

Welcome to the third newsletter of the PPI4Waste project. The exploration of mechanisms to overcome barriers to public procurement of innovation in the waste sector has now started. Browse this newsletter to learn more about the latest developments and past activities of this work under progress.

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When procurers and suppliers met

As a part of the PPI4Waste project, several “Meet-the-Market” events took place across Europe, inviting procurers and suppliers to discuss their mutual needs and the solutions to overcome the barriers to public procurement of innovation (PPI) in the waste sector.



Meet-the-Market event in Zagreb

The first Meet-the-Market event was organised by Mancomunidad del Sur, IAT and UNIZAR. It was held on 30 March 2016 in Zaragoza (Spain) presented the PPI framework in Spain and the strategic framework for the circular economy in municipal waste management, with a focus on PPI for packaging and bio-waste. The second event of the series, organised on 31 March 2016 in Utrecht (Netherlands) by Rijkswaterstaat, focused on the challenges for municipalities to think about the value of household waste and the possibilities for resource management. It aimed at giving the opportunity to Dutch public procurers and suppliers in the field of waste management to discuss the possibilities for the transition from waste to resource management.

After introducing the European and Croatian regulatory framework and circular economy, the third event organised by Zagreb City Holding on 5 April 2016 in Zagreb (Croatia) dealt with green public procurement (the technology of collection and treatment of municipal solid waste) and the establishment of resource efficiency and circular economy (promotion of innovation in waste management of municipal companies). The last event of the series was organised by ACR+ on 12 May 2016 in Brussels (Belgium). It gathered Belgian public purchasers and suppliers in the field of plastic waste management and focused on innovative solutions for the collection and separation of plastics in Belgium.



Meet-the-Market event in Brussels

To draw the conclusions of this round of national Meet-the-Market events, a one-day workshop was organised by ICLEI in Bilbao (Spain) on 26 April 2016 during which public authorities and PPI4Waste partners could exchange on their expertise and issues. In addition, this event aimed at fostering communication on purchasers' needs, financing opportunities, disseminating the emerging national research, facilitating discussions of customer and overcoming the barriers to innovation in the field of municipal waste management.

All the presentations from the different events are available on [PPI4Waste website](#).

First findings of the State of the Art report

The state of the art gives an overall picture of the state of waste management in the European Union, in line with the main needs of public bodies in charge of municipal waste management identified within PPI4Waste project. Three of these needs are related to specific waste streams, bio-waste management, plastics separation, and bulky waste management, all targeted in the State of the Art.



In the context of a public procurement of innovation project, the state of the art (SoA) is designed as an orientation paper in order to facilitate meeting demand and offer and identify innovative solutions for municipal waste management.

According to the main findings of the SoA, in the majority of Member States, waste management is public, although some tasks are shared with private companies.

In general terms there are broad differences between Member States regarding waste production, collection models and treatment techniques applied as well as regarding the implementation of European Directives on waste. In this context, management of bio-waste, plastic packaging and bulky waste are some of the main improvement areas addressed by European policies.

More details on the first findings of the State of the Art are [available online](#).

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20 years of sustainable procurement at ICLEI

ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability is an international association of local governments and national / regional local government Founded in 1990, ICLEI with its 1,200 members is the largest association of local governments dedicated to sustainable development.



This year, ICLEI is celebrating 20 years of work on sustainable procurement. The anniversary was launched at a ceremony in Bilbao's Guggenheim Museum on 27 April as part of the 8th European Conference on Sustainable Cities and Towns.

Over the last two decades, many ICLEI Members and public authorities ICLEI has been working with have been including sustainability aspects in their procurement policies and procedures to achieve resource efficient, low-carbon and socially responsible societies. ICLEI has also worked with sustainable procurement experts from cities and organisations worldwide on numerous projects and initiatives related to sustainable and innovation procurement.

At ICLEI, this opportunity was used to relaunch the [SP Platform](#) and revamp the [Procura+ European Sustainable Procurement Network](#) ICLEI has also launched a new twitter account @sppglobal, which is dedicated to all things SPP. ICLEI is celebrating the anniversary and inviting you to share your achievements and thoughts on SPP using the hashtag #SPPecialists.



