

Global to Local

Helping you achieve a sustainable future

Our mission

Implementing Sustainable Procurement

Public procurement amounts to over one trillion euros in Europe. Changing our procurement to more resource efficient and energy effective products and services will have huge impacts on carbon emissions and resource flows. Procuring responsibly by eliminating toxins; insisting on wood that comes from sustainable forestry; food that has been produced organically, and power from renewable sources will have profound impacts on whole industries.

Procuring responsibly should address social issues and take the health of the local economy into account. Maximising the opportunities for education, skills, and training are key to responsible procurement. Progressing the equalities agenda, tackling the exploitation of child labour, as well as equipping individuals and organisations to be fitter for the future in labour, means seriously addressing training and development implications in procurement. Fostering an appetite for innovation and dealing with the climate change challenge is essential.

Global to Local (G2L) has extensive experience in supporting clients who wish to improve their procurement processes to achieve a more sustainable outcome. We are the national contact for Procura+ and support the UK national networking activities of leading sustainable procurement practitioners.

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How Global to Local Can Help



Making the Business Case for Sustainable Procurement:

One of the biggest obstacles experienced is often at 'the start of the journey', ie winning over the hearts and minds of the leadership and management of organisations. The failure to grasp what sustainable procurement entails – the scope of the organisation's spending and investment power to enhance environmental, social and economic outcomes – is a lost opportunity. Bringing together all parties from the demand and supply sides is essential to drive up standards and innovation. Understanding and applying practical approaches that represent better value for money, including whole-life costing, are fundamental to making progress, G2L can help empower individuals and organisations. We can help facilitate a shared understanding of what effective progress looks like, and develop a route-map of practical action with individuals and teams to move forward with confidence.

Fact finding:

G2L frequently researches markets to identify more sustainable products or better ways of providing a service. Our consultants are up to date on environmental legislation as well as the development of eco-labels, environmental product declarations and other tools that help drive sustainable development. Presenting some of the tools and techniques for assessing and mapping how, and where, the organisation spends and invests its resources, and sharing practice and experience with pioneers across all sectors, is what G2L can bring together as part of the learning journey.

Systematic management of procurement processes:

Environmental Management Systems provide a systematic approach to focus on, and manage, the most significant environmental impacts of an activity such as procurement. G2L has helped public and private organisations in the UK and across Europe to set up cost-effective environmental management systems that help to manage procurement activities and other aspects such as climate change impacts effectively. And G2L is itself accredited to ISO14001.



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Procurement processes: G2L supports the entire procurement process, from advertisement for tender to the appointment of successful suppliers.



Tender documentation: G2L has extensive experience of analysing tender documentations to help our clients to adapt tenders, contract conditions and processes, such as tender evaluations, to achieve more sustainable outcomes.

Specifications: G2L assists clients draw up specifications to improve sustainability outcomes, while staying close to the market. For example, G2L worked in cooperation with ESPO and a major English national public procurement consortium to produce the first ever National Sustainable Products Catalogue www.globaltolocal.com/G2L_ESPO%20Catalogue.php

Supply chain development: G2L works with clients to improve the sustainability performance of their supply chains, through direct contacts, reviews or improvements to contractual processes.

European Projects - G2L has undertaken work for the European Commission on procurement issues across all the member states. We have also been engaged in EC co-funded projects on EMAS and Procurement (www.leap-gpp-toolkit.org) demonstrating the advantages of linking environmental management systems to procurement and are engaged in procurement projects that aim to bring to market new technology.

Training and use of tools: G2L provides tailor-made training and facilitation, workshops and seminars for the implementation, management and ongoing maintenance of more sustainable procurement processes.



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Why Global to Local?

We know government – our consultants have extensive experience of working in public sector organisations in senior positions, and we know business – our consultants have worked with business across Europe and Australasia to help get to grips with improved environmental management.

We know how to improve environmental performance to deliver results – and have demonstrated our ability to help businesses and the public sector to achieve environmental management system verification. We work with businesses, local authorities and local communities to deliver pragmatic business focused approaches to climate change challenges and help to reduce carbon footprints.

We facilitate and support partnerships and networking – to help you and your partner organisations to mainstream your sustainability efforts.

We have an international perspective – we have offices in five European countries. Working with partners across Europe brings in-depth knowledge of European best practice to the table. Our team can communicate in nine languages.

We are a learning organisation – seeking to provide the best possible advice to our clients, by working with leading research institutions, organisations and specialists.

We are an organisation that walks the talk – we are a home office based organization with a verified environmental management system (ISO14001) in place to help reduce our own environmental impacts, and to help our clients reduce theirs.

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Global to Local Ltd is a leading sustainable development consultancy founded in 1996. We work with public and private sector clients to create a sustainable future. Our aim is to challenge our clients to define and deliver locally appropriate solutions.

Global to Local has no central offices and is believed to be the only 'virtual' company with an ISO14001 certified EMS.

