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A GLIMPSE OF LINKAGE BETWEEN PURCHASING AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Even though pandemics still hang over around the world, good news came through at the beginning of this year along with seasons change.

Climate change attached more and more emergency concern all over the world, lots of action, commitment, statement came together, joining the urgent global efforts to curb climate change and its devastating effects.

How could use the power of purchasing tackling climate change? Our IGPN members are undertaking action to change.

In this edition, we will bring you some updates or phenomenon trace on the interface between purchasing and climate change. We will see the entry point of GLCN Cities Transport Commitments on climate change, China ALIBABA'S ANT group pledges toward carbon neutral support by CEC, Exploration from City of Tshwane by ICLEI; Innovative also the topic of this edition, there have SEC launch the Green DNA certification, Supply Chain Risk management of GPN. Along these, networking always is the approach to establish common base, UNEP and KEITI launch the Asia Pacific GPP network, Nordic cities declare joint statement on the power of procurement.

Just like the seeds planted in the soil, what would be happen in the coming days? We will see.



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POWER OF PROCUREMENT

NORDIC CITIES DECLARE JOINT STATEMENT ON DEMAND TOWARDS FAIR, CIRCULAR SMARTPHONES

As major consumers of smartphones, the cities of Malmö, Oslo, Copenhagen and Helsinki are challenging the market with a joint statement of demand outlining their vision towards fair and circular smartphones by 2025.

The statement comes as 9 points of actionable ambitions such as:

- By 2025, we are tendering with harmonised criteria and clauses that push for fair and safe working conditions and environmental sustainability across the entire supply chain including raw materials extraction, manufacturing and delivery stages as well as at repairing, reuse, recycling and disposal stages of smartphones and its components.
- By 2025, we work with resellers and suppliers on the actionable increase of transparency of the supply chain and endof-life, including locations and conditions of production. This will be possible also in hardware-as-service agreements.
- By 2025, we aim to establish processes, internally and in collaboration with suppliers and resellers, to collect 100% of

smartphones at the end of life with a view to find a second-life, reuse or remanufacture all smartphones where possible. The remaining smartphones should be recycled, critical raw materials should be safeguarded and as many materials as possible should be reused and recycled for new devices.

 By 2025, we can apply certification and worker-driven monitoring to contribute to circularity, environmental and social responsibility supported by regular dialogue for continuous improvement.

The statement is supported by ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability, Electronics Watch and the Procura+ European Sustainable Procurement Network. If you are interested in learning more and to support the statement, please contact Josefine Hintz (josefine.hintz@iclei.org).

Learn more at:

https://www.oneplanetnetwork.org/powerprocurement





FIRST DATA COLLECTION EXERCISE FOR SDG INDICATOR 12.7.1

40 COUNTRIES REPORT ON THEIR SUSTAINABLE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT POLICIES AND ACTION PLANS

<u>The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development</u>, "a plan of action for people, planet and prosperity", was adopted by all United Nations Member States in 2015. It seeks to build on the Millennium Development Goals, recognizing the eradication of poverty as the greatest global challenge, and the determination of Member states to "take the bold and transformative steps which are urgently needed to shift the world onto a sustainable and resilient path" and to "realize the human rights of all and to achieve gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls".

The Agenda includes 17 <u>Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and 169 targets</u>, among which <u>Goal 12</u> specifically addresses the need to "Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns" through <u>11 different targets</u>, one of which - target 12.7 - aims to "Promote public procurement practices that are sustainable, in accordance with national policies and priorities" and endeavors to measure those efforts through indicator 12.7.1 i.e. the "Number of countries implementing Sustainable Public Procurement policies and action plans."

As the custodian of this indicator, the <u>UN Environment Programme (UNEP)</u> initiated its first data collection exercise from October 2020 to February 2021, to which 40 national governments and 39 subnational governments contributed, by submitting detailed reports on the progress of their Sustainable Public Procurement policies.

