



Spotlight on Ghent



Onboarding the City Council



Main drivers that convinced the City Council of our story?

- Sustainable Procurement Strategy
- September 2014: Ecoprocura@ Ghent



Sustainable Procurement Strategy

- Minimizing the ecological footprint throughout the entire lifecycle with a focus on:
 - a. Rational use of energy and independence of non-renewable energy
 - $b. \ \ Minimizing the impact on local air quality through efficient and environmentally friendly transportation and deliveries$
 - c. Avoiding waste
- II. Encouraging sustainable employment of disadvantaged groups with a focus on:
 - Increasing the opportunities on the labour market for job seekers from disadvantaged groups - with specific attention for youth unemployment
- b. Strengthening the sustainable growth of the social economy sector
- III. Promoting sustainable innovations.
- $IV. \quad Fostering local economic growth with special attention for start- \\ ups and innovative companies.$
- Integrating and assuring international labour standards and fair trade principles throughout the supply chain.
- VI. Encouraging sustainable entrepreneurship amongst suppliers
- VII. Increasing the maturity of the procurement function and striving towards excellence in procurement





Key achievements

- Clear Strategic Agenda, assisted by defined Key performance indicators and clear targets
- Sustainable festival organization through partnering of cultural organizations in the Green Track working Group
- 2013 Auroralia Award for best initiative with regards to sustainable city lighting
- Fleet transition towards electric and CNG vehicles
- First city to use Cradle-to-Cradle Certified cleaning products for all of its buildings



In God we trust, all others must bring data

~ William Edwards Deming ~

Strong emphasis on managing sustainable procurement according to the principles of *EFQM** using *Manager's Dashboards®* to monitor, report and act on our achievements



^{*} EFQM = European Foundation for Quality Management

Role of ICLEI and Procura+



- Seed new methodologies on target setting and reporting
- Create symbiosis between cities and organizations
- Be the fertilizer for labels and standards
- Harvest results and best practices worldwide
- Push European Procurement legislation forward



What's on the horizon?



In 2016/2017 the focus will be on:

- Making SPP reporting embedded in the organization
- Use of CO₂-calculation tool to evaluate different delivery strategies
- Tendering of a new contact for fair trade working clothes
- Development of a custom Sustainable contract management tool

TARGETS

- Reduction of 10% of CO₂emissions for deliveries in 2016
- 10% growth (year-on-year) in contracts awarded to the social economy sector
- 30% less purchase orders, transports and invoices through sustainable ordering behaviour
- Digipolis Ghent will allocate 10% of the budget for ICT to procure innovative products and services or use innovative procurement methods





