

Procura+ Seminar Hot Topic Tables

ICLEI: Knowledge exchange and replication

- Cities need practical guidance, examples of tenders and best practices. They asked what ICLEI could do to support them in making their procurement more sustainable.
- City networks highlighted the difficulty to identify best practices among members. They called on cities and members to share what they do as much as possible.
- Knowledge exchange can be fostered by initiatives and networks at the national level, such as in Sweden or in the Netherlands, but also can be hampered by the absence of such mechanisms, like in Belgium, divided into two main regions and languages. European networks also bring inspirational but harder to replicate examples, due to national differences.
- Participants expressed some reluctance in sharing tenders publicly, by fear that something wouldn't comply with regulations. There would be keen on having a private space in the Procura+ website to share that type of documents between each other.
- Participants were really happy to share experiences and best practices about GPP during the seminar but compared it as preaching to the choir. They stressed that it is also crucial to raise awareness towards other procurers (the vast majority doesn't really take into account sustainability in tenders) and then beyond, towards other public administration services.