

Incubation Forum for Circular Economy in European Defence (IF CEED)

Project idea

Training on Green Procurement in Defence



Context

The main objective of green defence procurement is to reduce the environmental impact of the sector, through actions taken both by the national defence procurement authorities and industry, and by facilitating the sector's implementation of the EU Green Deal and its strategies.

Within the work conducted under IF CEED, a clear need to enhance knowledge on the procurement of defence capability equipment and its components while applying green/circular principles has been identified.

Various training programs and courses on green procurement exist, but they focus on civilian market/products and are mostly based on EU Green Public Procurement (GPP) criteria. Trainings on GP are also often organised at a national level and are not explicitly focusing on Defence.

Objectives

The project idea addresses the need to effectively and efficiently increase knowledge, awareness, and skills of Defence procurement experts in the area of green procurement through the development and implementation of training activities.

Due to the variety of stakeholders involved in Green Procurement (GP), it is unlikely that a single course/curriculum will be sufficient to effect change in defence-sector organisations. For this reason, development of three separate courses on GP for the defence-sector is recommended:

Course 1: GP Strategy for the Defence Sector
(targeted at senior defence-sector managers and specialists)

Course 2: GP implementation in Defence
(targeted personnel directly involved in procurement and contract management)

Course 3: Understanding GP in Defence
(targeted at public, private and third-sector participants involved in defence)

The specific objectives of the project are to:

- Build visibility and understanding of the strategic importance of Green Procurement
- Improve the knowledge, expertise and skills of MS defence procurement experts on green and circular procurement
- Increase the use of green and circular criteria in defence procurement
- Improving common understanding/approach to GP between pMS (defence) procurement authorities

Methodology

After an initial feasibility assessment, the project will focus on achieving the following milestones:

Milestones	Activities
1	Project set up, establishing working groups and agreeing on workplan
2	GP PC to prepare draft programme of the trainings and agree the best implementation method
3	Decision on the organization, funding and planning
4	Pilot project preparation (budgeting, contracting)
5	Launching the pilot course

Stakeholders

- Entities engaged in the IF CEED Project Circle “Green Procurement”.
- MoD’s Defence procurement authorities
- Public, private and third-sector participants involved in defence.

Timeline & Milestones

The foreseen project duration is 24 months.

Expected Outcome

- ✓ Draft programmes of the trainings and implementation options
- ✓ Training materials
- ✓ Training course – pilot case
- ✓ Online materials (e.g. included in a dedicated knowledge platform on GP in defence).

Operational benefits

- Uptake of new procurement standards
- Security of supply
- Enhancing interoperability by setting up a common mind set through common standards for future common and national procurements.

Budget & funding

Type of project: collaborative project.

Estimated budget: EUR 100.000 - 150.000