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Strategy on green procurement.

As a preparatory action A, elaboration of management plans and/or of action plans the projects ACTION A.3: Authorization procedures and selection of service providers description and methods employed a strategy for green procurement will be provided.

This strategy will be based on the European Commission's handbook for "Buying green" https://ec.europa.eu/environment/gpp/buying_handbook_en.htm and the tool kit for green public procurement as well as the recommendations from the Danish Forum for Sustainability <https://eng.mst.dk/sustainability/sustainable-consumption-and-production/sustainable-procurement/forum-on-sustainable-procurement/>

It will include clear guidelines which the service provider must be able to fulfil. The guidelines will also apply to the partner's procurement of materials and durable goods.

The projects selection of service providers

In the provision of external services, the tasks will be subject to a procurement process to select cost-effective service providers and so that the requirements for solving the specific tasks can be fulfilled.

Tendering will be carried out to select the service providers who will have to solve tasks for the project and the tendering will take place under the requirements for green procurements (cf. Form B3) and to optimize a reduction of the project's carbon footprint.

The green procurement must follow the basic principles for public procurement to achieve non-discrimination, equal treatment, transparency, and proportionality. If a tender procedure is to be applied (according to EU, national or local rules) it may be by open or restricted tendering depending on the expected value of the specific task.

For contracts where the contract sum is estimated to exceed 139,000 €, open public tender is used as described in "Special and general provisions". Below this threshold, the tendering process will take place in accordance with national and local rules.



Tendering is performed to obtain the best relationship between costs and quality, to cope with the tendering legislation, and to cope with the LIFE general conditions (article 11.10).

Use of EU Green Public Procurement criteria

The EU GPP criteria are developed to facilitate the inclusion of green requirements in public tender documents. While the adopted EU GPP criteria aim to reach a good balance between environmental performance, cost considerations, market availability and ease of verification, procuring authorities may choose, according to their needs and ambition level, to include all or only certain requirements in their tender documents.

The basic concept of GPP relies on having clear, justifiable, verifiable and ambitious environmental criteria for products, services and works, based on a life-cycle approach and scientific evidence base.

EU GPP - Criteria have been developed covering 20 product/service groups.

The criteria are described in detail at:

http://ec.europa.eu/environment/gpp/eu_gpp_criteria_en.htm

The EU criteria has been developed at two levels, a core level and a comprehensive level. The core criteria level is suitable for use by a contracting authority throughout the EU and takes into account the essentials environmental impacts. They are designed to be used with minimal extra effort for control and minimal cost.

The extended criteria are for those who want to buy the most environmentally friendly products available at the market. They may require additional control or a small increase in cost over others products with the same functionality.

In LIFE19 NATURE/DK/00922 LIFE Wadden Sea Birds the core level will be applied for the relevant product-/service groups in each action.

National developed criteria DK/D are build upon EU GPP criteria^(note 1) and will only be applied if more convenient, than the EU criteria.

EU GPP criteria selections per Action:

For each EU product or service group where GPP criteria has been developed the relevant actions where tender procedure is to be held are stated. The relevant criteria will be integrated in the tendering documents.

1. Cleaning products and services. Not relevant to any action.
2. Copying and graphic paper. Not relevant to any action
3. Electrical and Electronic Equipment used in the Health Care Sector. Not relevant to any action.
4. Food Catering services and vending machines.. Relevant to action:
 - A.1 Direct award Catering for meetings with stakeholders (6 events) at Site 2
 - A.5 Direct award Catering for meetings with stakeholders (4 events) at Site 2

A.5	Direct	Meeting facilities and catering (2 events) at Site 1 and Site 2
A.6	Direct award	Catering during experts visits (3 events) at Site 2
A.6	Direct	Meeting facilities and catering (2 events) at Site 1 and Site 2
E.1	Direct	Catering for 7 public meetings at Site 1 and Site 2 (action E1.6) (958 € / meeting)
E.2	Direct award	Catering for one networking event at Site 2
E.2	Direct	Conference facility incl. conference dinner for 50 participants and bus rental
F.1	Direct award	Catering during monitoring visits in Schleswig-Holstein (3x)

No tender processes are required but this criterion is also relevant within direct procurements. When catering services are required, the following direct procurement principles will be followed:

Local vendors/services with explicit organic, Fairtrade and/or animal welfare policy will be preferred.

