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Buying Greener: Green Public Procurement Strategy and Action Plan 2024-2027

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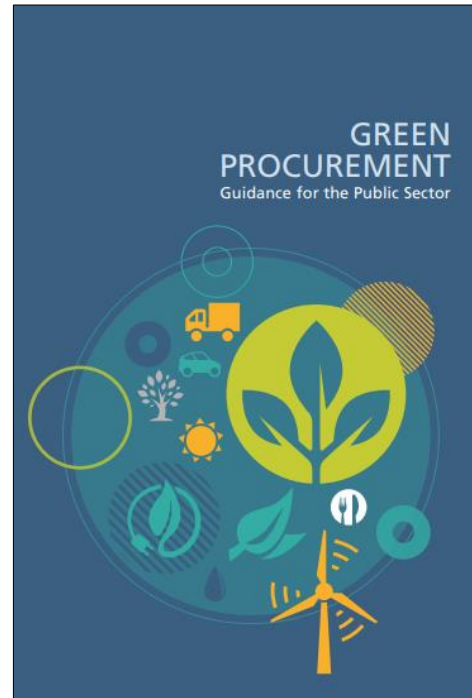
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What is Green Public Procurement?

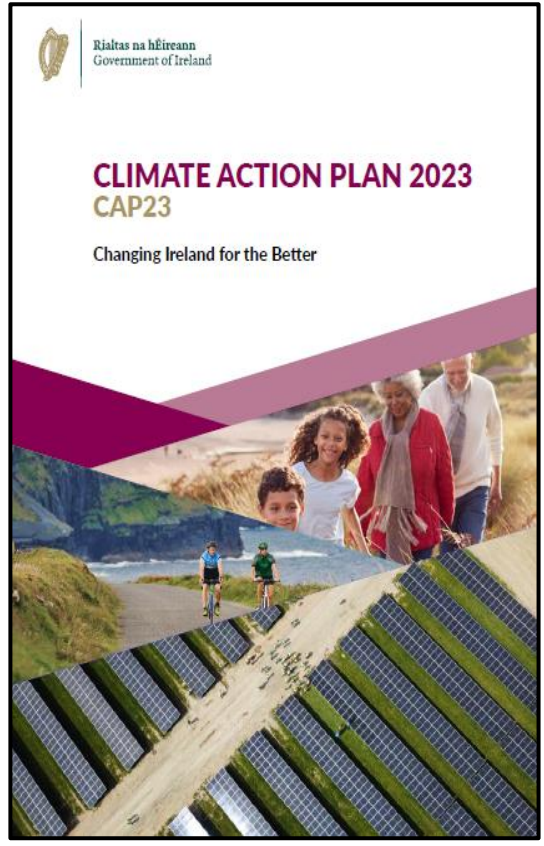
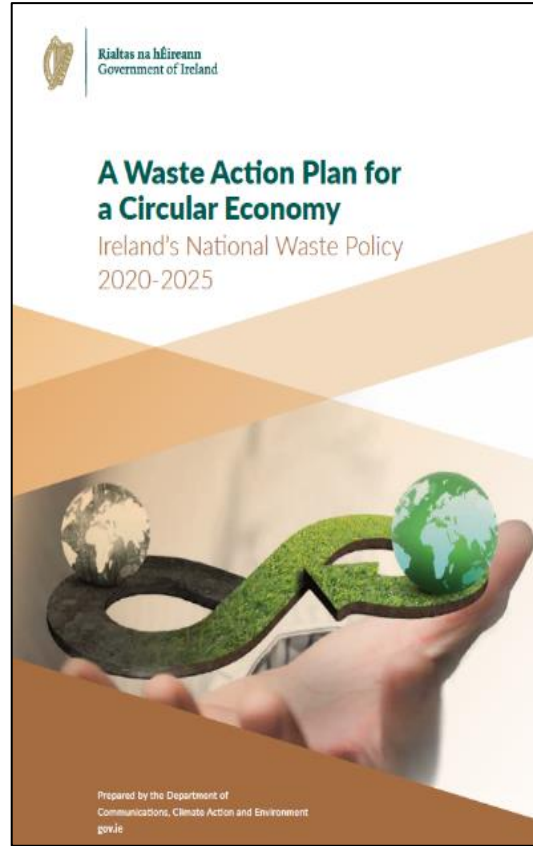
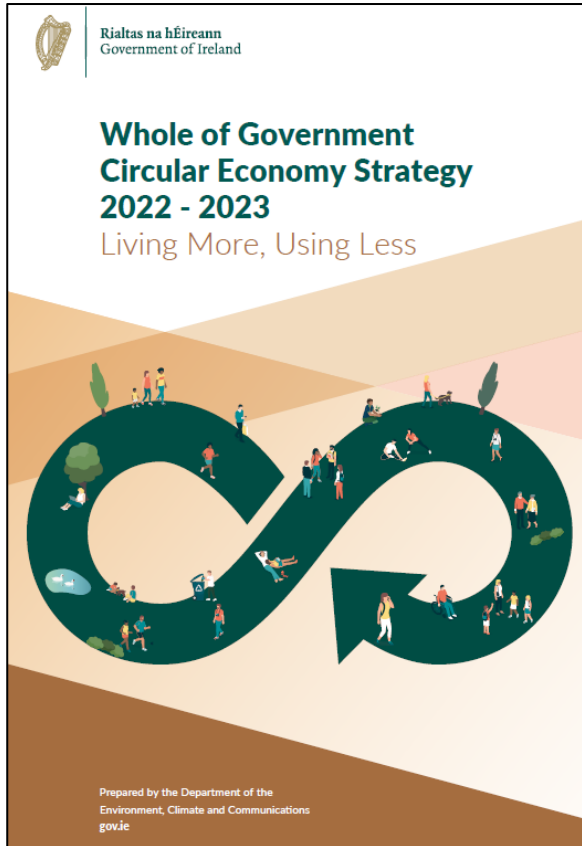


