ENHANCE THEMATIC WORKSHOP

Overview of good examples of using EMAS or environmental management criteria in GPP in CATALONIA

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GPP is an instrument used to support several strategic policies of the Catalan Government.

The main objectives pursued with GPP are:

- To reduce the negative impacts of production and consumption
- To ensure the environmental performance of government’s actions
- To promote ecoinnovation and market transformation to transition towards a green and competitive economy
- To support other policies and instruments pursuing this objectives
1.- Direct support in the introduction of environmental criteria in procurement processes

- To the Central Purchasing Body in charge of Framework Agreements* (paper, furniture, cleaning services, postal services…) and centralised contracts (vehicles, energy…)
- To any Department that requests support

2.- Elaboration of GPP guidelines

- Complementing those already developed by the EU
- For products/services that are purchased by all Departments on a regular basis (vehicles, building maintenance, publications, events, canteens…)
- Linked in many cases to existing certification and ecolabelling systems (both regulatory and voluntary such as the EU Ecolabel or the Catalan Ecolabel)
3.- Training of people involved in public procurement
   - Mainly through the Catalan Institute of Public Administration

4.- Promotion of green products and services
   - EMAS registered companies, Ecolabeled products and recycled, biodegradable or recyclable products (Buy Recycled Network – Catalan Waste Agency)
How to promote EMAS in procurement?

• Two scenarios:

  Direct purchases
  The other procedures

• Examples from the GPP Guides developed by the Government.
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• The other procedures:

  • **Selection of bidders** (technical and professional ability)

  *In a contract for catering services: The bidder has to demonstrate the professional capacity to conduct the environmental clauses in the contract through an environmental management system for the service (EMAS, ISO14001 or eq.); an environmental policy and procedures for an environmentally sound service; or previous experience implementing environmental management measures in a similar contract.*
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• The other procedures:
  
  • Technical specifications (technical and professional ability)

In a contract for events organisation: The bidders have to ensure that the hotels for participants and speakers implement environmental measures and count with resource efficient equipment and/or an environmental management system (EMAS, ISO 14001 or eq.).

The bidders have to provide the certificates of the Catalan Ecolabel, the EU Ecolabel, the EMS, eq. or technical documentation about those measures and equipment.
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• The other procedures:
    • Award criteria (to select offers)

*In a contract for the management of a public service/facility: Points will be awarded to the bidders that commit themselves to implement an environmental management systems in (X) years after the start of the contract.*
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• The other procedures:

  • Award criteria (to select offers)

In a contract for printing services: In order to promote higher efficiency in the printing processes and practices, points will be awarded based on the water and energy consumption per printed sheet (litres or kWh/m² of printed paper).

As accreditation bidders can provide the EMAS environmental declaration if it contains those indicators, the indicators with the corresponding registers of the EMS that allow their calculation or equivalent documentation.
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• The other procedures:
  • **Contract performance clauses** (for the awarded company)

*In a contract for the management of a public service/facility:*
The awarded company will have to implement and environmental management systems in the service/facility in (X) years after the start of the contract to reduce the environmental impacts of the service.

The awarded company will have to maintain the EMS in place in the service/facility.
Thank you!