

Green public procurement in Estonia

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8 456 public procurements were carried out in Estonia in 2021. The value of public procurement was EUR 3.5 billion which makes up 12% of GDP and 28% of the state budget.

In 2022, there were 8 789 public procurement contracts with a total value of €4.5 billion.

Official statistics shows that only 6,9% (610 procurement) of the total number of procurements are GPP, but the cost of green public procurement in total public procurement is 16.24%.





Statistics on Green Public Procurement extract from the E- Public Procurement Register

Year	Total number of public procurement (pieces)		GPP (%)	Value of public procurement (billion)	GPP in total public procurement cost (%)
2015	10652	614	5,8%	2,5	13,1%
2016	10343	605	5,8%	2,3	15,7%
2017	10374	502	4,8%	2,5	6,8%
2018	7942	234	2,9%	3,0	8,0%
2019	8031	82	1,0%	2,9	2,5%
2020	8329	373	4,5%	4,9	15,6%
2021	8456	466	5,5%	3,5	13,3%
2022	8789	610	6,9%	4,5	16,24%

^{*}Data as of 18 January 2023.

January 1, 2022 we adopted Green Public Procurement national mandatory criteria for the following categories (reg. No 35) (4):

- copy and graphic paper
- cleaning products and services
- office IT equipment
- furniture

The regulation is applicable to **all public sector** and **network sector procurer**. The four categorie criteria are based on the EU GPP criteria

(https://www.riigiteataja.ee/akt/102072021013), adapted to the Estonian context.

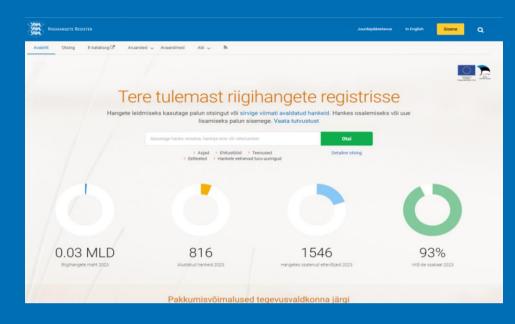
In the first quarter of 2023, we will adopt a regulation on **clean vehicles**.

The guidance material of Regulation No 35 and the training videos of the Public Procurement Register were delivered in August 2022.



Procurement register – E-Public Procurement Register

The Ministry of Finance is responsible for managing the Public Procurement Register.



This year, developments are planned for the public procurement register, such as:

- Develope monitoring system of clean vehicles through e-forms.
- Introduction of the classification of public procurement and its transfer to the e-procurement form.
- Introduction of the new use of the new procurement rules and the introduction of the new use of the register of environmental conditions.
- Possibility to add environmental clauses to qualification conditions and contract terms (currently only as compliance conditions).
- Environmental mandatory criteria and selection criteria to be clearly distinguished.

Current ongoing activities I

In 2020, an analysis of green public procurement was carried out in Estonia. The analys **revealed new 5 proposed categories:** road lighting and traffic signals, road transport, toilets and urinals, sanitary tapware, imaging equipment, consumables, and print services.

At the level of the Ministry of Environment, two categories are being developed:

- road lighting and traffic signals;
- Imaging Equipment, consumables, and print services.



Current ongoing activities II

Procurement: analysis of the introduction of mandatory areas for green public procurement and preparation of guidance materials.

The categories to be analysed are:

- 1. Textile products and services;
- 2. Design, construction and management of office buildings;
- 3. Design, construction and maintenance of roads;
- 4. Food products, services and vending machines;
- 5. Electricity.



Current ongoing activities III

- Regular trainings for procurers and tenderers;
- Circular Economy Training for Public Sector Staff (No. Of participants 100) module IV Green Public Procurement;
- Guidance materials and case studies;
- The Ministry of Finance leads the Value-Based Procurement Task Force and Steering Group, which combines Green Public Procurement, Innovative Procurement and Socially Responsible Procurement.



Supporting documents for GPP/ CPP at Estonian level

KEVAD - The Ministry of the Environment has initiated the drafting of a Strategic Environmental Development Document, which aims to create a united sectoral development plan and to develop the measures and actions needed to implement it.

GPP target - 30% of procurements must be green.

The circular economy white paper sets the vision and developmental goals for circular economy in Estonia. The white paper is designed to support different stakeholders – the state, local municipalities, entrepreneurs, and individuals - in mainstreaming the principles of circularity in production, consumption, policies, lifestyle, culture, and values.



Thank you!

