



Revision of European Ecolabel and GPP Criteria

Furniture

Green public procurement (GPP)

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Revision GPP criteria

- **Scope and definition:**

No changes as the scope is currently wide, including different materials.
- **Criterion on preservatives:**

Could be modified according to the Biocidal Products Regulation (BPR, Regulation (EU) 528/2012)
- **Harmonization with EU Ecolabel criteria**

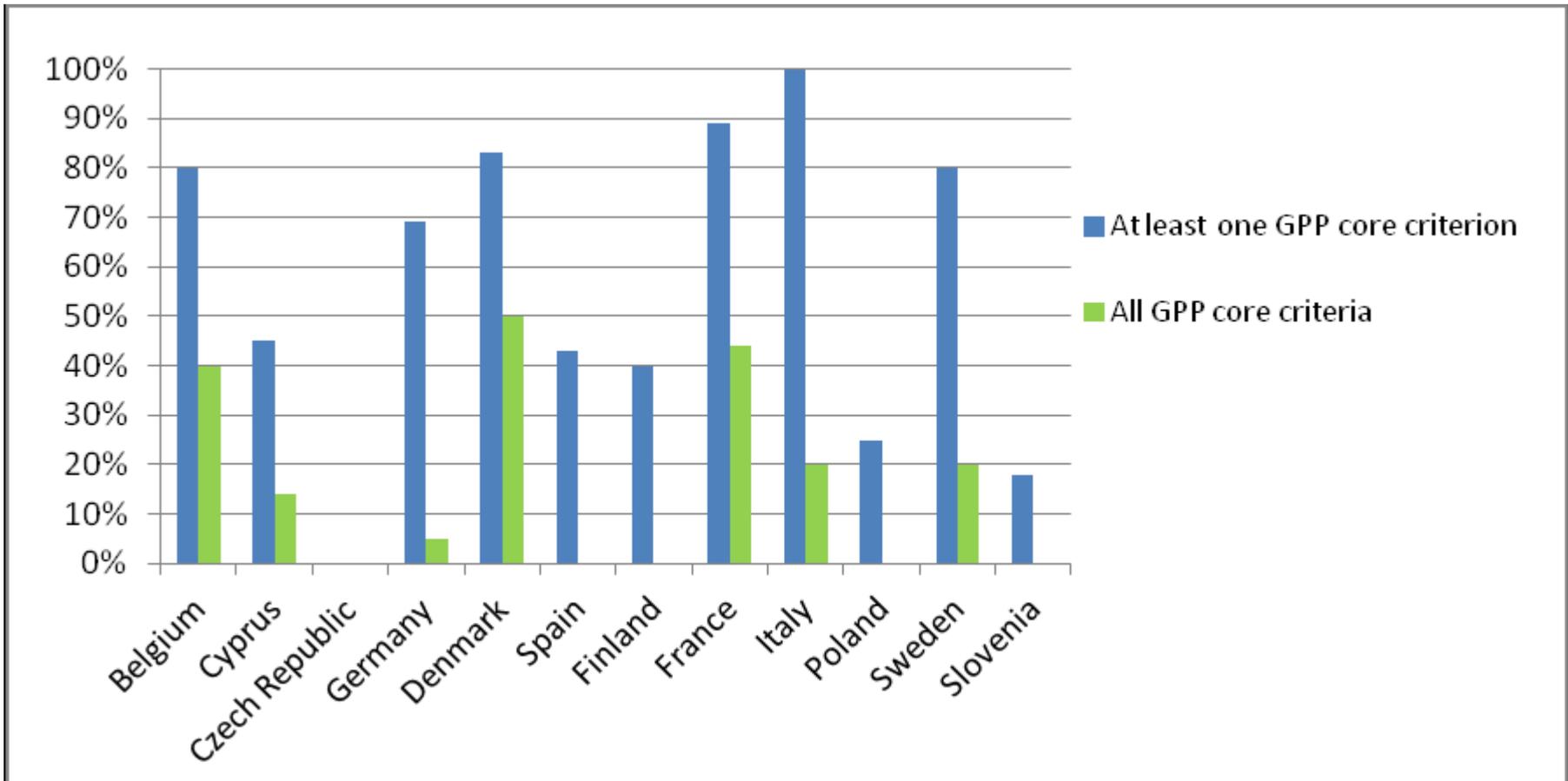
Not always easy as procurers often need less criteria

GPP is mostly used for **indoor furniture**.

The criteria most used in furniture contracts by public authorities are

- Harmful substances (included in the 30% of tenders)
- Packaging materials (30%)
- Durability and/or reparability (28%)
- Sustainable and lawful origin of timber (21%).

Number of furniture contracts (%) by country including at least one GPP core criterion or all GPP core criteria



Discussion

- Identify who has experience with (green) public procurement and ready to share that experience
- Is public procurement a big share of the commercial market or is the main focus on individual consumers?
- What is the main difference between a public procurer and an individual consumer, regarding specifications and demands?
- What are currently the demands of procurers regarding environmental performance?
- Which Ecolabel criterion do you think is not suitable for GPP?



Thank you