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Key Note

**Shaping a sustainable future:
Schaerbeek's procurement strategy
in time of green recovery and just
transition**

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Schaerbeek's procurement strategy in time of green recovery and just transition

1. Strategy & Vision: Climate Plan
2. Practices in Schaerbeek
3. Next steps



1. Strategy: Climate plan

Food

- **1/3** of our impact on the environment
- Source of significant **emissions** -direct and indirect: production, transport, waste management etc.
- **Growing public concerns** at local level

Schaerbeek Climat Plan

- Local response to the **climate emergency**
- **Concrete strategic operational framework**
- **Planned and budgeted action plan**

Public policies

- CAP/ Farm to Fork Strategy -European level
- Federal Health Nutrition Plan -national level
- Good Food strategy -regional level



Public procurement: a lever for green recovery & just transition in times of global crises

Climate Plan Priorities

- Making the municipality's **purchases sustainable and efficient**
 - Sustainable Procurement Strategy Plan (URBACT project)
- Food and Public procurement: **priorities mutually reinforcing**

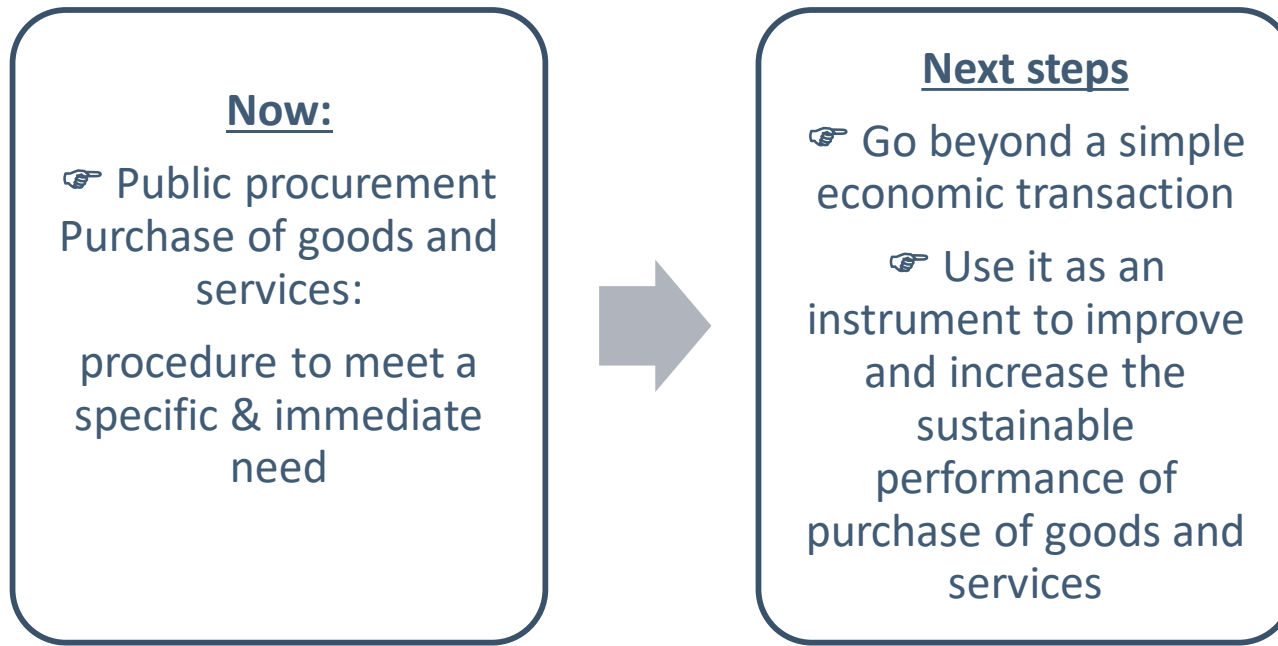


Public tenders

- Crucial **action lever**
- Significant **opportunity** for the administration, its missions and projects
- Achievement of the **global climate objectives** (-55% in 2030 compared to 2005 and carbon neutrality in 2050)



Vision: designing sustainable tenders



Public procurement becomes a lever for public authorities to ensure their purchasing reflects broader goals

ex: fight against global warming, economic development, social responsibility or even setting the example)



Obstacles and constraints for local buyers

- Legal constraints - Strict regulatory framework, overlapping & complicated regulation
- Financial constraints – the sky is never the limit
- Human constraints – limited human resources & lack of knowledge of sectors/markets
- Time constraints of tenders procedures -
- Limited local suppliers and production capacity
- Field of action limited to the public sphere VS territory



2. Practices in Schaerbeek: goods & services

3 work axis

1. **Recurrent tenders** : yearly basis
ex: maintenance products purchase etc.
2. **One shot tenders** : need- based requests to the purchasing department from municipal services
ex: new or specific projects, studies
3. **Non-recurrent tenders** : Pro-active approach of the purchasing department on non-recurring expenses
ex: purchase of vehicles



Public tender: a multidisciplinary process

3 types of expertise



3. Next steps towards: triple dynamics in Schaerbeek

1. Strategy & Vision : Approved 😊

- Climate Plan
- Sustainable Procurement Strategy Plan
- Diversity Plan
- Motion relating to zero waste and zero plastic

2. Top down : progressive 😐

- Political power
- Hierarchical framework of the municipal administration

3. Bottom up municipal services : progressive 😐

- Case-by-case basis
- Agents' good will



Next steps towards a green recovery & a just transition

Compliance with **legal constraints**, including jurisprudential trends

- Make requests processing easier
- Simplify the administrative burden of the procedures
- Improve public tenders' sustainability

Implementation of the **Sustainable Public Procurement Action Plan**

- Strengthen market prospecting capacities
- Identify GPP limitations
- Create a cross-cutting vision of procurement

Raising awareness and empowerment of the final consumer/municipal agent

- Prepare and accompany in the change
- Provide training to ensure an optimal use of the purchased goods
- Provide the needed resources for technical management and for change adaptation related to sustainability, by tender category



Questions?

