

Good Practices Description Form

1. Identification	
Title	<i>Green public procurement of Mizil Municipality</i>
RE-GREEN conceptual model dimension:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Green Buildings ○ Green Urban Systems ● Green Governance
	Are there any connections between the selected dimension and the others? Please describe them.
Area of interest:	Strategy
Location of implementation	Mizil Municipality
Good practice implementation status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Project ● On going ○ Concluded
Good practice dates (start, conclusion,..):	GPP implementation has begun in 2008
Good practice developer:	Project management department from Mizil Municipality
Partners involved:	-
2. Good Practice criteria	
Relevance	<p>The public sector is the largest consumer in the economy. The way resources are consumed is causing environmental damage at a rate that cannot be sustained. That's why green public procurement should be promoted and implemented by all public entities.</p> <p>Green Public Procurement (GPP) is "a process whereby public authorities seek to procure goods, services and works with a reduced environmental impact throughout their life-cycle when compared to goods, services and works with the same primary function that would otherwise be procured." (Source: Communication (COM (2008) 400) "Public procurement for a better environment"). By using environmental criteria public authorities can buy products, services and works that</p>

	contribute to the reduction of environmental impacts.
Transferability	<p>The good practice can be transfer to other public authorities, at local, regional or national level, whenever legislation permits.</p> <p>The good practice can be, also, transferred to other kind of public procurements then the ones Mizil Municipality applied. This good practice can be used in the building sector, adapting the criteria to that specific sector.</p>
3. Description	
Context	<p>City of Mizil took the responsibility of reducing CO₂ emissions. City has signed the Covenant of Mayors in 2008 and is implementing the Sustainable Energy Action Plan (SEAP), aiming to reduce the CO₂ emissions with 20%, compared with 2008. One of the measures included in SEAP is the implementation of GPP.</p>
Objectives	GPP criteria introduction for environmental impact reduction
Activities	<p>Introduction of GPP criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Selection criteria: ISO 14001 certificate for contractors executing works; - Specifications: water resulting from the cleaning process made by waste water plant has to accomplish the characteristics established in waste water European Directive; introduction of a training module about sustainable development in the training courses on different issues; training documents should be stamped on ecological paper; thermal retrofitting of block of flats; building of a photovoltaic central; implementation of a ecological waste management system (ECO-SISTEM); ecological parking; water network upgrading; - Award criteria: factors used in awarding contracts: ad-blue additive consume for waste transport vehicles; emission level for the asphalt stations as resulting from environmental report made by the Agency for Environmental protection; - Contract clauses: Contractors must signed an environmental protection Convention, with specific

	clauses for waste management during construction works, water sources protection, etc.
Beneficiaries	Mizil Municipality Citizens of Mizil
Financial sources and amount	European funds, national co-financing, local budget The amount cannot be quantified
Public participation mechanisms	Not applicable
Outcomes	<i>Lower impact on environment throughout life-cycle</i>
4. What quantitative indicators do you have to support this good practice? Please identify them.	
54% of total value of contracts closed by public tendering procedures are GPP	
5. Main factors of success	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Legislation supporting GPP, otherwise GPP criteria should be seen as restrictive</i> - <i>Clear formulation of GPP criteria, according to law provisions</i> - <i>A developed market of green products, services and works to avoid a high level of price as for small offer</i> 	
6. Impacts on the region (environment, economic and social)	
<p>Environmental impact</p> <p>Achievement of environmental targets, such as: greenhouse gas emissions reduction, through the purchase of products and services with a lower CO₂ footprint throughout their life-cycle; more water-efficient fittings; energy efficiency and resource use, by choosing products which are more efficient; better control of air, water and soil pollution, by controlling chemicals and limiting the use of hazardous substances; waste management, by specifying processes which generate less waste .</p> <p>City is an example to the general public and the private sector, influencing, also, the marketplace. Implementing GPP and communicating initiatives and their results, the city demonstrates that action in this area is possible and that it leads to positive outcomes. It also encourages private sector organisations to use green criteria for their own procurement.</p> <p>GPP raises awareness of environmental issues. GPP also acts as a useful channel for raising environmental awareness by identifying the environmental impacts of a particular product/service throughout its life-cycle and providing information on the benefits of greener alternatives.</p>	

Economic impact

City saved money and resources when life-cycle costs are considered, e.g. the waste water plant. GPP led to savings over the whole life-cycle of a purchase, both for public authority and for the city in general.

GPP provided incentives to industry to innovate. Promoting green procurement gives important incentives for industry to develop green technologies and products and promote them in the market place.

GPP can reduce prices for environmental technologies, through the new entries in the field of environmental technologies and products, potentially resulting in increased competition and reduced prices.

Social impact

Quality of life is improved. For example, controlling water quality produced by the waste water plant provides a healthier environment.

GPP helps establish high environmental performance standards for products and services. GPP can help drive higher quality standards for products and services, delivering better performance for public authorities and ultimately citizens. New products and services which have been developed to meet the requirements of GPP may also become popular with private consumers, improving overall standards.

7. Good practice contact details

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8. Additional information (reports, technical documents, etc)

City of Mizil has disseminated information about this good practice in Romania and outside Romania, promoting its experience in the framework of the GPPinfoNET (Green Public Procurement Information Network) project, financed by Life+ Program, whose coordinating beneficiary was Provincia di Cremona.

9. Pictures