

Action plans

Circular Public Procurements

Latvia - Plavinas municipality

2019

Action plan

Catering service in 1. Gymnasium (Plavinas municipality)

Product group	Catering service in 1. Gymnasium (Plavinas municipality)
Why this product?	In Latvia municipalities often use lowest price criteria as main evaluation points. In the food sector GPP for catering in Latvia is mandatory, the challenge is not only setting right criteria and verification means, but also control of the supply quality by the school: is the criteria set in GPP by procurer are really met in real life. Also food waste is a problem, and biggest cause is serving food that children do not like.
Organisational opportunities	Try circular public tender, improve catering service, reduce food waste, save money and reduce impacts on the environment.
Organisational challenges	The procurement department and municipality mayor is ready to implement circular procurement, but problem could be with suppliers. This region might lack the potential bidders since the price limit per subsidised meal is small (1,42 eur per pupil).
Market opportunities	Promote local farmers.
Market challenges	The market is focusing on the financial and not on environmental impacts.
Status	It was a good case because it helped municipality to get more green and circular offer.
First steps	Meeting with the procurement department Meeting with mayor to support procurers Meeting with director of the school to evaluate existing catering service and give feedback Meeting with catering service to see current practice and needs for improvement Development of procurement (procurer /expert comments)
Timeplan	April 2018 (starting to plan procurement) – June 2018 (decision made)

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