



European Investment Bank

EIB Green Procurement Guidelines and Objectives

Each year the European Investment Bank (EIB) earmarks a substantial budget on the procurement of goods, services and works for its own account.

The EIB wants to carry out its procurement activities in an environmentally responsible manner and has already taken significant measures to ensure green procurement.

The EIB commits to extend the incorporation of environmental criteria into the procurement process, to ensure that, when possible, goods and works purchased minimise environmental damage and, where possible, maximise their beneficial environmental effects.

Directing an increasing amount of spending towards the purchase of more environmentally sound alternatives will contribute to a reduction of the negative environmental impact of our activities.

Environmental benefits include:

- The reduction of CO₂ emissions through the purchasing of more energy efficient goods and the application of strict energy efficiency standards for construction works;
- Contributing to a reduction in global deforestation through the purchasing of goods made from sustainable and legally harvested timber;
- Improvement in local air quality through the purchasing of low-emission vehicles fulfilling the latest EURO norm;
- Improvement in local water quality through the maximisation of use of environmentally friendly cleaning products;
- Supporting a healthy working environment through proposing organic food and considering indoor air quality in construction works.

In order to monitor progress of the implementation, the following objectives & targets are set for 2009-2010:

Objectives	2009 target*	2010 target*	2009 ongoing developments
1. Formal Green Procurement Guidelines and Objectives will be put in place in 2009	100%	-	New objectives will be added year by year.
2. Environmental specifications will be included in standard Works Contracts	100%	-	
3. Environmental specifications will be included in contracts for office furniture	90%	95%	
4. IT purchases will be increasingly with energy efficient equipment	-	-	IT is currently conducting an external benchmarking exercise and will implement "Green best practices" (including procurement policies) following the recommendations at the conclusion of this exercise.
5. Paper purchases fulfilling the requirements of green certification ¹	93%	95%	
6.1. Catering Contract will include environmental specifications. 6.2. Organic food produced locally during the appropriate season will be on offer in the restaurant	100% One meal daily	-	In 2009, one meal will be made from organic sources. In addition, organic food produced locally during the appropriate season will be procured as a priority by the contractor. 2009 target will be reviewed and might be enhanced in 2010 following user's feedback.

* Percentages will be calculated on the basis of achievements realised in each of these domains. The objectives will be monitored on that basis, and revised on a yearly basis.