A new reporting exercise will be launched in the fall of 2021, to which all voluntary national and subnational (provincial or municipal) governments are invited to contribute.

As of February 2021, more than 50 national governments had nominated focal points to report on this indicator, and the identification of focal points and contacts will go on throughout 2021, therefore governments are strongly encouraged to communicate contact details of their focal points as soon as possible before the fall of 2021.

If you represent a national or subnational government and would like to report on your green or sustainable public procurement activities in the next exercise, or get more information regarding the reporting process, please contact the UNEP SPP team at <u>unep-spp@un.org</u>.





UNEP AND KEITI LAUNCH THE ASIA PACIFIC GPP NETWORK

The <u>UN Environment Programme (UNEP)</u> and <u>the Korea Environmental Industry & Technology</u> <u>Institute (KEITI)</u> held the first online meeting of the <u>Asia Pacific Green Public Procurement (GPP)</u> <u>Network</u>, a project aimed at strengthening the capacity of national governments in implementing green public procurement via the establishment of a collaborative regional network.

This new network builds on the former Asia Pacific GPP and Eco-labelling Network (2013-2016) and engages a wide spectrum of key stakeholders to ensure broad dialogue and cooperation.

The activities planned for 2021 and 2022 include the organization of webinars, the release of country fact sheets or case studies, and the emailing of a quarterly GPP Newsletter focusing on Asia Pacific region news.

Synergies will also be sought with the activities of the One Planet SPP Network and of the International Green Purchasing Network.

The Network includes a Core group, comprised of representatives from national governments in charge of designing Green Public Procurement policies in the region, and a Larger group, open to all stakeholders interested in promoting GPP implementation in the region.

As of March 2021, 11 national entities from 8 countries had joined the Core group of the Network (Bhutan, Cambodia, P.R. China, Indonesia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, and Thailand), 9 members of which convened for the first time on 22nd March 2021.

71 members from 19 countries also joined the Larger group to further contribute to peer exchange and knowledge sharing on GPP implementation in the region.

Applications to the Larger group of the Network are voluntary, cost free and unlimited in duration, and are open to all organizations or individuals in the Asia Pacific region interested in contributing to the progress of GPP in Asia Pacific.

Interested? Read more about the network objectives and activities <u>on this page</u>, and fill in your application form <u>here</u>.

Member updates

GPN SEMINAR ON SUPPLY CHAIN RISK MANAGEMENT

On March 10, the Green Purchasing Network (GPN) hosted a webinar "Supply chain risk management – sustainable procurement of raw materials" inviting three guest speakers representing the CDP Worldwide-Japan, Ajinomoto Co., Inc., and Kokusai Kogyo Co., Ltd. Approximately 180 people joined the webinar.

The CDP Worldwide-Japan introduced the CDP Supply Chain program especially focusing on forests. Members of the program are engaging with suppliers involved in the production and use of forest risk commodities including timber, palm oil, cattle products, soy and rubber. The CDP Forests questionnaire request information about the procedure that organizations have in place to manage issues salient to their sector and to understand inherent risk exposure as well as their governance structure, long-term strategic business plan, policies and commitments.

The Ajinomoto Group has committed to reduce its environmental impact by 50% by 2030 and has established solutions and targets through fiscal 2030 related to ESG issues, including climate change and sustainable procurement. The company has also established palm oil procurement guidelines to procure sustainable palm oil products considering labor and human rights. In terms of the palm oil supply chain, the Ajinomoto Group has completed the trace of the supply chain up to palm oil mills.

Kokusai Kogyo Co., Ltd. illustrated how the location-based services (LBS) can be used in the risk management, including satellite monitoring of deforestation and mapping of vegetation. For example, the remote sensing technology helps the REDD+ to analyze transition of forest areas and the RSPO to monitor the development of oil palm plantations. Businesses can use the data from remote sensing to predict the impact of natural disasters and political events in the areas of commodities production.







