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Accelerating
the Circular Economy

Sustainable and Innovation-Enhancing Public Procurement to support the Circular Transition in the UNECE region

UNECE Regional Policy Dialogue



Date: 15 November 2022

Time: 8:00-9:45 am CET

English-Russian Interpretation

Location: online and in-person, room H307, H-building, Palais des Nations



Highlight of the event:

presentation of the new UNECE policy paper "Sustainable and Innovation-Enhancing Public Procurement for the Circular Economy and Sustainable Use of Natural Resources"



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Sustainable public procurement is crucial for the circular transition. By integrating circularity principles into public procurement criteria, Governments can create a highly visible, reliable demand for circular products and services, thus incentivizing the private sector to make the necessary investments into sustainable production.

In particular, innovation-enhancing procurement can be used to stimulate the development of new technologies, production processes and products that meet circularity criteria by tying tenders to impact indicators. Public procurement and investment are also crucial to install the necessary infrastructure to support the circular economy.

SPEAKERS

Moderator:

Mr. Ralph Heinrich, Secretary, Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and PPPs, UNECE



Opening remarks:

Ms. Elisabeth Tuerk, Director of the Economic Cooperation and Trade Division, UNECE



Keynote speaker:

Mr. Jon Mikel Zabala-Iturriagagoitia, Lecturer, Department of Economics at the University of Deusto in Donostia-San Sebastian (Spain)



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