



Agency for Public Management
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Public Procurement and Public Private Partnerships

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Difi aims to strengthen the government's work in renewing the Norwegian public sector and improve the organisation and efficiency of government administration.

- Established 1 January 2008
- Overseen by the Ministry of Local Government and Modernisation (KMD)
- The Ministry of Trade, Industry and Fisheries (NFD) responsible for assignments in the area of public procurement.

Norway: 53 billion Euro per Year



Objectives of public procurement in Norway

- ▶ Secure better services for our citizens that meet their needs
 - ▶ Use public funds in the most efficient way
 - ▶ Contribute to an innovative business sector with the ability to restructure in economic hard times.
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- ▶ Overall focus: how to make strategic use of the huge potential in public demand to promote innovation – both in industry and the public sector.

Mandate for GPP


Difi shall

- ▶ strengthen the competence of public contractors so that they can reduce negative environmental effects of public procurement and contribute to more climate-friendly solutions.
- ▶ build competence by providing guidance, tools, criterias and templates.



Green public procurement requires:

- In-depth knowledge of environmental effects and market-maturity within a range of categories
- Challenging for both procurers and environmental advisers



«Even in health-care, there is a lot of different procurements: The buildings, cleaning, security, welfare technology etc. It is impossible to know everything about the environmental effects of all this.»

- Procurer in a municipality

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succeeded
when

- Public procurers have access to relevant guidance and tools
- Management in public sector supports green public procurement
- Difis work in this area makes a difference and we can measure the effects
- Negative environmental effects from public procurement are reduced
- Public sector stimulate green growth and promote climate friendly solutions through public procurement

Green/Sustainable PP



§ 5 Environment, human rights and other societal considerations

- ▶ *Must develop **an overall public procurement policy** with the aim to reduce adverse environmental effects and promote climate friendly solutions – where this is relevant.*
- ▶ *This includes assessment of **life cycle environmental costs** of the procurement.*

Public Procurement as a Strategic tool

- Before: An administrative, back-office function.
- Today: A strategic tool for achieving key policy objectives:
 - budget accountability
 - spending efficiency
 - buying green and improving outcomes in health
 - tackling global challenges such as climate change
 - promoting socially responsible suppliers into the global value chain.



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Barriers

- ▶ Lack of understanding of the benefits of sustainable procurement amongst politicians and budget holders is a challenge
- ▶ Lack of competence – what is an “environmentally” or “socially preferable” product or service?
- ▶ The perceptions regarding the true cost or value of a purchase – particularly where only purchase price is assessed rather than life-cycle costs.

Case – the EI-ferry Ampere



- ▶ 37% reduction in energy use per passenger car-km,
- ▶ a 60% reduction in total energy use,
- ▶ the elimination of NOx emissions and
- ▶ 89% reduction in CO2



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