- Green Public Procurement (GPP) is defined as: *a process whereby public bodies seek to procure goods, services and works with a reduced environmental impact throughout their life cycle when compared to goods, services and works with the same primary function that would otherwise be procured*
- GPP is widely recognised as a vital policy lever to achieving environmental objectives
- In Ireland public bodies (excluding utilities) spend an estimated €18.5 billion a year on goods, services and works. This is around 10% to 12% of Ireland's GDP. Large purchasing power gives the public sector significant influence to stimulate the creation and provision of more resource-efficient, less polluting goods, services and works within the marketplace

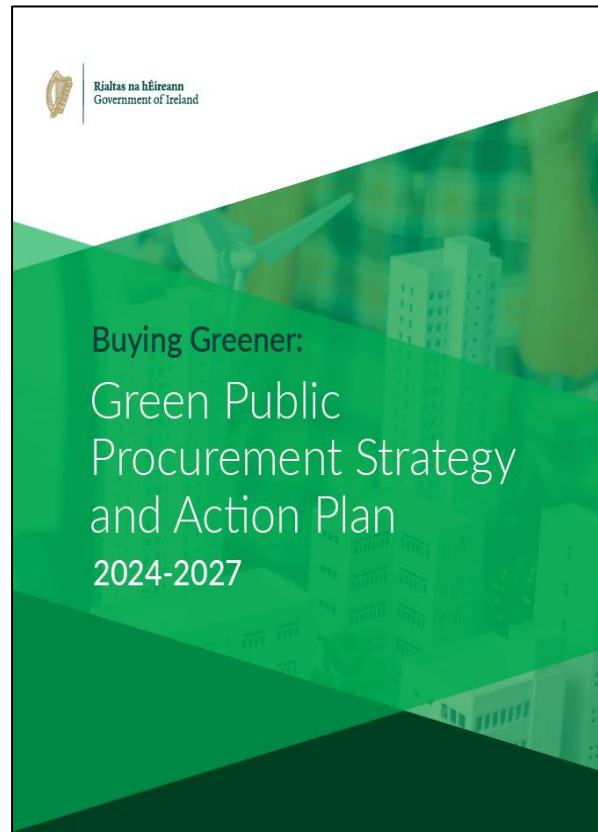
Green Public Procurement Policy and Guidance Journey



Green Public Procurement Commitments



New Green Public Procurement Strategy and Action Plan



- In March 2024, Government approved publication of *Buying Greener: Green Public Procurement Strategy and Action Plan 2024-2027*. Published on 4th April 2024.