5. Imaging Equipment, consumables, and print services. Not relevant to any action

6. Paints, varnishes and road markings. The criteria is relevant to action C.5, though the necessary amount of roadmaking is very low (approx. 5m²)

Criteria to be applied:

All work contracts shall be performed using road marking products that comply with the EU Green Public Procurement requirements as specified in Technical specifications for core criteria of EU GPP – Section 4.3 Road markings.

7. Road Design, Construction and Maintenance. Road maintenance (rehabilitation) will occur in action C.5, though on a very small scale (approx. 80 m)

C.5	Public tender	Restoring road construction after construction of inlet tubes for climate adaptation at site 1
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Criteria to be applied:

Minimum requirement for low-noise pavement design

When local or national legislation requires, or when low-noise levels from the road is considered a priority, the design team or the DB tenderer or the DBO tenderer shall declare that the proposed low noise pavement shall comply with the following close proximity (CPX) noise emission levels according to ISO/DIS 11819-2, as a function of the maximum allowed speed on the road section:

- 90 dB(A) at 50 kph, and/or
- 95 dB(A) at 70 kph, and/or
- 98 dB(A) at 90 kph

Low temperature asphalt

The design team or the DB tenderer or the DBO tenderer shall apply best practice and techniques for laying bituminous mixtures in order to lower the asphalt production and application temperature.

Performance requirements for durability of pavement

The pavement must comply to or exceed the durability of the existing pavement.

8. Road Transport. Not relevant to any action.

9. Textiles. Criteria are relevant for action:



E.1 restricted tender Design and print of t-shirts

criteria to be applied:

Procured textile has to be marked with the EU Flower, Blauer Engel or Svanemærket.

10. Waste Water Infrastructure. Not relevant to any action.
11. Computers, monitors, tablets and smartphones. Not relevant to any action.
12. Data centres, server rooms and cloud services. Not relevant to any action.
13. Electricity. Not relevant to any action.
14. Furniture. Not relevant to any action.
15. Office Building Design, Construction and Management. Not relevant to any action.
16. Public Space Maintenance. Not relevant to any action.
17. Road lighting and traffic signals. Not relevant to any action.
18. Sanitary Tapware. Not relevant to any action.
19. Toilets and Urinals. Not relevant to any action.
20. Water-based Heaters. Not relevant to any action.

NOTE 1: National criteria:

DK:

Timber: A circular on Procurement of Sustainable Timber commits state institutions to require sustainable timber when procuring wood and wood-based products, and also when it comes to the use of wood for state development projects.

Energy using products: State institutes have to follow the guidelines for electricity using products set out by the Danish Energy Agency

Clean and Energy Efficient Road Transport Vehicles: Public authorities are obliged to make an assessment of the vehicle's environmental impact and energy consumption throughout the life of the vehicle included in the purchasing decision.

https://ec.europa.eu/environment/gpp/pdf/210303_GPP%20NAPs_March%202021.pdf

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1. Pursuant to GWB § 97, paragraph 4, sentence 2 (Law against Restriction of Competition) ecological aspects can be taken into account within the public procurement procedure provided that there is a factual link to the order-object. The law applies at the federal and state level. However, the final responsibility of the criteria setting lies with the authorities resp. the public procurer.

2. A Common Decree on the procurement of wood products (interministerial decree at the federal level) requires that wood products procured by the federal administration must demonstrably derive from sustainable forestry.

http://www.verwaltungsvorschriften-im-internet.de/bsvwvbund_22122010_NII4421040.htm

3. In accordance with the new version of the German Regulation of Procurement (VgV) public procurers are basically obliged to demand an analysis of minimized LCC by tenderers (cf. VgV § 4, paragraph 6, number 2 and § 6, paragraph 4, number 2a)

Sub-National level

At the Länder-level exists different regulations which also consider the sub-level threshold. The federal states Berlin, Bremen and North-Rhine Westfalia realize GPP at a higher order level.

An overview about regulations at the Länder-level is given by the following report:



<https://www.umweltbundesamt.de/publikationen/regelungen-der-bundeslaender-auf-dem-gebiet-der>