



European NGO Network on **Green Public Procurement**

Network introduction

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ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability

Goals for today



- Get to know one another
- Provide a basic introduction to GPP – What? Why? How?
- Get feedback on how the network can best support NGOs
- Launch the network

Background



- Green public procurement (GPP) can be a powerful tool in helping us create a more resource efficient, green and competitive low carbon economy
 - Achieving direct environmental benefits by procuring greener products and services
 - Providing incentives for companies to develop green technologies and products
 - Acting as a role model for private sector actors

Background



- Some major barriers
 - Lack of political support
 - Low levels of knowledge and experience exchange
 - Need for legal and technical training
- Big question: How to reach public authorities?

Our goal



To develop a European network of NGOs to act as local “change agents” in fostering GPP

What can NGOs do?



Identify
green
solutions

Publicise
achievements

Share information
and advice

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Specialist
knowledge

Provide
training

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Monitoring
compliance

Who are we?



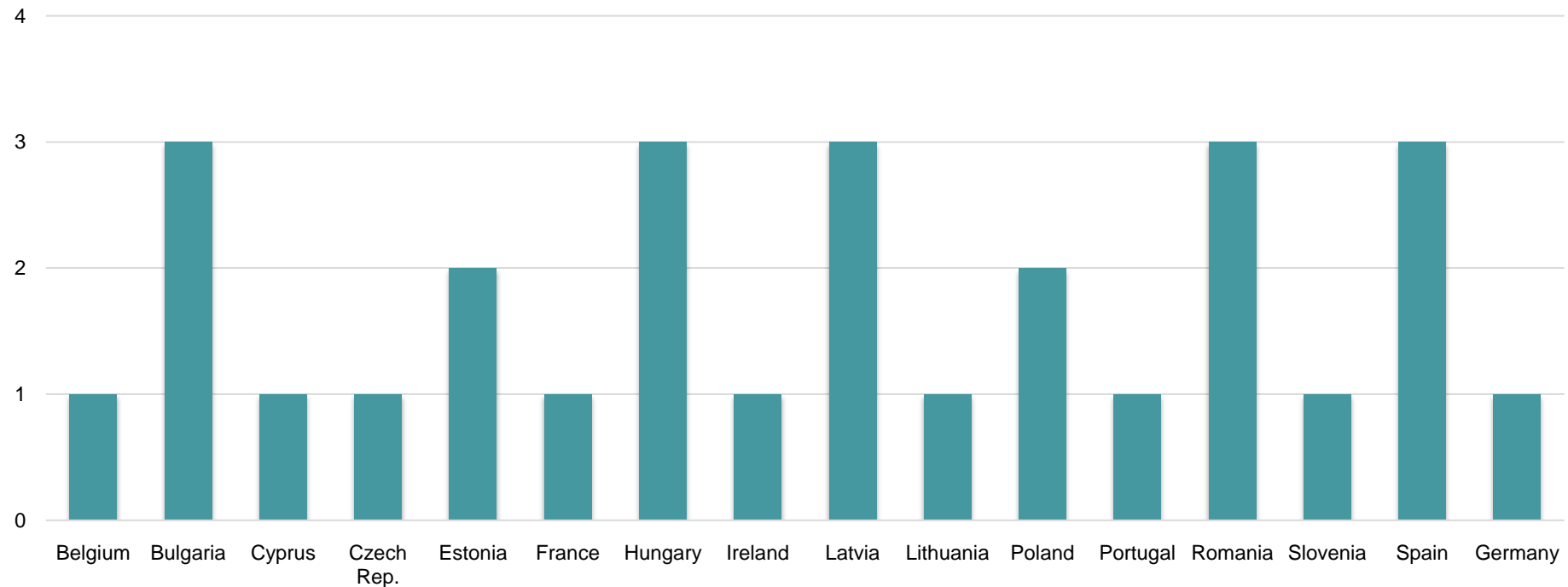
- ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability (Network co-ordinator)
www.iclei-europe.org
- Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe (REC)
www.rec.org
- European Environmental Bureau (EEB) – Federation of Environmental Citizens Organisations
www.eeb.org
- Abby Semple – Legal Specialist, Public Procurement Analysis
www.procurementanalysis.eu

Network introduction – facts and figures



- Currently 28 Environmental NGOs from across 16 European countries participate in the Network

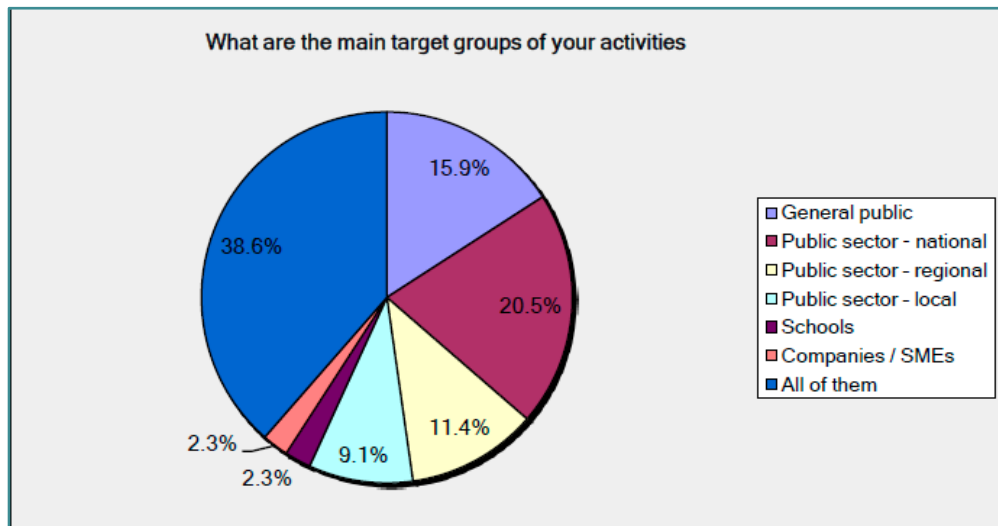
Participant countries



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- Different areas of expertise/action, target groups and levels of activity (local, regional, national)



