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Green Public Procurement

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- Green Public Procurement (GPP) is a process where public authorities seek to source goods, services or works with a reduced environmental impact
- The Government of Ireland's annual public sector purchasing accounts for 10% to 12% of Ireland's GDP.
- The public sector has significant influence to stimulate the provision of more resource-efficient, less polluting goods, services and works within the marketplace.
- **By 2023, all procurement using public funds will need to include GPP criteria**

Preventing Waste in a Circular Economy

- GPP is a vital policy lever in Ireland's move to a green and circular economy, where waste and resource use are minimised and the value of products and materials are maintained in the economy for as long as possible.
- Public sector must be a leader: *“Ensure that public procurement leads the transition to the Circular Economy”*



Bill Gates: *How to Avoid a Climate Disaster*

“Of course, governments have to play an essential role too. Like the business leaders who are taking this seriously, **policymakers need to factor climate change into many of the decisions they make**”

“Governments buy huge numbers of products, from office supplies to airplanes, and are especially big customers in many of the sectors that are hardest to decarbonise, such as cement and steel. **Major commitments to buy green will send a clear market signal that there’s demand for these products.**”



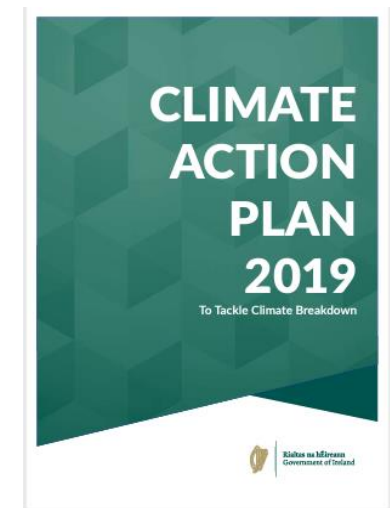
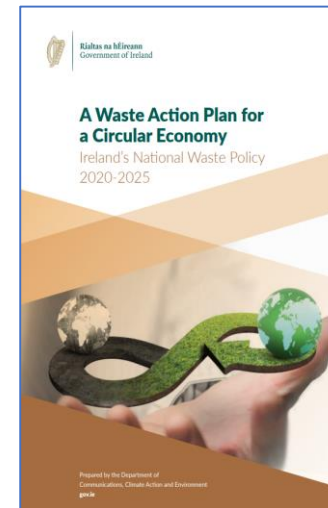
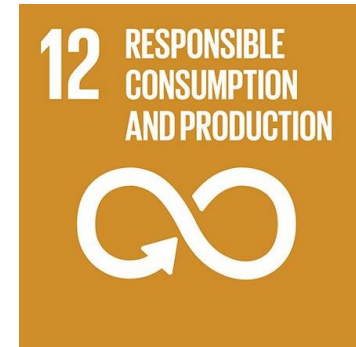
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Policy Instruments

- UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG 12.7)
- OECD Public Governance Programme
- European Green Deal
- Climate Action Plan 2019
- A Waste Action Plan for a Circular Economy 2020
- Local Authority Climate Charter



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EPA Activities

- Update of GPP Guidance
- Training
- Monitoring & Reporting
- GPP implementation within EPA



EPA Activity 1: Launch of 2021 Guidance Document

- Update of 2014 EPA Guidance
- 2020 Targeted Consultation
- Public Sector & Business Representative Groups
- Online Publication



www.epa.ie/publications/circular-economy/resources/green-public-procurement-guidance.php

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EPA 2021 Guidance

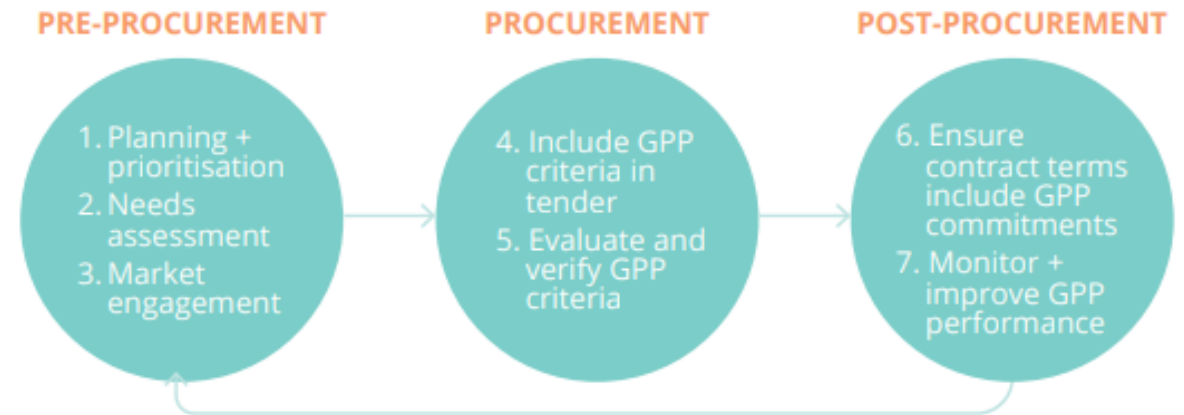
- Introductory Guidance
- 10 Criteria Sets



