



**ΟΙΚΟΛΟΓΙΚΕΣ ΣΥΜΒΑΣΕΙΣ  
- ευσεβής πόθος ή πραγματικότητα ;  
GREEN PUBLIC PROCUREMENT –  
wishful thinking or reality?**

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# Theory – Green Aspects in Czech PP Act

- Act No. 137/2006 - based on Directives 2004/18/EC and 2004/17/EC
- possibilities of including environmental aspects:
  - definition of the subject-matter of the contract
  - definition of technical specifications:
    - environmental technical standards, eco-labels
    - purchasing specific materials, using specific process and production methods
    - variants
  - selection of tenderers – technical capacity:
    - records of contracts carried out
    - technicians with environmental knowledge
    - technical equipment for protection of environment
    - environmental management measures (appropriate cases only) – EMAS or EMS
  - assessment of tenders – excluding tenders not complying with environmental regulations
  - award criteria – environmental characteristics or life-cycle costs
  - contract performance clauses

# Practice – Green PP in the Czech Rep.

- good examples generally in products or services area
- few examples for works contracts
- eco-label (since 1994) – Environmentally friendly product
- Government Order No 720/2000 – purchases of environmentally friendly products
- webpage of the Ministry of Environment (<http://www.mzp.cz/AIS/web.nsf/pages/green-public-procurement>)
- green public procurement:
  - definition of the subject-matter of the contract:
    - EPC contracts and revitalization of brownfields
  - selection of tenderers – technical capacity:
    - EMS (ISO 14 000) or EMAS often required
- supported mainly by private investors or contractors
- Association „Building ecologically“ – Competition „Projects with environmental contribution“ (since 2001)

# Problems – Green PP in the Czech Rep.

- low political support
- low level of knowledge among purchasers
- low level of know-how
- legal uncertainty - concerns about possible challenge of the tender procedure or possible breach of budget laws
- green purchases are often more expensive

# Way Forward – New Initiative of the European Commission

- **Public procurement for a better environment** (Communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, .... - 20.5.2008)
  - 2008 – only 14 MS have national action plans/strategy
  - aim – to address obstacles to GPP:
    - setting common GPP criteria
    - information of life cycle costing of products
    - legal and operational guidance
    - political support (political target, indicators and monitoring)
  - 10 priority sectors incl. construction (raw materials, construction products, operational aspects of buildings, maintenance services, on site performance of work contracts)
  - mandatory for procurement using EU funds?
  - guidance ([http://ec.europa.eu/environment/gpp/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/gpp/index_en.htm)):
    - Commission Staff Working Document accompanying Communication – legal and operational guidance
    - GPP Training Toolkit
  - new methodology for monitoring and benchmarking



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**Thank you for your attention**