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Government of Ireland

Ireland's Green Public Procurement Approach

Interreg Europe webinar on 'Waste prevention I: Green public procurement'

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Circular 20/2019: Promoting the use of Environmental and Social Considerations in Public Procurement

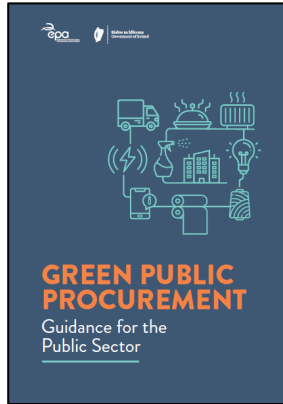
- Instructs departments to consider including green criteria in public procurement processes
- Introduced reporting on GPP for Government departments
- Highlights the potential of procurement to address wider social aims













Development of a GPP Training Plan

- Following a successful pilot module of GPP training in mid 2020, the first iteration of a comprehensive GPP training course for public officials was implemented in the latter half of 2020
- The Environmental Protection Agency has funded GPP training to a number of public sector staff between Q2 2020 and Q1 2023

National GPP Guidance and GPP Criteria



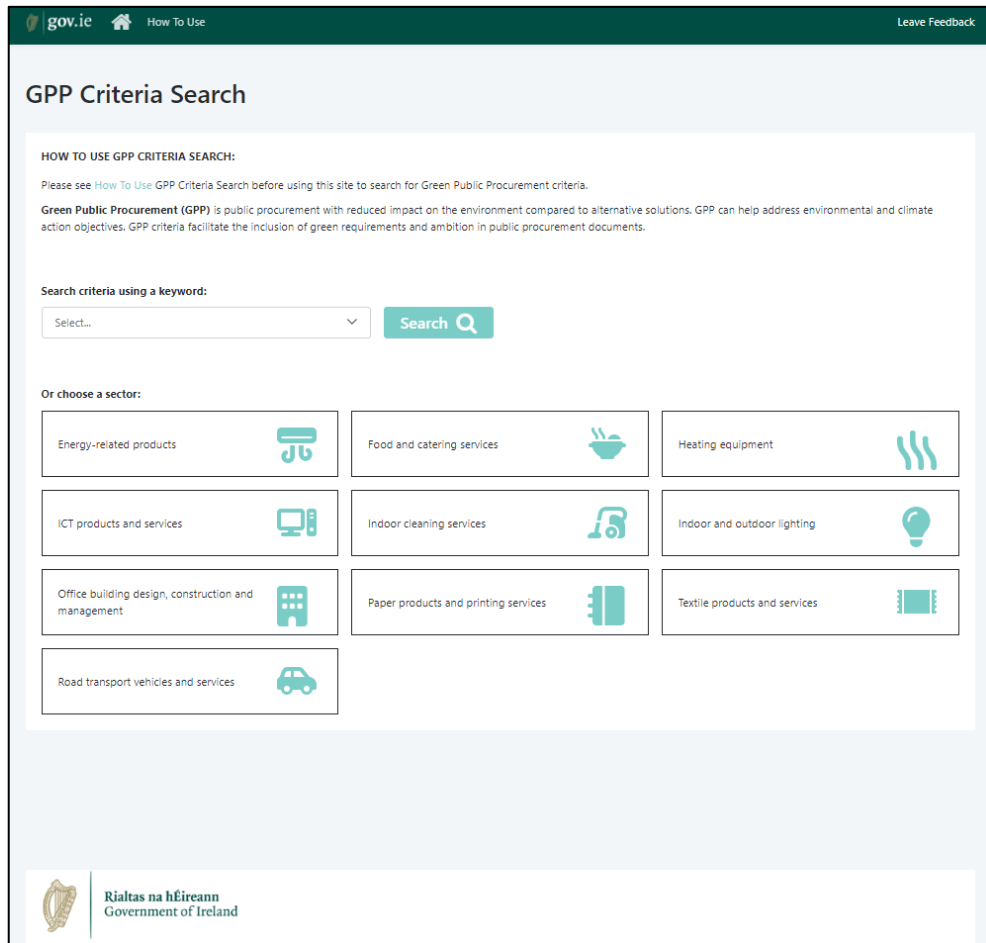
 Road transport vehicles and services	 Indoor and outdoor lighting
 ICT products and services (including data centres)	 Heating equipment (including boilers, cogeneration, trigeneration and heat pumps)
 Food and catering services	 Energy-related products (white goods/appliances, electronic displays, vacuum cleaners)
 Cleaning products and services	 Paper products and printing services
 Design, construction and management of office buildings	 Textile products and services (including uniforms and laundry services)

In 2014, the EPA published GPP criteria for eight sectors. This guidance has been substantially revised, with a second edition published in September 2021. Includes a focus on waste prevention for certain products/services, e.g.:

- Product longevity and warranty
- Design for disassembly
- Design for reparability (ICT equipment)
- Supply of refurbished/remanufactured ICT equipment
- Site Waste Management Plan (opportunities for waste prevention)
- Maintenance of textile assets (repair services)
- Food waste prevention practices

GPP Criteria Search launched in November 2022

<https://gppcriteria.gov.ie/>



The screenshot shows the GPP Criteria Search website interface. At the top, there is a dark green header with the 'gov.ie' logo, a home icon, 'How To Use', and a 'Leave Feedback' link. The main heading is 'GPP Criteria Search'. Below this, there is a section titled 'HOW TO USE GPP CRITERIA SEARCH:' with a link to 'How To Use GPP Criteria Search'. A paragraph explains that Green Public Procurement (GPP) is public procurement with reduced impact on the environment compared to alternative solutions, and that GPP criteria facilitate the inclusion of green requirements and ambition in public procurement documents. Below this is a search section titled 'Search criteria using a keyword:' with a dropdown menu labeled 'Select...' and a 'Search' button with a magnifying glass icon. Underneath is the section 'Or choose a sector:' followed by a grid of ten category buttons, each with an icon and text: 'Energy-related products' (lightning bolt icon), 'Food and catering services' (bowl icon), 'Heating equipment' (wavy lines icon), 'ICT products and services' (laptop icon), 'Indoor cleaning services' (robot icon), 'Indoor and outdoor lighting' (lightbulb icon), 'Office building design, construction and management' (building icon), 'Paper products and printing services' (printer icon), 'Textile products and services' (fabric icon), and 'Road transport vehicles and services' (car icon). At the bottom left, there is the harp logo and the text 'Rialtas na hÉireann Government of Ireland'. At the bottom right, there is the 'GPP4Growth Interreg Europe' logo.



Waste Prevention and GPP



- Waste Action Plan for a Circular Economy 2020-2025
- Whole of Government Circular Economy Strategy 2022-2023
- Public Sector Climate Action Mandate (Climate Action Plan 2023)
 - Review any paper-based processes and evaluate the possibilities for digitisation so it becomes the default approach.
 - Eliminate paper-based processes as far as is practicable.
 - Where paper must be procured, ensure that recycled paper is the default.
 - Cease using disposable cups, plates and cutlery from any public sector canteen or closed facility, excluding clinical (i.e., non-canteen healthcare) environments.

GPP Policy - Next Steps



- Ireland’s Programme for Government 2020 “Our Share Future” commits to mandating the inclusion of green criteria in all procurements using public funds, within 36 months
- Green Tenders – An Action Plan on Green Public Procurement, published in 2012, was the first action plan on Green Public Procurement in Ireland
- Following a Government Decision to review Green Tenders, the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications is preparing a new Green Public Procurement Strategy and Action Plan