

What is Procura+ Network Twinning?

The Procura+ Network Twinning Programme involves two Procura+ Participants working in partnership to support each other in implementing sustainable procurement. A twinning activity can be anything you and your twin want it to be. This can range from simple collaboration on preparing upcoming tenders, to a longer term staff exchange and benchmarking activity.

The main factor is that the partnership should offer something of practical value for both partners.

- More information about how to get involved can be found on the [Procura+ website](#).

This Reference Sheet provides links to some examples and guides on how to organise a twinning activity. We would like to keep developing this into valuable resource for Procura+ Participants, so please send us links to other resources you are aware of, and keep us informed about your own experiences.

Example/guide	Weblink	Short description
Helsinki: Peer Review	Report of the peer review of Helsinki	The peer review provided a gap analysis of actual performance of Helsinki and the benchmark ideal. Colleagues from Rotterdam assessed sustainable traffic, air quality, noise, climate and energy policy, water supply and sewerage, soil, and leadership in environmental affairs. Performance of the city was determined by peers from their consideration of the self-assessment report, together with the answers given to their questions during a peer review visit.
Bristol City Council and Cornwall Council: Benchmarking	N/A	Both Councils completed the same <i>Benchmarking Responsible Procurement Peer Review Questionnaire</i> . The comparison of the results was used to benchmark against each other in areas such as Environmental Sustainability & Carbon Management; Ethical Sourcing; and Working with SME's and Local Businesses. Procurement approaches and best practice case studies were also shared. Both parties compared similarities and differences, and made recommendations for one another.
Bologna – Oslo – Madrid: Peer review	N/A	The City of Bologna, together with ICLEI, set up objectives and criteria for peer review of their sustainability processes and implementation of Aalborg Commitments. Outcomes included Identification of strengths and weaknesses; advice by the peer on the possible improvements and “corrective actions”; preparation of a list of actions/recommendations; and enhanced understanding and experience of specific priorities.
ISO Twinning Guide	Guidance on Twinning in ISO standards	Guidance on how to approach twinning: A good example of ISO developed a twinning scheme for more developed countries to assist developing countries in implementing ISO standards. A developing country may enter into an arrangement with a developed country member that is in a position to share its knowledge. The developed country partner has the role of providing training, guidance and assistance to build the capacity of the developing country partner.