

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

### Project idea

## Green Procurement Knowledge Platform



### Context

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

This business case presents a proposal to create a **knowledge platform on circular and green procurement in defence**. This knowledge platform should serve as a **one-stop-shop for defence procurement authorities**, allowing them to easily find any related information on green/circular criteria and tools that can be used in procuring for defence: GPP criteria, labels, standards, case-studies and examples from defence, information about applicable environmental management systems etc.

There is a clear need to strengthen competencies of the defence personnel on green

and circular public procurement, as well as to provide defence procurement authorities with up-to-date information and best practices to develop the use of green procurement principles in the sector. Moreover, there is currently no publicly available online knowledge platform dedicated to GP for the defence and security sector.

### Objectives

The knowledge platform aims at bridging the gap of lack of information available as well as the need to strengthen defence procurement experts' capacity in this field. The knowledge platform could operate both as a repository of relevant GPP/circularity tools and materials, and as a forum for support and cooperation. **The materials available would be either sector-specific or adapted to defence specificities.**

**The specific objectives of the project are to:**

- Gather information on GP relevant to defence in one place
- Improve the knowledge and expertise of MS defence procurement experts
- Facilitate the exchange of best practices, lessons learned and case studies
- Increase the overall use of green/circular criteria in defence procurements

## Methodology

After an initial assessment of its operational, technical, legal and economic feasibility, the project will focus on achieving the following milestones:

Milestones	Activities
1	Definition of specifications for Knowledge Platform
2	Collection of existing information needed to set-up the platform
3	Launch the 1 <sup>st</sup> version of the platform
4	Implementation and monitoring of the platform

## Stakeholders

- Entities engaged in the IF CEED Project Circle “Green Procurement”.
- MoD’s Defence procurement authorities (definition of specifications, contributors, users)
- Industry, RTO / academia

## Timeline & Milestones

The project duration is 24 months.

## Expected Outcome

- An online platform (IT tool) working as one stop shop for all relevant info, knowledge, best practices and specific criteria for green and circular procurement
- A database of existing relevant GPP criteria, standards, labels and Environmental Management Systems.

## 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 60.000 - 75.000