

THE EU GPP CRITERIA AND CIRCULAR PROCUREMENT – A RELEVANT TOOL?

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EU ACTIONS ON GPP

- GPP Policies (e.g. COM “**Public Procurement for a Better Environment**”)
- **EU GPP Criteria** - 20 product groups currently covered
- Strategic overarching policies (e.g. the Circular Economy Action Plan, SCP/IPP Action Plan, 7th EAP)
- Project and capacity building (e.g. GPP Advisory Group, **EU GPP NGO Network**, **GPP Training Toolkit**, Public Procurement for a Circular Economy)
- Eurostat Monitoring Framework for a Circular Economy – **GPP indicator under development**

GPP CRITERIA DEVELOPMENT

An ongoing process...

- Total 20 criteria on different product groups – updated every 5 years
- Two levels of criteria: **core** and **comprehensive**
- Recently published: road lighting and traffic signals; and road transport
- A three staged stakeholder consultation process
- Increasingly **circular economy principles** are included in the criteria development BUT the criteria remain voluntary!

DATA CENTRES

Key issues covered:

- Server energy efficiency and reducing GHG emissions
- Repairability, end of life and resource efficiency
- Temperature operating range
- Power utilization effectiveness
- Cooling systems and reuse of waste heat



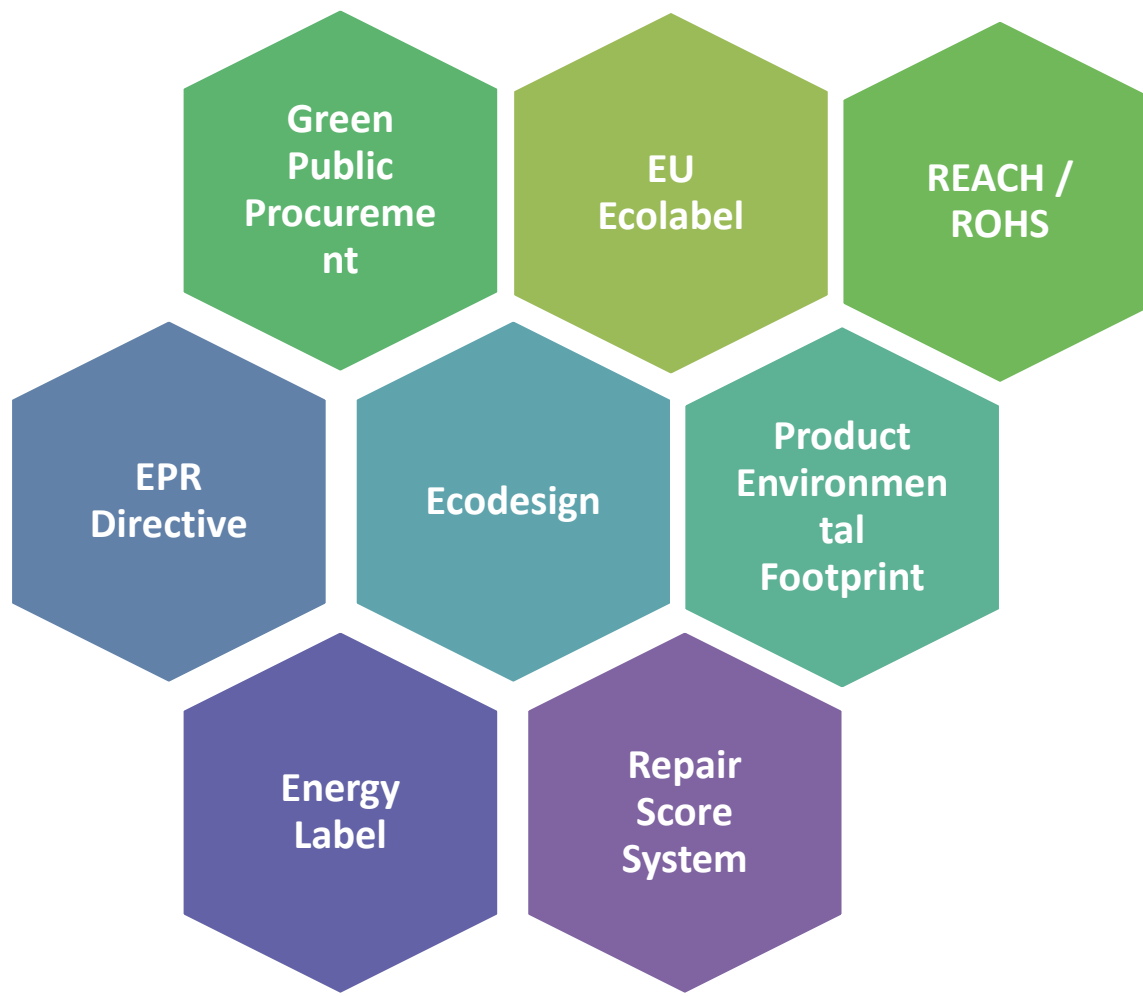
FUTURE CRITERIA DEVELOPMENT

	Imaging equipment	Computers	Transport	Office buildings
Start	Ongoing	January 2019	June 2019	June 2020
1 st meeting	December 2018	June 2019	December 2019	November 2020
2 nd written consultation stage	March 2019	End 2019	Tbc	Tbc

... and a joint Ecolabel and GPP criteria study on textiles is expected to be launched.

EU PRODUCT POLICY

A patch work of different policies...



PROCURING ECOLABEL PRODUCTS

An example from Copenhagen

- Type 1 ISO Ecolabelled products represent the best performing products on the market (e.g. EU Ecolabel, Blue Angel, TSO and Nordic Swan)
- These products could be purchased more systematically through public procurement
- The City of Copenhagen has an Ecolabel procurement policy
 - Demands EU Ecolabel or Nordic Swan where there are many labelled products on the market
 - If there are too few products on the market it can be used as an award criteria
- **Key challenge: how is the issue of equivalence addressed?**



COMBINED PREPARATORY STUDIES

Example from JRC on PV Cells

- Project started in October 2017 – expected to finish in 2019
- Combined preparatory study covering different product policy instruments: ecodesign, energy label, EU ecolabel, and the GPP criteria
- Coverage of all facets of the product group – PV modules, inverters and PV systems
- *A possible model for future product groups?*

CONCLUSIONS

Criteria for circular procurement

- The GPP criteria represent as a basis for selection, as they include CE principles
- It remains a weak voluntary measure
- Uptake is difficult to assess across Member States – a GPP indicator is under development
- Opportunities exist in developing integrated product policies
 - Procuring products with Type 1 ecolabels
 - Conducting joint preparatory studies covering several policies



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