

Implementation Plan: Helsinki Metropolitan Area - Network for sustainable procurement

Content and structure

This Implementation Plan contains the description of suggested actions to be taken in order to establish a new regional network. The Implementation Plan consists of various potential activities and considerations, which can be applied depending on the situation and objectives within the new region.

General information

Name of the Network

Helsinki Metropolitan Area sustainable procurement network

Region

Helsinki metropolitan area

Country

Finland

Network participants

City of Helsinki, City of Vantaa, City of Espoo, and Helsinki Region Environmental Services Authority (HSY).

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Network structure

Policy Priorities

City of Helsinki has a city strategy, where Helsinki is committed to be carbon neutral by 2035. Helsinki also has an environmental policy, where is target to use environmental criteria in all procurement processes by 2020.

The network will align the priorities of Vantaa, Espoo and HSY.

Commitments of participants

Helsinki is committed to be carbon neutral by 2035 and use environmental criteria in all procurement processes by 2020.

Strategic Objectives

Share information, capacity building and develop common environmental and social criteria to our procurements.

Procurement scope in the network

The network will focus especially sharing criteria and approaches on sustainable procurement with the biggest climate impacts.

Organisational structure of the network

Regular meetings are planned (4-6 times per year), supported by an annual working plan. Chair and secretariat of the network will change periodically (time frame to be decided)

Thematic working groups will develop sustainability criteria and undertake joint market engagement (currently ongoing: Heavy vehicles and machines)

Professional profile of participants

There are five members of the network currently, with expertise in procurement and environmental sciences.

Leadership

Helsinki is a capital, and other two municipalities are among the biggest cities in Finland. Lead is shared.

Network financing

Fees

No fees for members, but cost are shared together with members.

Other Resources

Within the organisation's budgets or project funding.

Recruitment of members

Network is open for new members from the Helsinki metropolitan area, for example regional authorities that are serving the whole metropolitan area.

Network secretariat and external assistance

The number of persons and annual hours of dedication for the network foreseen is 1-2 persons, 5-10 hours per month depending on on-going projects.

Level of involvement of network participants

Network participants are committed and participating in meetings and working groups, at least 5 active members and total hours to be spent is approximately 60h/year. More participants can be invited to take part in specific network activities.

Network activities

Networking and capacity building activities

Network activities include:

Face to face meetings and specific working groups

Working group on specific topics:

Heavy vehicles and machines

Market engagement and survey (2017)

Sustainability criteria draft

Market engagement and comments

Final criteria roadmap for next five years (2018)

Foodstuff procurements for schools and day care

Market engagement and survey (2018)

Sustainability criteria (2018)

Elaboration of materials / tools (guidelines, criteria for tender, calculator, etc.) - Sharing criteria and developing new ones

Best practice examples – sharing successful tenders and "tender models"

Training and capacity building

Work with providers / market engagement

Collaboration with other networks: for example the Finnish Eco-procurement Network, and other local networks.

Dissemination activities

Communication:

Mailing list and maybe newsletter twice a year.

Social media, mainly twitter.

Meetings and collaboration:

Collaboration with other networks

Meetings, working groups, trainings

Future goals

More members

- Other big cities, other municipal authorities from metropolitan area

Trainings and capacity building

New working groups

- Hazardous substances on food, toys, construction materials
- Paving procurements

Communication

- Shared criteria and best practices, platform to share information
- Wider co-operation at national and international level