



Brief notes on SPP

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- SP in the UN: assistance to UN agencies, development of product criteria and training.
- Sustainable Public Procurement : promote the implementation of SPP policies in 7 pilot countries : Colombia, Costa Rica, Lebanon, Tunisia, Uruguay, Chile and Mauritius (Argentina and Ghana)
- Approach chosen : Flexible framework (developed by international task force led by Switzerland)

Some key outcomes delivered through SPP

- Resource efficiency – doing more with less - CO2 reduction, etc.
- Cost savings opportunities
- Compliance with labour laws
- Support to SMEs, job creation, transfer of skills and technology
- Drive markets for innovative and sustainable solutions



Why does UNEP advocate SP?

- SPP is a tool that allows us to use procurement budgets not only for the benefit of the organization but also of the environment, society and the economy.
- SPP has a strong potential: public procurement represents between 10 and 25% of GDP.
- Apart from financial and resources savings however the « business » case for SPP needs to be demonstrated. UNEP will invest in a study prove SP as a 'green economy' mover (Swiss funds).

Remaining Challenges

SP is still controversial for many developing countries :

- Misperceptions related to cost
- Lack of a direct proof of a job creation potential or other economic advantages
- Lack of suppliers base
- Procurement culture still based on cheapest offer

To some extent a similar situation as in Europe ...**but**

European context

- In the EU there is a target of 50% of procurement contracts to be green by 2010
- The impact on the « green economy » will be massive...
- ...still most European products (or components of them) are manufactured elsewhere....

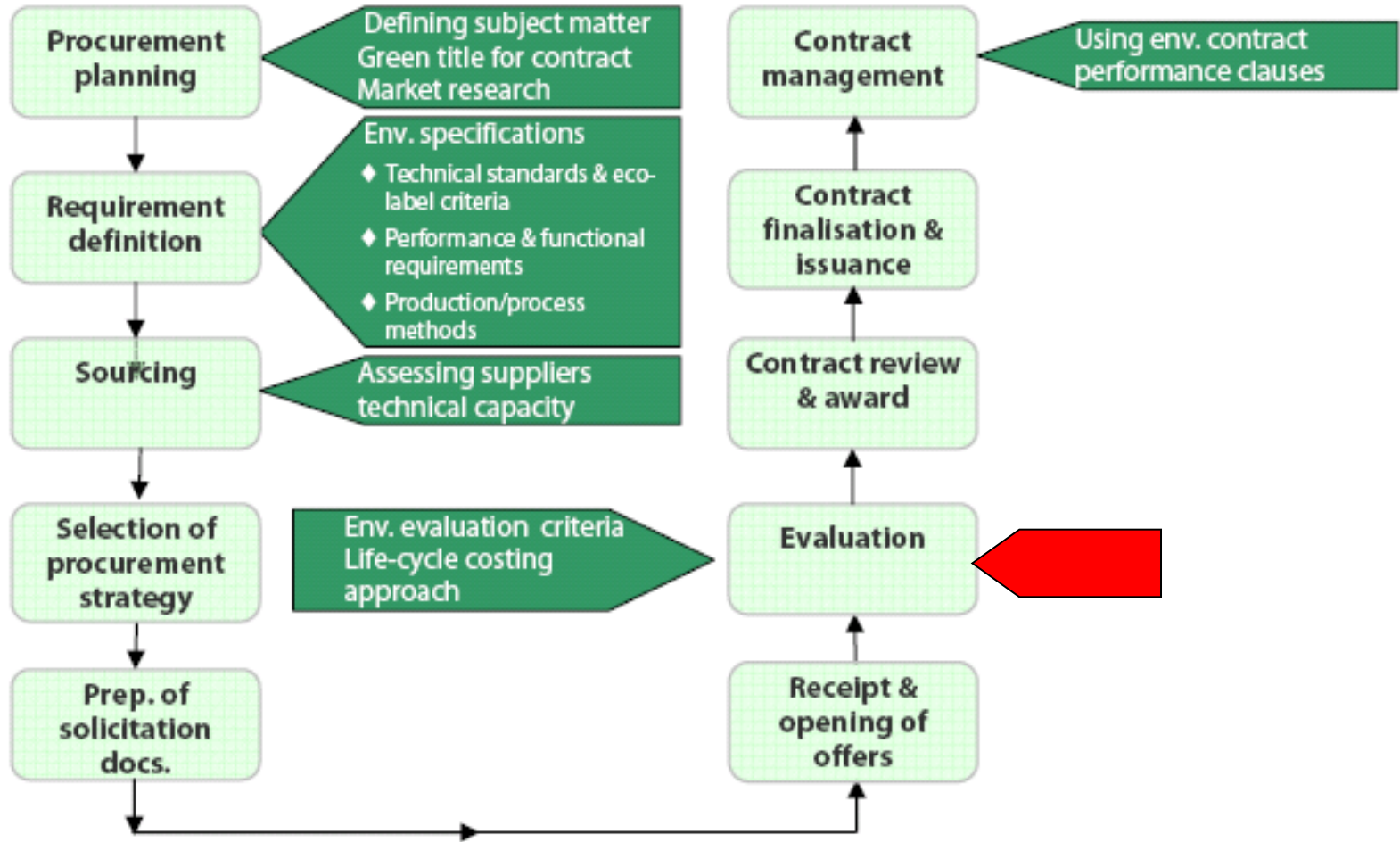


Green jobs and SPP

- SPP for services allows the procurers to make requirements also on HOW the company works and is more likely to create directly and locally « green » jobs
- Requirement design can allow you to orient the satisfaction of your needs towards job intensive options
- Suppliers preselection is also an other way to choose more job intensive companies (or companies that hire specific social groups)



Stages of (Sustainable) Procurement





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