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Towards Mandatory GPP in Europe

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# ABOUT

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# GPP criteria – current status



# GPP criteria in Europe

- GPP published by EC (DG Env) since 2008 – but as a voluntary tool
- Currently up-to-date criteria sets covering 14 product/service/works categories, and 7 further which need updating
- Developed by EC, together with JRC (Joint Research Centre), with a stakeholder consultation process, including EU Member States via an advisory group

<b>Cleaning products and services</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Technical background report</li><li>• EU GPP criteria (published in 2018)</li></ul>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Technical background report</li><li>• EU GPP criteria (published in 2021)</li></ul>
<b>Data centres, server rooms and cloud services</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Technical background report</li><li>• EU GPP criteria (published in 2020)</li></ul>	<b>Electricity</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Technical background report</li><li>• EU GPP criteria (published in 2012)</li></ul>
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<b>Imaging Equipment, consumables, and print services</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Technical background report</li><li>• EU GPP criteria (published in 2020)</li></ul>	<b>Office Building Design, Construction and Management (currently under revision)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Technical Background Report</li><li>• EU GPP criteria (published in 2016)</li><li>• Procurement practice guidance document</li></ul>
<b>Paints, varnishes and road markings</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Technical Background Report</li></ul>	<b>Public Space Maintenance</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Technical Background Report</li></ul>

# Existing EU mandatory GPP requirements

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Several pieces of sectoral EU legislation include GPP requirements already:

- Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD) (2018/844/EU) (2010, revised 2018) – requiring new buildings to be „nearly zero energy buildings“
- Energy Efficiency Directive (2018/2002) (2012, revised 2018) – requiring the procurement of energy efficient products/services, and minimum public building renovation rate
- Clean Vehicles Directive (2019/1161) (2009, revised 2019) – setting requirements on the procurement of „clean“ road vehicles

# GPP criteria in Member States - status

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- Large majority of Member States publish their own GPP criteria – often partly or completely based on EC criteria (but not always)
- Mandatory criteria beyond EU legislation at MS level? Very varied – some general (a general requirement to include sustainability criteria), some sectoral (specifying exact criteria to use),
- 23 MS have a GPP National Action Plan in place

More info: [https://ec.europa.eu/environment/gpp/action\\_plan\\_en.htm](https://ec.europa.eu/environment/gpp/action_plan_en.htm)

# GPP criteria – future perspectives



# Sustainable Products Initiative

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- [Ecodesign for Sustainable Products Regulation \(ESPR\)](#) proposal (March 2022)
  - Core plank of the [Circular Economy Action Plan](#)
  - Focus on setting minimum product requirements regarding durability, reusability, use of recycled content etc., mandatory labelling, and incentivising sustainable solutions through measures such as procurement
  - Allows for setting of sector-specific mandatory GPP criteria and compulsory monitoring



# Sector-specific proposals

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- Proposed new [Batteries Regulation](#) – requiring environmental impacts (carbon footprint, recycled content, performance and durability) to be taken into account when purchasing batteries, or products containing batteries. Specific minimum criteria to be established by 2026
- Proposed revision of [Energy Efficiency Directive](#) – requirements on annual renovation of public buildings to meet nZEB standard. Requirements on purchasing energy efficient products, services and works

# Sector-specific proposals

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- Proposed revision of [Energy Performance of Buildings Directive](#) – Articles 7, 8 and 9 setting new requirements relating to new buildings (zero emission by Jan 2027), renovation of existing buildings, and minimum standards for all buildings (class F by 2027, class E by 2030)
- Proposed revision of [Construction Products Regulation](#) – to allow EC to establish sustainability requirements in public contracts via delegated acts

# GPP – further EC support actions



# EC GPP support actions

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- [GPP website](#) – including Helpdesk, case study series, training toolkit, webinars, newsletter (now covering social, as well as green procurement)
- [Big Buyers for Climate and Environment](#) – establishing public buyers group to drive innovative procurement
- EU GPP training from 2022 – 2024 in 10 countries

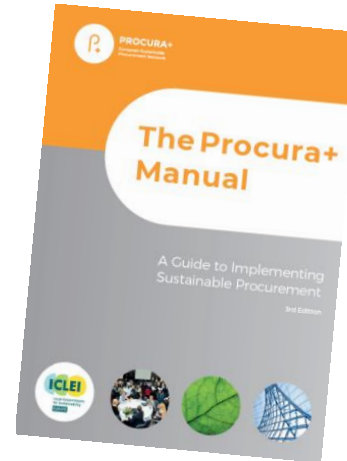
# Sustainable procurement guidance



<https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/cb70c481-0e29-4040-9be2-c408cddf081f>



<https://ec.europa.eu/environment/gpp/pdf/Buying-Green-Handbook-3rd-Edition.pdf>



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