CEC SUCCESSIVE WINS THE ANNUAL

INNOVATION AWARD OF CHINA GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT



In December, 2020, China Environmental United Certification Center(CEC) won the Annual Innovation Award of China Government Procurement at Workshop on the Reform and Development for government procurement of the Post-COVID-19 Pandemic. 12 categories of awards were released during the workshop including Annual Innovation, Person of the Year, and Excellent Project Award etc. in 2020.

China Government Procurement Award is an authoritative annual national award for government procurement. Through the rigorous evaluation procedures such as collection, recommendations, application, and expert review, this is the fifth time for CEC to won the award in 2020 due to its great and continuous efforts in certification of China Environmental Labeling products and contributions to national government green procurement.

Meanwhile, among the 28 organizations won the Annual Innovation Award of China Government Procurement, the Zhejiang Furniture Industry Association also got the award for its progress with the newly developed CEC Environmental Guardian Certification program for furniture products, which provides public and local government with greener ecological choice.

In the future, CEC will consistency make steps along with its featured China Environmental Labelling products and scientific research services, support the government green procurement implementation, help the industries and enterprises achieve green and low carbon development transition.

Link: http://www.cgpnews.cn/articles/54870#10006-weixin-1-52626-6b3bffd01fdde4900130bc5a2751b6d1



ALIBABA'S ANT GROUP PLEDGES TO BE

CARBON NEUTRAL BY 2030



In September, 2020, Chinese President Xi Jinping claimed that China would reach peak carbon emissions by 2030 and carbon neutrality by 2060, which has inspired more Chinese enterprises to contribute to higher emission reduction targets.

On March 12nd, 2021, as Alibaba's financial affiliate, Ant Group announced that it will aim to achieve carbon neutrality by 2030 and plans to leverage tech innovations to reduce emissions for example by using blockchain to track progress in carbon reduction, joining the urgent global efforts to tackle climate change and its devastating effects.

Ant Group pioneers its action towards carbon neutral, detailed a path to achieve the aim, including neutralize carbon emissions associated with direct and indirect energy consumption since 2021 (Scope 1 and Scope 2), regularly disclose progress on its carbon neutral aim, fully cancel out carbon emissions generated by sources it does not own or control by 2030, covering areas such as supply chain and business travel (Scope 3). In its comprehensive roadmap, Ant Group emphasizes to take concrete actions to reduce GHG emissions rather than purchasing credit to offset. Relevant direct activities include energy-efficiency and emission-reduction renovation for existing office parks; design, construction and operation of new office parks in line with green building standard; incentive low carbon office behavior; and promoting green investment. In addition, Ant Group will take innovative measures to improve the energy efficiency of its data centers and develop green procurement mechanism to promote emissions reduction of its supply chain.

To ensure the pledge and path credible and transparent, Ant Group commissioned China Environmental United Certification Center (CEC), an independent certification body with CDM/CCER DOE qualification, to provide scientific demonstration for its target. Meanwhile, Ant Group will cooperate with CEC to launch a carbon neutral implementation guide for the fintech industry, leading low carbon actions for digital financially companies.



STARTS THE NEW YEAR WITH GREENDNA CERTIFICATION

LAUNCH AND AWARD TO RECOGNIZE FIRST MOVERS OF CARBON EMISSION REDUCTION

Singapore, 13 January 2021-- The Singapore Environment Council (SEC) honored 12 organizations with the GreenDNA certification as champions of environmental stewardship in Singapore. These exemplary organizations were awarded the GreenDNA certificate by Guest-of Honour, Ms. Grace Fu, Minister for Sustainability and the Environment of Singapore. Held earlier today, the GreenDNA Certification Launch cum Award Presentation Ceremony marks what could be the start of a new wave of companies and businesses seeking to be future ready to take advantage of an emerging Green economy.

