Survey on Green Public Procurement

Almost all OECD countries have developed strategies or policies to support green public procurement, and 69% of OECD countries are measuring results of GPP policies and strategies. The goal of this survey is to gather evidence on how OECD countries' procurement practices and strategies are integrating environmental considerations. The survey consists of 31 questions divided into 4 parts:

- Policy and strategic framework
- Public-private interactions
- Evaluation of impact
- Capacity building and support

The results will bring evidence on how OECD member countries are implementing in partice green public procurement strategies.

In the comments area please do not hesitate to provide us with as much material as possible, including links to relevant ressources and material. You also have the possibility to save and resume later.

Finally, you have the possibility to share the survey with other departments/units/institutions to gather the necessary information. However, we kindly request that we receive one consolidated response by country.

We thank you for your time and for your cooperation.

There are 31 questions in this survey.

Policy and strategic framework

1 Is there an active national policy or strategic framework on GPP?
Please provide any relevant information. *

Choose one of the following answers

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- ◯ YES
- ◯ NO

Make a comment on your choice here:

Please insert a link to relevant resources and materials in the comment section if necessary.

2 In what year was the national policy or strategic framework on GPP last been revised?

Only numbers may be entered in this field.

Please write your answer here:

3

Is the national policy or strategic GPP framework (or public procurement more broadly) mentioned in national commitments on climate action such as strategies to reach net zero or nationally determined contributions (NDCs)?

Please provide any relevant details.

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Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:
Answer was 'YES' at question '1 [FRAMEWORK]' (Is there an active national policy or strategic framework on GPP?Please provide any relevant information.)

❗ Choose one of the following answers
Please choose **only one** of the following:

- ◯ YES
- ◯ NO
- ◯ NOT APPLICABLE

Make a comment on your choice here:

Please insert a link to relevant resources and materials in the comment section if necessary.

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Is there a coordination mechanism to ensure alignment between environmental policies and the GPP policy or strategic framework?
Please provide any relevant details.

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❗ Choose one of the following answers

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No
- ◯ Not applicable

Make a comment on your choice here:

Please insert a link to relevant resources and materials in the comment section if necessary.

5 If so, which institution is responsible for such coordination? Please provide any relevant information.

Please write your answer here:

6 Does the national policy or strategic framework include a mandatory requirement to use GPP in specific instances? Please provide any relevant information. *

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:
Answer was 'YES' at question '1 [FRAMEWORK]' (Is there an active national policy or strategic framework on GPP?Please provide any relevant information.)

❗ Comment only when you choose an answer.
Please choose all that apply and provide a comment:

- [ ] Yes for procurement above a certain monetary threshold
- [ ] Yes, for specific purchasing categories. If so please specify which ones
- [ ] Yes, for central government
- [ ] Yes, at all levels of government
- [ ] No

Please insert a link to relevant resources and materials in the comment section if necessary.

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Does the national policy or strategic GPP framework include targets in terms of share of procurement subject to GPP?
Please provide any relevant information.

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Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:
Answer was 'YES' at question '1 [FRAMEWORK]' (Is there an active national policy or strategic framework on GPP?Please provide any relevant information.)

❗ Comment only when you choose an answer.
Please choose all that apply and provide a comment:

- [ ] Yes for procurement above a certain threshold
- [ ] Yes, for specific purchasing categories - If so please specify which ones
- [ ] Yes, for central government
- [ ] Yes, at all levels of government
- [ ] Yes, and industry representatives are associated to the definition of targets
- [ ] No

Please insert a link to relevant resources and materials in the comment section if necessary.

8 Are public institutions required to report on their CO2 emissions and/or annual reduction targets? Please provide any relevant information. *

Choose one of the following answers

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- ◯ Yes, all public institutions at all levels of government
- ◯ Yes, but only central government
- ◯ Yes, some institutions
- ◯ No

Make a comment on your choice here:

Please insert a link to relevant resources and materials in the comment section if necessary.

9 Does the national policy or strategic framework on GPP provide for GPP criteria defined at the central level that contracting authorities can refer to for the drafting of public tenders?
Please provide any relevant information. *

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:
Answer was 'YES' at question '1 [FRAMEWORK]' (Is there an active national policy or strategic framework on GPP?Please provide any relevant information.)

❗ Choose one of the following answers
Please choose **only one** of the following:

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No
- ◯ NOT APPLICABLE

Make a comment on your choice here:

10 In the national policy or strategic GPP framework are financial incentives foreseen for contracting authorities to increase the uptake of GPP?
Please provide any relevant information. *

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:
Answer was 'YES' at question '1 [FRAMEWORK]' (Is there an active national policy or strategic framework on GPP?Please provide any relevant information.)

