



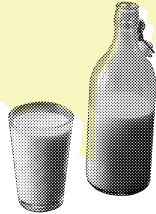
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Opportunities for Sustainable Public Procurement (SPP) in the Republic of Moldova

Food Production and Consumption

Public authorities hold great purchasing power in Moldova. In 2020, **public procurement represented 5.5% of the country's GDP.**¹



Moldova has been implementing sustainable public procurement (SPP) since 2014.

Food production and catering services are one of the most commonly purchased product groups.²



Apples and grapes are the most important crops, making up 80% of total fruit production.³



In Moldova, **fruit cultivation is an important part of the economy, accounting for 40% of agricultural production in 2020.**⁴



What are the **environmental impacts** from the **conventional cultivation of apples and grapes**⁵ ?



Greenhouse gas emissions all along the value chain.



Land use and soil degradation.

Water use and water pollution.



Pollution from pesticides and chemical fertilizers.

Depletion of natural resources.



What are the possible **environmental, social and economic benefits** of **public procurement of organic apples and grapes**⁶ ?

- 1 Improved environmental and social performance and transition to a green economy**, e.g. by ensuring fair labour practices and greener production methods.
- 2 Long-term economic and financial benefits**, e.g. reduced public health costs by diets rich in organic, healthy and plant-based foods; less reliance on non-renewable energy; reduced chemical use; reduced waste management costs.
- 3 Reduced greenhouse gas emissions and energy use**, e.g. more energy-efficient production methods.
- 4 Preservation of natural resources**, e.g. reduced water use, pollution, deforestation and soil degradation.
- 5 Driving markets towards innovation and sustainability**, e.g. by boosting demand for organic products; fostering ecolabels; improving the technical capacities of producers; accessing new and expanding markets.
- 6 Improved human health and food security**, e.g. increased availability of organic products; reduced use of pesticides and chemical fertilizers; less food waste; reduced soil degradation.

^{1,2,4} Enhancing Public Procurement for the regional transition to inclusive green economy in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia. UNDA, 2019.

³ World Bank in Enhancing Public Procurement for the regional transition to inclusive green economy in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia. UNDA, 2019.

^{5,6} EU GPP criteria for Food, Catering Services and Vending Machines. European Commission, 2019.

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