Key Objectives of the GPP Strategy and Action Plan

- Enhance GPP as a key tool for the Public Sector in helping Ireland's transition to a sustainable, circular and low carbon economy
- Ensure GPP is a core and integral component of the public procurement process and associated governance structures in Ireland
- Set out measures to ensure that all procurement using public funds include green criteria, where possible
- Support further development of GPP criteria, enhance GPP knowledge and expertise and facilitate Ireland's participation in international collective efforts to use GPP as a lever for sustainable production and consumption
- Support market conditions needed to deliver sustainable and innovative solutions for GPP

Key Areas of Focus and Actions on Green Public Procurement (1)

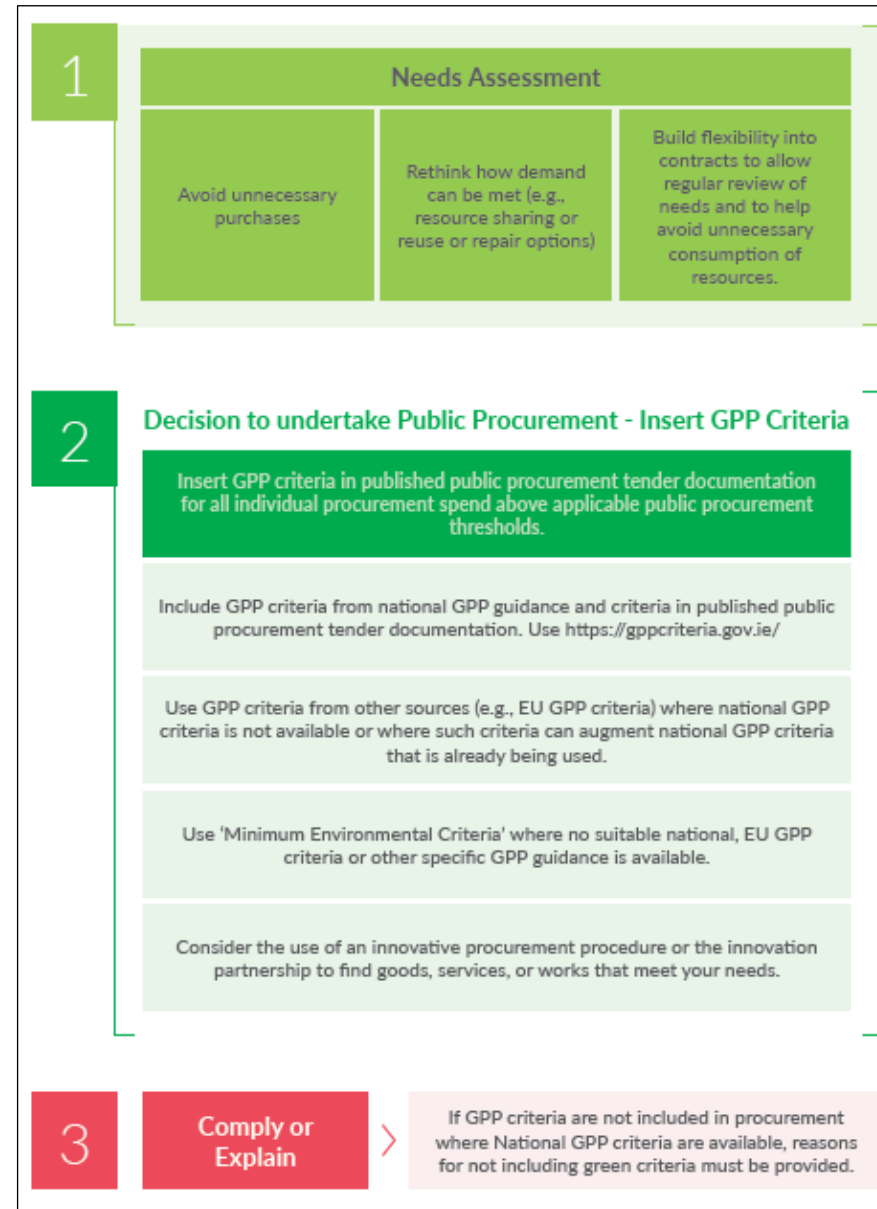


- Public Procurement Context, Legislative and Policy Context, Key GPP Developments
- Public Procurement Guidelines, Central Purchasing Arrangements, Corporate Procurement Plans
- Circular Economy Strategy, Public Sector Climate Action, Local Authority Sector, Commercial Semi-State Sector
- Government Circular 20/2019, National GPP Guidance Criteria, GPP Criteria Search
- GPP Implementation Mandate