❗ Choose one of the following answers
Please choose **only one** of the following:

- ◯ YES
- ◯ NO
- ◯ NOT APPLICABLE

Make a comment on your choice here:

Please insert a link to relevant resources and materials in the comment section if necessary.

11 In the national policy or strategic GPP framework are other non-financial incentives foreseen for contracting authorities or suppliers to increase the uptake of GPP? If so please specify *

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:
Answer was 'YES' at question '1 [FRAMEWORK]' (Is there an active national policy or strategic framework on GPP?Please provide any relevant information.)

❗ Choose one of the following answers
Please choose **only one** of the following:

- ◯ YES
- ◯ NO
- ◯ NOT APPLICABLE

Make a comment on your choice here:

Please insert a link to relevant resources and materials in the comment section if necessary.

12 Based on experiences from practitioners in your country, what do you think are the three main enablers to increase the uptake of GPP?
Please provide any relevant details. *

❗ Comment only when you choose an answer.
Please choose all that apply and provide a comment:

- [ ] The existence of a central purchasing body
- [ ] The existence of mandatory targets
- [ ] The existence of select purchasing categories where GPP is mandatory
- [ ] The existence of a dedicated competence centre
- [ ] The definition of standardised green criteria for specific purchasing categories
- [ ] The existence of dedicated guidelines to implement green elements in public tenders
- [ ] The existence of mandatory reporting mechanisms
- [ ] The publication of reports including GPP uptake

Other:

13 Based on experiences from practitioners in your country, what do you think are the three main obstacles to increase the uptake of GPP?
Please provide any relevant information. *

❗ Comment only when you choose an answer.
Please choose all that apply and provide a comment:

- [ ] The perception that green products/services are expensive
- [ ] GPP is not seen as a priority for some procurers compared to other criteria
- [ ] Absence of adequate planning
- [ ] Lack of commitment from senior management
- [ ] Absence of market capacities to respond to GPP
- [ ] Uncertainty about the legal possibilities on how to include environmental criteria in public tenders
- [ ] Lack of coordination among the different internal departments of a public organisation or between diferent ministries
- [ ] Lack of methodologies to capture costs over the product lifecycle
- [ ] Lack of data on GHG/carbon footprint of goods, services and works
- [ ] Lack of monitoring systems

☐ Fear of audit/controls that would challenge GPP

☐ Lack of training for public procurement officers

Other:

Public - private interactions

14 Is there guidance on how to assess market capacities to respond to GPP strategies? Please provide any relevant information *

❗ Choose one of the following answers

Please choose **only one** of the following:

◯ Yes

◯ No

Make a comment on your choice here:

Please insert a link to relevant resources and materials in the comment section if necessary.

15 Are cost-benefits analyses conducted or business cases developed as part of the implementation of GPP strategies? Please provide any relevant information *

Comment only when you choose an answer.

Please choose all that apply and provide a comment:

- [ ] Yes, routinely
- [ ] Yes, in selected purchasing categories
- [ ] Yes, above a certain threshold
- [ ] No

Please insert a link to relevant resources and materials in the comment section if necessary.

16 Where there are provisions in the national policy or strategic framework mandating public institutions to publish public procurement plans, are future procurement opportunities subject to GPP strategies identified? Please provide any relevant information *

Comment only when you choose an answer.

Please choose all that apply and provide a comment:

- [ ] Yes, identified at central level
- [ ] Yes, identifed by some contracting authorities
- [ ] No

Please insert a link to relevant resources and materials in the comment section if necessary.

17 In GPP tenders does environmental performance have an impact on price proposed in the bid (i.e. environmental performance of bids fictiously reduces the price proposed during bid evaluation)? Please provide any relevant information *

❗ Choose one of the following answers

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- ◯ YES
- ◯ NO
- ◯ OTHERS

Make a comment on your choice here:

Please insert a link to relevant resources and materials in the comment section if necessary.

18 To what type of commitments are suppliers selected through a procurement process involving GPP subjected to? Please provide any relevant details *

Comment only when you choose an answer.

Please choose all that apply and provide a comment:

- [ ] Standard reporting on contract execution
- [ ] Reporting including specific sections dedicated to GPP
- [ ] Reporting on decreasing their business environmental footprint
- [ ] No reporting

Other:

Evaluation of impact

19 How are public institutions required to report on GPP spend or number of tenders including GPP criteria? Please provide any relevant information *

Comment only when you choose an answer.

