NSPA: training for senior officials to became experts on public procurement: a module is dedicate on GPP.
problems and solutions

Technical assistance requests

- technical assistance one to one for CA, economic operators, conformity assessment bodies
- The GPP help desk managed an increased number of questions answered about MECs (mail, phone calls or formal letter); FAQ published on website
problems and solutions

- The National Anticorruption Authority have to monitor MEC application: Monitoring necessary. Meeting and a coordination among regions is scheduled.
opportunities

Business for Environment

- Many market actors are having benefits from MECs implementation
- Environmentally friendly business
- Innovation
- Spreading Information among public authorities by the participants in the tenders
Today’s activity on the Minimum Environmental Criteria and on the GPP/SCP NAP

**2017**
- A revision of some Minimum Environmental Criteria (MECs) has been carried out.
- Definition of new MECs for other Product Groups
- Shoes MECs, Services for public lighting.
- Revised GPP NAP

**2018**
- Roads MECs
- Building MECs review and Service for building maintenance
- SCP NAP with focus on Circularity and supply chain
Thank you for your attention

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