

## Bio-based solutions in Public Procurement: Are they the way forward to support a circular bioeconomy?

Public procurement can serve as a powerful tool to address the three pillars of Sustainable Development, and to speed up the market uptake of more sustainable products and services. Local governments and public institutions have major purchasing power and thus have the potential to influence the market. However, much more can be done to mainstream circular, bio-based and nature-based solutions.

### How can regional public procurement better support the development of circular forest-based bioeconomy?

Selected results and highlights of the survey will be presented on a question-wise base. These results will form the basis for a roundtable discussion with interventions from leading experts in their fields.

#### Panelists

- **Lidia Capparelli**, Responsible for Green Public Procurement at Consip (the central purchasing body of Italy) since 2007. Member of the PAN GPP Management Committee. Member of the European Advisory Group on GPP. Project manager of several European projects on GPP.
- **Martin Scherpenisse**, Senior policy specialist for purchasing & tendering - Province Zeeland, Netherlands.
- **Oriana Romano**, Head of Unit, Water Governance and Circular Economy, Cities, Urban Policies, and Sustainable Development Division, Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities.

#### Agenda

1. Introductions and objectives of the day (Diana Tuomasjukka, EFI) 5 min
2. Introductory words by BioRegions Facility chair (Leire Barañano, Basque Country) 10 min
3. Introduction of panelists (Diana Tuomasjukka, EFI) 10 min
4. Round table (each question will be debated for 15 min)
  - Question 1: (How) can public procurement support regions in promoting circular bio-based products and services?
  - Question 2: Which are the most targeted sectors for the bio-based solutions in pp? And what are the sectors with the biggest potentials?
  - Question 3: Can you showcase good practice examples and detail how or why they succeed?

- Question 4: What are drivers or barriers for the uptake of biobased solutions in public procurement? And how could they be boosted or overcome respectively?
  - Question 5: What other mechanism or concepts, other than PP, are in your experience suitable to advance the regional circular bioeconomy goals?
5. Questions from the audience 10 min
6. Concluding remarks and next steps 10 min