

GREEN PROCUREMENT IN NON-PROFIT ORGANISATIONS

Concept Note

Programme	EU Erasmus+ Strategic Partnership supporting innovation in vocational education and training (VET) 2016
Lead Partner	Institute for Church and Society, Evangelical Church of Westphalia, Germany
Duration	24 months
Budget	280.000 €
Deadline Application	31 March 2016
Related project	Collaborating for Creation - Ethical Sustainable Procurement in Church Related Institutions, 2013 (application not submitted)

Project idea

The European Commission has made green (ecological and social) procurement a priority and argues that it has a “key role to play in the EU's efforts to become a more resource-efficient economy” and is a “strong stimulus for eco-innovation” (DG ENVI, 2015). Yet, most non-profit organisations still follow procurement processes where the decision for or against a specific product is solely based on the price tag. Next to legal concerns this is mainly due to the lack of expertise and training of procurement officers and staff in terms of sustainability. To fill this gap, the project aims at improving competences in the field of green procurement on a work-based learning approach.

The project partners organise a **transfer of best practice** to develop an **innovative VET course** called “Green procurement in non-profit organisations” (intellectual output 1). In order to train the future trainers, they also provide a **practical guide** “Green procurement in non-profit organisations for trainers” (intellectual output 2).

The VET course and the practical guide **are tested/ evaluated by partner organisations (pilots) with their own employees/ trainees**. Finally, VET course, practical guide and evaluation results are presented to VET stakeholders on relevant national and/or European **multiplier events** (conferences, education fairs etc.). Furthermore, the project partners promote the **certification** of “Green procurement in non-profit organisations” as an eligible VET course on a regional/ national/ European level.

To ensure the sustainability of the project, a **follow-up project** can be announced that builds on the new VET course to develop similar courses for all levels of education (school, university etc.).

Intellectual outputs

1. The curriculum of the VET course "Green procurement in non-profit organisations" is based on training material developed for church-related non-profit organisations in Germany, but will be tailored to the needs of project partners as Learners. Particular attention will be given to case studies

and European best practices, which will be evaluated against both national market conditions for green products and national legal restrictions for procurement procedures.

Contents:

- learn about best practices of green procurement in the EU
- assess best practices against national legal and economic background
- assess chances and risks of green procurement
- define green procurement objectives
- develop green procurement strategy
- profit from peer-to-peer training with experienced procurement officers
- combine individual learning with organisational learning

2. The practical guide "Green procurement in non-profit organisations for trainers" is designed to instruct trainers how to teach the VET course "Green procurement in non-profit organisations" efficiently.

Both, VET course and practical guide are in English. Translations are foreseen in the project budget.

End-Beneficiaries

Public and private VET providers gaining access to a refined training tool on green procurement in the non-profit sector and beyond

Multiplier events

Conference "Green procurement in non-profit organisations": High-level event with representatives from regional / national VET stakeholders in one or more project partner countries

Learning activities

A) Transfer of best practice:

1 partner meeting of 3 days = 3 days

B) Development of VET course and practical guide:

4 partner meetings of 2 days each = 8 days

C) Pilot Practical guide:

1 trainer meeting of 3 days = 3 days

D) Pilot VET course (in one or more partner countries)

2 staff training sessions of 1 week each = 10 days

Partners (to be confirmed)

1. **Diakonie Českobratrské církve evangelické**, private social services + VET provider (non-profit), CZ
2. **HS Pforzheim**, public university, DE
3. **Bethesda Gyermekórház**, private hospital + VET provider (non-profit), HU
4. **Kristen Norges Innkjøp Felleskap**, private purchasing association, NO
5. **Peter Stiftelsen**, private foundation + social services provider (non-profit), NO
6. **Evanjelické lyceum**, Evanjelická základna škola, private primary +secondary school (non-profit), SK

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