Target groups

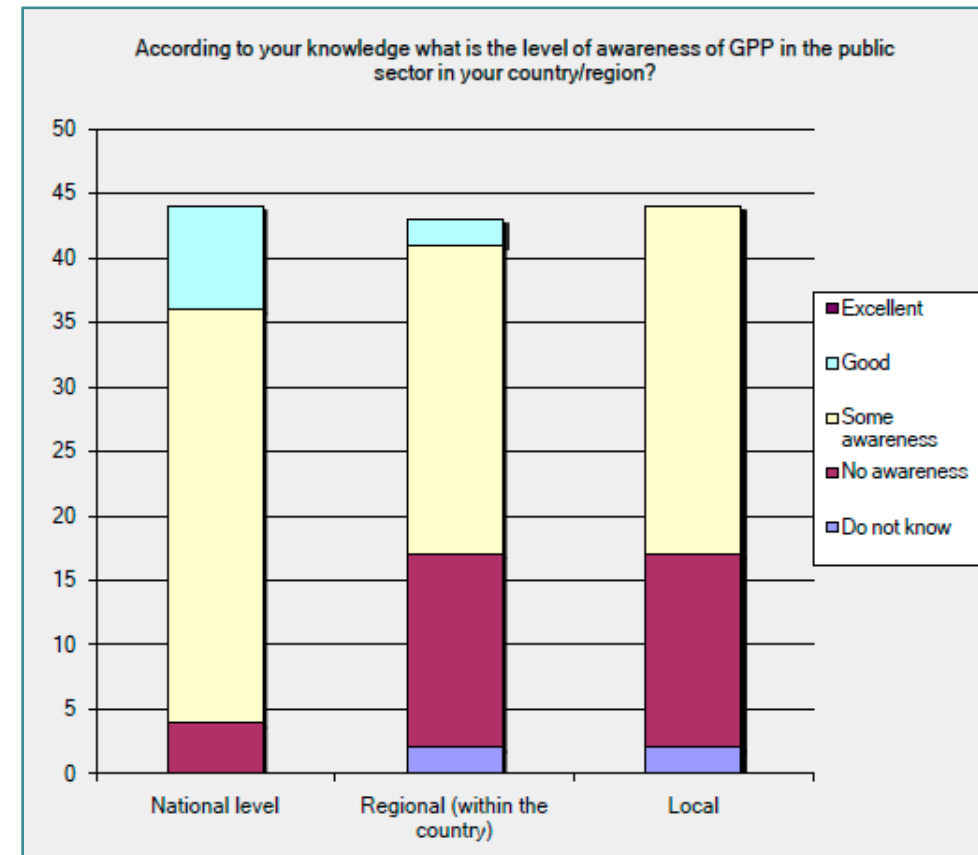
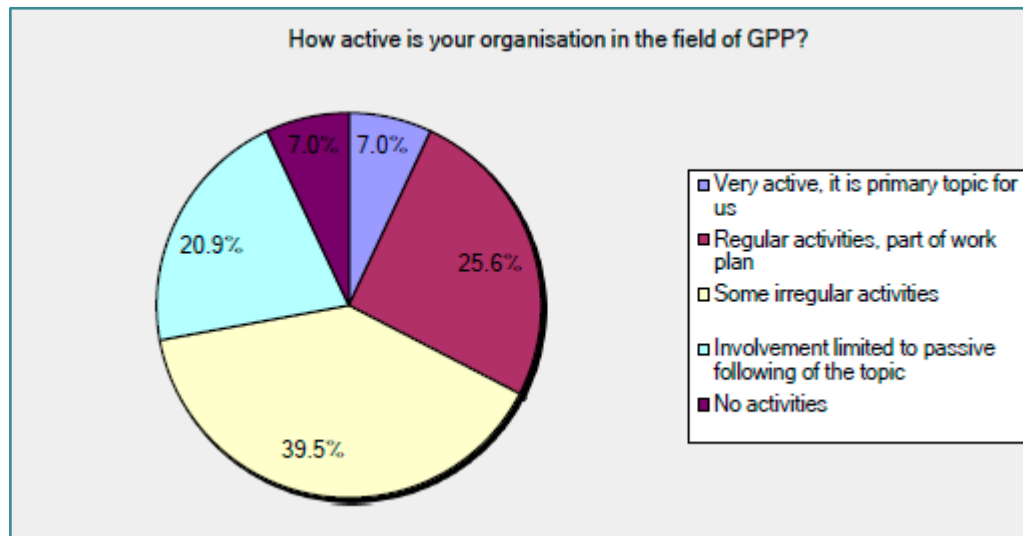
Answer Options	Response Percent
Awareness raising campaigns and public participation	79,5%
Training and capacity building activities	79,5%
Media/press and information dissemination	65,9%
Advisory services for public administration	50,0%
Research and publishing	47,7%
Watchdog (scrutinising public/private activity)	43,2%
Policy implementation	31,8%
Community organising	25,0%
Legal advocacy/challenges/oversight	25,0%
Monitoring/measuring (technical)	18,2%
Environmental impact assessment (e.g. EIA, SEA)	13,6%
Social marketing	13,6%
Other (please specify)	11,4%

Type of NGO activities:

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- Different perceived level of GPP awareness and activities in the field in the NGOs areas of action





Thank you

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