 Road transport vehicles and services	 Indoor and outdoor lighting
 ICT products and services (including data centres)	 Heating equipment (including boilers, cogeneration, trigeneration and heat pumps)
 Food and catering services	 Energy-related products (white goods/appliances, electronic displays, vacuum cleaners)
 Cleaning products and services	 Paper products and printing services
 Design, construction and management of office buildings	 Textile products and services (including uniforms and laundry services)

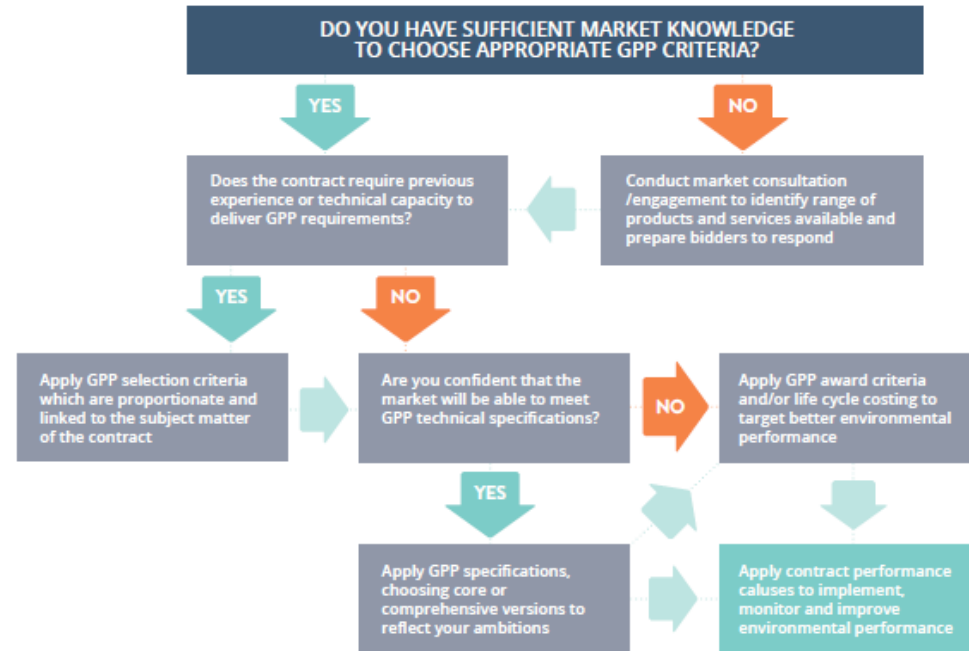
Guidance Tools

- Legislation relevant to green procurement
- GPP & your organization
- The procurement process
- Overview of sectors covered by Irish criteria



EPA Activity 1: Guidance Tools

FIGURE 6
Decision tool for
GPP criteria



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EPA Activity 1: Guidance Tools

FIGURE 2
GPP Policy Implementation



FIGURE 5
GPP at each stage of the procurement process



Guidance Tools

- Professional Services
- 2018 public sector spend = €655m (14% of total)
- 3rd largest category after medical supplies and facilities mgmt.

1 GPP should always be about identifying and rewarding enhanced environmental offers, rather than simply rewarding business-as-usual or encouraging vague claims

2 All criteria must be linked to the subject-matter of the contract, meaning they should relate to the specific services being provided and not general policies of the bidders

EPA Activity 2: Training

- Pilot in June 2020 – LAs, DECC, SEAI, OGP, CAROs & EPA
- EPA funded 10 offerings in 2020/2021
- 169 Trainees up to end Sept 2021
- 80 Organisations
- Supplier training offering



EPA Activity 3: Monitoring & Reporting

- OGP Circular 20/2019: Starting with the 2020 Annual Report, each Department must report annually on progress in relation to GPP
- Guidance & template issued in December 2020
- Number and value of contracts
- Deadline of 31st March 2021
- Review and report on 2020 data



GPP in the EPA

- Procurement templates
- Electric Vehicles
- Cleaning Services
- Recycling Stations
- Carpets
- Paint



Next Steps

- Promote widespread use of guidance
- Participate in strategic procurement working groups
- Support the monitoring and reporting of GPP
- Develop & deliver training

Potential for GPP to deliver for the circular economy





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Thank you!