Please choose all that apply and provide a comment:

- [ ] Through a digital platform linked to the eProcurement system
- [ ] Through an independent digital platform that is not linked to the eProcurement system
- [ ] Through excel files, emails, or paper based forms.
- [ ] Only at central government
- [ ] Not required but some public institutions report data voluntarily
- [ ] Not required and not collected

Other:

20 How much has been procured using GPP strategies in 2019 - 2021 (by year as an absolute value and in percentage of total procurement expenditure)? *

	2019	2020	2021
Value			
%			
If no data is collected on GPP spend at national level please describe which information was collected on procurement spend			

Please mark 0 in case no data is available

21 What are the 3 product categories where the spend on GPP was the highest in 2019 - 2021 (by year) ? Please provide any relevant details.

	2019	2020	2021
Product 1			
Product 2			
Product 3			

22 Is there a standardised methodology to evaluate CO2 emissions savings in public tenders? Please provide any relevant details. *

Choose one of the following answers

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- ◯ YES
- ◯ NO
- ◯ NOT APPLICABLE

Make a comment on your choice here:

Please insert a link to relevant resources and materials in the comment section if necessary.

23 Is there an aggregated evaluation of impact of GPP (e.g. annual report on CO2 savings or waste reduction)? Please provide any additional information. *

Comment only when you choose an answer.

Please choose all that apply and provide a comment:

- [ ] Yes at national level
- [ ] Yes for some contracting authorities
- [ ] No

24 When GPP data is collected/analysed, is it made publicly available on a website? Please provide any relevant details.

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:
Answer was 'Only at central government' *or* 'Through excel files, emails, or paper based forms. ' *or* 'Not required but some public institutions report data voluntarily' *or* 'Through an independent digital platform that is not linked to the eProcurement system' *or* 'Through a digital platform linked to the eProcurement system' at question '19 [REPORT]' (How are public institutions required to report on GPP spend or number of tenders including GPP criteria? Please provide any relevant information)

❗ Choose one of the following answers
Please choose **only one** of the following:

- ◯ YES
- ◯ NO
- ◯ NOT APPLICABLE

Make a comment on your choice here:

Please insert a link to relevant resources and materials in the comment section if necessary.

Capacity building and support

25 Which national tools are available to support the development of GPP tenders?
Please provide any relevant information. *

Comment only when you choose an answer.

Please choose all that apply and provide a comment:

- [ ] Lifecycle costing tools including environmental externalities
- [ ] Environmental footprint calculators or database
- [ ] Standards and eco-labels
- [ ] Benchmark values

Other:

26 Are there dedicated training courses available to procurement officials on GPP? Please provide any relevant details. *

Choose one of the following answers

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- ◯ YES
- ◯ NO

Make a comment on your choice here:

Please insert a link to relevant resources and materials in the comment section if necessary.

27 Are there dedicated training courses available to suppliers on GPP?
Please provide any relevant information. *

Choose one of the following answers

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- ◯ YES
- ◯ NO

Make a comment on your choice here:

Please insert a link to relevant resources and materials in the comment section if necessary.

28 What are the training methods available for GPP? Please provide additional information. *

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:
Answer was 'YES' at question '26 [OFFICIALS]' (Are there dedicated training courses available to procurement officials on GPP? Please provide any relevant details.) *and*
Answer was 'YES' at question '27 [SUPPLIERS]' (Are there dedicated training courses available to suppliers on GPP?Please provide any relevant information.)

❗ Comment only when you choose an answer.
Please choose all that apply and provide a comment:

- [ ] In-person training
- [ ] Elearning modules
- [ ] Academic courses

Other:

Please insert a link to relevant resources and materials in the comment section if necessary.

29 Are you reporting on the number of GPP training courses taken in a given year (by hours or by number of trainees)? Please provide any additional information. *

Choose one of the following answers

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- ◯ YES
- ◯ NO

Make a comment on your choice here:

30 Besides training, is there other type of support provided to contracting authorities on GPP? Please provide any details. *

Comment only when you choose an answer.

Please choose all that apply and provide a comment:

- [ ] Help-desk
- [ ] Competence center
- [ ] Template documentation
- [ ] Standardised green selection and award criteria by product groups
- [ ] Development of standards and labels
- [ ] No other support is offered

Other:

31 Is there any fora or platform in which contracting authorities can share experiences? Please provide any additional details. *

Choose one of the following answers

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- ◯ YES
- ◯ NO
- ◯ NOT APPLICABLE

Make a comment on your choice here:

Please insert a link to relevant resources and materials in the comment section if necessary.

Thank you very much for taking the time to answer the survey on Green Public Procurement!

Submit your survey.

Thank you for completing this survey.