

# **Environmental aspects in Public Procurement under Austrian Law**

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# Legal basis for GPP

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„Bundesvergabegesetz 2006“

- considering ecological aspects when drafting the specifications, setting the technical specifications or the contract award criteria
- Environmental management measures as selection criteria
- Environmental management standards shall be accepted by authorities
- Environmental characteristics as contract award criteria

# Following European standards

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10 priority sectors for implementing GPP (EC)

Austria focuses on 4 sectors:

- Energy
- Transport and transport services
- Cleaning products and services
- Paper and printing services

# What happened up to now?

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- Guidelines for an environmental sound procurement  
[www.lebensministerium.at](http://www.lebensministerium.at)
- Austrian eco-label  
[www.umweltzeichen.at](http://www.umweltzeichen.at)
- „Ökokauf Wien“  
[www.wien.gv.at/ma22/oekokauf](http://www.wien.gv.at/ma22/oekokauf)

# Other GPP-Initiatives

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- Beschaffungsservice Austria  
[www.oekoweb.at/takeit](http://www.oekoweb.at/takeit)
- CheckIt: [www.oekoeinkauf.at](http://www.oekoeinkauf.at)
- ÖkoBeschaffungsService Vorarlberg:  
[www.umweltverband.at](http://www.umweltverband.at)

# Examples for GPP

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- Biogenic combustibles
- Cleaning products
- Catering
- Construction with „green“ criteria

# Learning

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- Choice and assessment of product properties not easy.
- Best partners are companies with environmental management system or eco-label.
- Uncertainty about legal possibilities to include environmental criteria in tender documents.

# Examples for GPP

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Cost saving potential:

- In many cases „green“ products are more cost-effective.
- Initially higher procurement costs amortize quickly.
- National economic point of view.
- In most cases no negative effect on costs.



# Thank you very much for your attention!

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