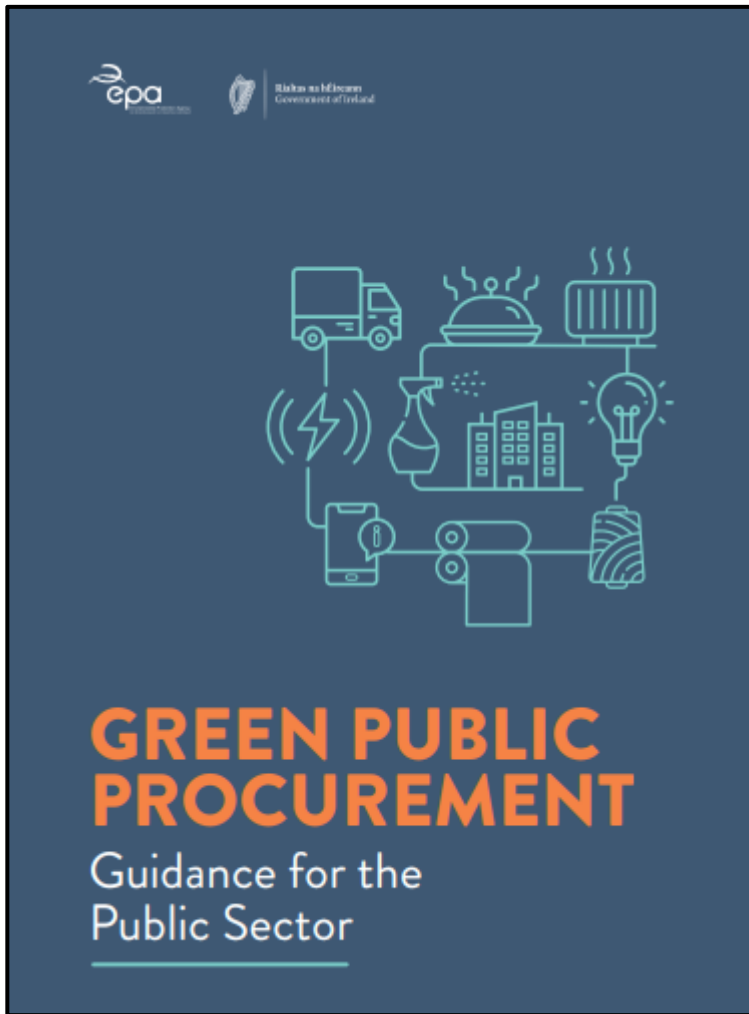
Green Public Procurement Implementation














Figure 1 - GPP Implementation Mandate



National Green Public Procurement Guidance and Criteria



 Road transport vehicles and services	 Indoor and outdoor lighting (including road lighting and traffic signals)
 ICT products and services (including data centres)	 Heating equipment (including cogeneration, trigeneration and heat pumps)
 Food and catering services	 Energy-related products (white goods/appliances, electronic displays, vacuum cleaners)
 Cleaning products and services	 Paper products and printing services
 Building design, construction and management (due to be updated in 2024/5)	 Textile products and services (including uniforms and laundry services)
 Furniture and related services (new criteria set published in 2024)	



Green Public Procurement Criteria Search

<https://gppcriteria.gov.ie/>

The screenshot shows the 'GPP Criteria Search' page on gov.ie. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'gov.ie', a home icon, 'How To Use', and 'Leave Feedback'. Language options for 'ENGLISH' and 'GAELIGE' are on the right. The main heading is 'GPP Criteria Search'. Below this, a section titled 'HOW TO USE GPP CRITERIA SEARCH:' provides instructions. A search bar with a dropdown menu and a 'Search' button is present. A grid of sector buttons is also shown, each with an icon and a label.

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GPP Criteria Search

HOW TO USE GPP CRITERIA SEARCH:

Please see [How To Use GPP Criteria Search](#) before using this site to search for Green Public Procurement criteria.

Green Public Procurement (GPP) is public procurement with reduced impact on the environment compared to alternative solutions. GPP can help address environmental and climate action objectives. GPP criteria facilitate the inclusion of green requirements and ambition in public procurement documents.

Search criteria using a keyword:

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Or choose a sector:

Energy-related products	Food and catering services	Heating equipment
ICT products and services	Indoor cleaning services	Indoor and outdoor lighting
Office building design, construction and management	Paper products and printing services	Textile products and services
Road transport vehicles and services		

Key Areas of Focus and Actions on Green Public Procurement (2)



- GPP Verification
- GPP Training and Awareness
- GPP Monitoring and Reporting
- EU and International Partnerships
- Market Engagement, Networks and Knowledge Sharing
- Research and Innovation
- GPP Strategy and Action Plan Implementation - Monitoring, Evaluation and Review

Sectoral/Product Actions and Targets



- The Built Environment
- Food Procurement and Food Waste
- ICT Equipment
- Textiles
- Paper Products and Printing
- Energy Related Products, Heating Equipment, Indoor and Outdoor Lighting
- Indoor Cleaning Services
- Road Transport Vehicles
- Social Enterprise and Community Based Organisations
- Reuse and Repair



Thank you for your attention.

More information can be found at:

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/f81db-green-public-procurement-strategy-and-action-plan-2024-2027/>