Sustainable Public Procurement – on the move

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Public Procurement in Norway

Annually, public procurement amounts to approximately:

- **53 billion EURO**
- **~12 Mt CO2**

What we do:

- Developing new guidance on SPP
- Developing tools and new GPP criteria’s
- Offer courses and training
- Monitoring and measuring of SPP
- Networking

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Main objectives of public procurement in Norway

- Secure better services for our citizens that meet their needs
- Use public funds in the most efficient and sustainable way
- Contribute to an innovative green business sector with the ability to restructure in economic hard times.

- Overall focus: How to make strategic use of the public demand to promote sustainable innovation – both in industry and the public sector.
Our mandate on GPP

- strengthen the competence of public contractors so that they can reduce negative environmental effects of public procurement and contribute to more climate friendly solutions.
- build competence by providing guidance, tools, criteria's and templates.

- SPP described as a important tool in the Government's Green Competitiveness Strategy
- NOK 15 million to guide on GPP
Monitoring and measuring GPP/SPP

- We need to measure the extent or scope of public entities that make good sustainable and green demands/GPP.

- We want to measure the development in climate footprints of public procurement related to specific pilots.

- We want to investigate how GPP can benefit or support our goal of reducing emissions, according to the Paris-agreement.
• Analysis of 10 Norwegian GPP shows the emission reductions possible within different sectors.

• Three of the cases were on buildings, which achieved a reduction on emissions between 40 and 50%.

• Four of the cases were within transport, which reduced emissions by about 80%

• In total, these procurements reduced emissions by 70%, with an additional cost of just 6%.
Green public procurement requires:

- In-depth knowledge of environmental effects and market-maturity within a range of categories

- Challenging for both procurers and environmental advisers

«Even in health-care, there is a lot of different procurements: The buildings, cleaning, security, welfare technology etc. It is impossible to know everything about the environmental effects of all this.»

- Procurer in a municipality
Our main focus

- Buildings and constructions
- Transport
- ICT
- Food
- Furnitures
- Office Supplies
- Hotel
- Cleaning
- Medical Supplies