



ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability

ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability is an international association of over 1,100 local governments that are dedicated to driving positive change on a global scale through local action. In Europe, ICLEI has about 200 members.

The organisation facilitates local government input to European as well as United Nations policy processes and international policy forums. It offers information, tools, networking, training and consulting services. ICLEI is the only global city network focused on sustainable development.

ICLEI has been working on sustainable public procurement and procurement of innovation for over 18 years - supporting public authorities in implementation, raising awareness, developing new approaches and encouraging policy developments at the European and international level. ICLEI offers training and consultancy services, organises events, co-ordinates networking activities and is involved in a variety of sustainable procurement and procurement of innovation initiatives and projects. Current initiatives include:

- [The 10 Year Framework Programme on SPP](#): co-leading a global collaborative framework that aims to foster worldwide adoption of SPP
- [Procura+](#): directly supporting local governments and public authorities in implementing and promoting SPP
- [Sustainable Procurement Resource Centre](#): bringing together all the latest news, events, and resources on sustainable procurement
- [Public Procurement of Innovation Platform](#): the first port of call for all things related to procurement of innovation
- [Procurement Forum](#): a place for procurers to share information and discuss experiences, problems and solutions
- [Procura+ Exchange](#): an information and exchange mailing list to share sustainable procurement know-how
- [EU GPP Helpdesk](#): a service provided on behalf of the European Commission which addresses enquiries on green public procurement, provides case studies, and information about the latest developments in Europe via a newsletter
- [EcoProcura Conference Series](#): promoting exchange and dialogue on the latest strategies and practical solutions on sustainable procurement and innovation procurement
- [Training and consultancy services](#): ICLEI provides a wide variety of services to public authorities to assist in starting or further developing sustainable procurement and innovation procurement

To find more about current and past ICLEI projects please visit our [Resource Center](#).

ICLEI is a member of the European Commission's Green Public Procurement [Advisory Group](#), and [Stakeholder Expert Group](#) on Public Procurement, and is co-founder and Vice-Chair of the [International Green Purchasing Network](#) (IGPN).

For more information about ICLEI, visit <http://www.iclei-europe.org/>.



The City of Ghent^[m1]

Ghent is the capital and largest city of the East Flanders province of Belgium. In 2008, Ghent introduced an action plan for sustainability – “Ghent 2020”. By 2020, more than 105 actions and projects are planned to be implemented to make Ghent a more sustainable city and set an example

within Belgium and Europe. The City of Ghent is a firm believer that local governments, by using their substantial buying power, have significant leverage to push the market towards more innovative and sustainable products and services.