ICLEI looks forward to seeing what the next 20 years bring!

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Rijkswaterstaat, creating a sustainable environment

Rijkswaterstaat is the executive body of the Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure & Environment. For over 200 years, Rijkswaterstaat has been responsible for the construction and maintenance of the Dutch highways and waterways. The intense use of the Dutch network of highways, waterways, railways and aircraft (mainports Rotterdam and airport Schiphol Amsterdam) forces the government to pay more and more attention to match these economic pillars with a sustainable environment.

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As an important national purchaser, Rijkswaterstaat values circular procurement. For that, the Ministry of Infrastructure & Environment and RWS hosted, in collaboration with partners as ICLEI, the first International Congress on Circular Procurement in Amsterdam. Attended by 120 experts from over 23 countries around the world, the Congress aims were to profile examples of Circular Procurement and to share experiences. Presentations from this event are available [online](#).

Another example is that Rijkswaterstaat, in cooperation with the Dutch association of municipalities (VNG) and the Dutch association of municipal waste management services (NVRD), supports Dutch municipalities endorsing the program 'From waste to resources'. The aim of this program is to reduce the residual waste collection from households to 100 kg/person/year in 2020.

Rijkswaterstaat also helps to implement (European) policy and support programmes preventing and reducing waste streams, stimulating re-use and recycling and minimising the environmental impact of product chains and waste management through a life-cycle approach (resource efficiency). The policy to achieve effective waste management is outlined in the National Waste Management Plan.

More information is available at: <http://rwsenvironment.eu>

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PPI4Waste on the Procurement Forum

Did you know...

There are two specialised discussion forums available for public procurers and suppliers to share their thoughts and experiences on specific topics related to PPI in the Waste Section. These provide an opportunity for professionals working in the sector to exchange knowledge, opinion and ideas on particular issues and to network with others across Europe working in the same field.

Recent topics of discussion include:

1. [Different Strategies to deal with Bulky Waste – how is it in your city?](#)
2. [Is the production of biofuels, bio-based chemicals and bio-plastics from organic waste an opportunity to face the challenges of municipalities on bio-waste management?](#)
3. [What impact will the Paris Agreement have on approaches to waste management?](#)

Get involved in the Discussion

For all of you who have signed up to this newsletter, you will receive an invite to the [Discussion Group on Innovative waste management solutions](#) by the end of June.



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What's next?

In the coming months, **Work Package 4 (Collaborative activities and building capacity for preparation of coordinated public procurement for innovative solutions)** is going to be developed. The main objectives of this work package are the assessment of a **feasibility plan for cross-border PPI** and the **preparation for joint or coordinated procurement**,



to create opportunities for the **strategic use of budgets and financing instruments to support innovation**, to assess risks and develop a **risk reduction strategy**, to **increase knowledge on PPI practices** and to acquire necessary **skills to uptake a PPI process** and foster the product purchase and accelerate service delivery. The leader of this Work Package is the University of Zaragoza - OBCP, with support of all partners.

The **first Task** of the Work Package 4 (**Feasibility Plan for a real/concrete public procurement**) includes the definition of contract models and financing modelling of different approaches and the development of risk reduction strategy. This Task aims at carrying out a feasibility plan for the involve core buyers and for the buyer's group to uptake a collaborative PPI and to reduce risk associated to the uptake of PPI.

The leader of the **second Task** of this Work Package (**Participation of the buyer's group in capacity building activities**) is ICLEI. In order to **enhance the knowledge on PPI** and to **transfer the added value of participating in the buyer's groups**, **specific training on PPI** will be provided to participants.

For capacity building purposes, IAT, SP, Zagreb City Holding and ICLEI will organize 4 one-day regional trainings from middle September to November 2016 for at least 15 participants. The targeted participants are core buyers of the partnership and contracting authorities of the buyer's group.

Previously to the trainings, a specific training for trainers was organized internally in the partnership in the last Project Board Meeting (25-26 April 2016, Bilbao, Spain) in order to transfer the training activities to the partners who will organize the training sessions at local level.



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