

## Green Public Procurement and the Circular Economy

For many years, some Member States of the EU have established policies with respect to the purchasing of more environmental friendly products and services.

Also the EU has developed a procurement policy that stimulates ambitious 'green' procurement by making it an integral part of legal provisions.

Given the challenges of environmental objectives, as the CO<sub>2</sub>-reduction targets of the Paris agreement, today green public procurement is seen as an important policy tool.

The presentation will outline what green procurement means, why it is an important objective of EU procurement and how practitioners can integrate environmental aspects in their daily practice.

It will be also elaborated that green procurement is not necessarily more expensive. New approaches as "life time costing" and "internalisation of external costs" will be discussed.

In addition, the concept of the circular economy will be presented that offers as well new ideas for future procurement practices.