National Action Plan for GPP III

Based on legislative and technological changes as well as development of GPP in EU and SR, new National Action Plan for GPP in SR for 2016 – 2020 (NAP GPP III) was adopted by Government of the Slovak Republic in December 2016.

This is the third NAP GPP at national level that contains specific state commitments for greening of public procurement and gives direction of GPP in SR. It contains „a box“ with the ambitious targets and measures, that was created among other things after including GPP into the Program Statement of the Government of the Slovak Republic for 2016 – 2020, where is one of ambitions to create more favorable conditions for its applying. NAP GPP III also defines “green” contract in condition of SR, which at least the one environmental requirement from core EU GPP criteria must be met.

Strategic target stated in NAP GPP III: to reach 50 % of GPP (product groups for which the EU GPP core criteria are recommended at national level) at central government level from all public procurements. Beyond strategic target, there is for the first time an effort to stipulate of binding GPP criteria for specific product groups that will be finally specified after the market analysis.

NAP GPP III includes 12 EU GPP product groups based on EU GPP core criteria: Copying and graphic paper; Computer and monitors; Imaging equipment; Cleaning products and services; Food and catering services; Transport; Furniture; Textiles; Electricity; Office Building Design, Construction and Management; Road Design, Construction and Maintenance; Street lighting.

Ambition to stipulate of binding specific GPP criteria refers to this three product groups:

1. Copying and graphic paper
   focusing on : recycled paper or paper based on legally and/or sustainably harvested virgin fibre, avoidance of certain substances in paper production and bleaching,
2. Computer and monitors
   focusing on: reduction of energy consumption- energy efficient models, reparable and substitutability (lifetime extension), reduction of packaging,
3. Transport
   focusing on reducing emissions, environmentally friendly and energy-efficient vehicles.

To reach these targets and ambitions, defined measures and activities in NAP GPP III are focused on three main areas:

1. support of public authorities in GPP applying- GPP seminars, GPP helpdesk, GPP materials
2. observing of GPP progress/development- GPP monitoring
3. cooperation with a relevant EU and national institutions- NAPs template