



**GLOBAL LEAD CITY NETWORK  
ON SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT**



## **Global Lead City Network on Sustainable Procurement**

Driving the transition to sustainable consumption and production through sustainable and innovation procurement

**PROCURING SUSTAINABLY, LEADING GLOBALLY**



## About the Network

The Global Lead City Network on Sustainable Procurement is a group of cities committed to drive a transition to sustainable consumption and production by implementing sustainable and innovation procurement.

## Who are we?

### Participating cities:

Seoul (Republic of Korea) - Chair of the Network -, Auckland (New Zealand), Budapest (Hungary), Cape Town (South Africa), Denver (United States), Ghent (Belgium), Helsinki (Finland), Oslo (Norway), Tshwane (South Africa), Rotterdam (The Netherlands), Quezon City (Philippines) and Warsaw (Poland).

### Co-ordinator:

ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability. Building on its 20 years of experience on sustainable procurement, ICLEI acts as Network co-ordinator and is supporting the participating cities in their target setting, implementation and monitoring of measures.

### Support:

Korea Environmental Industry and Technology Institute (KEITI). KEITI has welcomed the initiative and is looking forward to its integration in the 10YFP on SPP Programme.

## OUR COMMITMENTS

As cities participating in the Network we have committed to:

- Set ambitious, quantified targets on sustainable procurement
- Report on our achievements
- Act as global and regional champions of sustainable procurement

The Network was launched in 2015 at the ICLEI World Congress in Seoul, by current Chair Park Won-soon, Mayor, Seoul Metropolitan Government; ICLEI President; Chair, World Mayors Council on Climate Change.



## OUR AIMS

As leading cities, we want to accelerate the implementation of sustainable procurement worldwide. We wish to:

- **Lead by example** globally and regionally, to demonstrate what can be achieved through committed action at the city level
- Form a **unified voice for cities** within the international community, to raise awareness and promote sustainable procurement as a powerful tool
- To foster an **international exchange** of ideas, best practices and success stories

## What is sustainable procurement?

Across the world, the public sector procures enormous quantities of goods, works and services of all types – from IT equipment or paper for office operations, to major housing developments and infrastructure projects. The public sector represents an estimated 15-20% of GDP globally.

By directing this huge spending power wisely, governments can help create markets for innovative and sustainable products and services, and help meet global and local sustainability goals.

Sustainable procurement means taking sustainability concerns into account in your procurement actions - this means thinking carefully about what you buy, buying only what you really need, purchasing products and services with high environmental performance, and considering the social and economic impacts of each purchasing decision.

Find out more:

[www.sustainable-procurement.org](http://www.sustainable-procurement.org)

## What will the Network do?

The Network engages in a number of activities to meet its aims – we exchange ideas, monitor and document implementation, and promote our achievements:

- Annual summit and practitioners meeting to present our achievements, and discuss implementation
- Webinars, working groups and twinning programme for active exchange on key topics
- Monitoring and reporting on the sustainable procurement targets we have set
- Publishing reports and case studies on our activities to help others replicate our approaches

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