

**Promoting Sustainable Public Procurement and Ecolabelling in Ukraine**

**New Sustainable Public Procurement (SPP) criteria and ecolabel standards**

**AGENDA**

**Online Workshop, October 12, 2021**

**10:00-12:30 (Kyiv time)**

**09.00-11.30 (Paris time)**

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## Reference Information

Public procurement, which accounts for up to 20 percent of GDP in Eastern Europe and the Caucasus, offers a largely untapped opportunity to drive business and domestic markets to innovate and increase sustainability. By purchasing more sustainable goods, works and services, the public sector can significantly reduce environmental impacts and greenhouse gas emissions and increase energy and resource efficiency, achieve high social standards and quality of life.

Sustainable public procurement (hereinafter - SPP) is a globally recognized key policy tool to support sustainable development and an inclusive transition to a green economy. International, European, national and other standards enable manufacturers to implement sustainable management systems and improve their efficiency based on uniform requirements in accordance with best practices and taking into account today's challenges.

Under the EU-funded EU4Environment programme, the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) aims to strengthen Ukraine's capacity to implement Sustainable Public Procurement (SPP) and increase the use of Ecolabels. This will be achieved through the provision of technical assistance and capacity development / training for policy makers, procurement practitioners, businesses and industry associations, as well as non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders.

### Objectives and expected results of the workshop:

- Present UNEP's approach to defining SPP criteria.
- Present changes in legislation (June-July 2021) that affect the possibility of applying SPP in Ukraine.
- Present and discuss the drafts of new SPP criteria for: i) repair and construction of roads and ii) food and food services.
- Present and discuss the drafts of new ecolabel standards for: i) furniture, flooring and other wood products and ii) plastic products.
- Present and discuss the draft of new Guidelines on SPP and the use of ecolabels as one of the tools for establishing SPP criteria.
- Explain to participants the benefits of the proposed criteria and guidelines.
- Discuss the next steps to strengthen the SPP capacity in Ukraine under the EU4Environment.

### Participants

The participants will include the representatives of the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine, the Ministry of Economy of Ukraine, the Verkhovna Rada's Committee on Environmental Policy and Management, the Delegation of the European Union to Ukraine, the United Nations Environment Program, the Global Ecolabelling Network (GEN) and its members, experts, public procurement customers, suppliers, business and non-governmental organizations.

### Useful information

Simultaneous translation into English and Ukrainian will be provided. Registered participants will be able to join the workshop (a link to Zoom will be provided immediately after the registration).

### Registration

<https://forms.gle/sztP795ymmC57i4u9>

### About EU4Environment

EU4Environment aims to help six partner countries Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine to preserve their natural capital and improve the quality of the environment for people by supporting the activities connected with environmental protection, demonstrating and unlocking the opportunities for environmental growth and establishing mechanisms to better manage environmental risks and impacts.

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The activities are funded by the European Union and implemented by five partners: OECD, UNECE, UNEP, UNIDO and the World Bank with a budget of € 20 million. The implementation period of the program is 2019-2022. Additional information <https://www.eu4environment.org/>

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10:00-10:15	<p><b>Welcoming remarks</b>  <i>Moderator - Mr. Oleksiy Bakhtinov, Project Manager for Public Procurement Reform, "Prozorro" team, the Ministry of Economy of Ukraine</i></p> <p><b>Mr. Ruslan Strelets</b>, Deputy Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine</p> <p><b>Ms. Anna Yuldashova</b>, acting Director of the Department of Public Procurement, of the Ministry of Economic Development, Trade and Agriculture of Ukraine</p> <p><b>Mr. Olexander Marikovsky</b>, Deputy Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada's Committee on Environmental Policy and Management</p> <p><u>Delegation of the European Union to Ukraine (tbc)</u></p>
10:15-10:30	<p><b>The UNEP's recommendations on definition and application of SPP criteria</b>  <i>Mr. Farid, Yaker, Economy Division, UNEP</i></p>
10:30-10:45	<p><b>Changes in national legislation that affect the application of SPP in Ukraine. Recommendations and examples of application of SPP criteria</b>  <i>Ms. Svitlana Berzina, NGO Living Planet</i></p>
10:45-11:05	<p><b>Draft SPP criteria for repair and construction of roads</b>  <i>Ms. Victoria Khrutba, PhD in Technical Sciences, Professor, Head of the Department of Ecology and Life Safety of Kyiv National Transport University; expert of the NGO Living Planet</i></p>
11:05-11:25	<p><b>Draft criteria for food and food services</b>  <i>Ms. Inna Yareskovska, NGO Living Planet</i></p>
11:25-11:35	<p><b>The role of ecolabelling in SPP implementation</b>  <i>Ms. Halyna Buzan, National Technical Committee for Standardization TC 82 "Environmental Protection", State Ecological Academy of Postgraduate Education and Management, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources</i></p>
11:35-12:05	<p><b>Draft eco-labelling standard for furniture, flooring and other wood products</b>  <i>Ms. Svitlana Berzina, NGO Living Planet</i></p>
12:05-12:25	<p><b>Draft eco-labelling standard for plastic products</b>  <i>Mr. Vladislav Bogdan, NGO Living Planet</i></p>
12:25	<p><b>Next steps for SPP activities under the EU4Environment project</b>  <i>Ms. Lesya Nikolayeva, representative of the EU4Environment project</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Next steps</li> <li>● Discussion</li> </ul>
<p><b>Final comments and closure of the workshop</b></p>	