Holders of the GreenDNA certification attained an added edge as they transform their business and organizational practices, mind sets and actions tuned to a sustainability agenda that is fast gaining ascendancy in the post-Covid 19 pandemic recovery.

SEC's GreenDNA is a system that helps businesses and organizations optimize their resources, lower carbon emissions and attain climate action achievements by encoding green practices into the DNA of the organization and its employees.

The GreenDNA is built on the back of SEC's Eco Certification and Green Label programmes that lay down clear goals and measurable targets using metrics tracking energy/ carbon reduction, water efficiency, waste management, amongst other things.









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In addition, other requirements including fulfillment of designated training programmes, showing improvements in resource consumption that lead to positive outcomes and meeting clearly set indicators are necessary.

The list of these first-mover organizations receiving the GreenDNA certification comprises a wide spread of businesses from banking, business services, consumer, construction, F&B, hospitality, property and transport. They include local companies, SMEs and international businesses.

I am heartened to see so many companies today, from local to global and SMEs from various sectors coming forward to take this bold but necessary step. Collectively, the 12 companies have committed to reduce their current baseline of 0.138 million tones CO2e by 10%. This is a great start to a collective effort.



I believe this is only the start of a new wave as more organizations and businesses begin to accept the reality that the sustainability agenda is critical to their success. GreenDNA is one of the newest enablers that would help to achieve the 36% carbon intensity reduction target by 2030.

——Ms. Isabella Huang-Loh, Chairman, Singapore Environment Council



With SEC's GreenDNA in support, we look forward to helping all stakeholders turn the tide on carbon emission. In the process, new technologies and innovations will be introduced and adopted to help accelerate de-carbonization and hopefully we will get to see some companies arrive at carbon negative.

——Ms Jen Teo. Executive Director, Singapore **Environment Council**





BEATING PLASTIC POLLUTION FROM THE TOURISM SECTOR



According to a report by UN Environment, eight million tonnes of plastic are being washed to the world's oceans every year and have affected not just marine biodiversity, but also communities and wildlife. The COVID-19 pandemic has also aggravated the plastic pollution due to an increase in the use and disposal of single-use items such as medical face masks, plastic gloves, hand sanitizer bottles, and food packaging. Eighty percent of tourist destinations are located in coastal areas, which makes the tourism sector even more susceptible to the tides of plastic pollution.

In light of these factors, the Department of Tourism (DOT), through its sustainability campaign Save Our Spots, has collaborated with the Philippine Center for Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development, Inc. (PCEPSDI), through the Transforming Tourism Value Chains project, in cooperation with UN Environment Programme (UNEP), in creating an awareness campaign to reduce single-use plastics in the tourism sector while keeping in mind health and safety protocols. The key messages of the campaign are aligned with the Global Tourism Plastics Initiative (GTPI), which seeks to unite the tourism sector behind a common vision to address the root causes of plastic pollution. The GTPI enables businesses, governments and other tourism stakeholders to take concerted action, leading by example in the shift towards circularity in the use of plastics.



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The campaign, funded by the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety under their International Climate Initiative, is designed for three key audiences in mind: (1) hotel managers and procurement officers, (2) hotel staff, and (3) tourists and guests. It seeks to encourage the mindset that reduction of unnecessary plastic packaging is possible, while ensuring the health and safety of hotel staff and guests, by developing robust sanitization procedures, promoting digital and contactless transactions, and inviting guests to be part of the change. Other organizations that took part in the campaign are: Clean our Oceans Project (CoOp), Reef World Foundation, Philippine Hotel Owners Association, Inc., and World Wide Fund for Nature – Philippines (WWF-Philippines).

To further encourage the hospitality sector to take action on plastic pollution amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, a training webinar entitled "Responsible Tourism through Plastic Upcycling and Waste Management" was also hosted on December 15, 2020. Almost 70 participants from different sectors – government, academe, and private sector – attended the training webinar. Secretary Bernadette Romulo-Puyat from the Department of Tourism also showed her support by welcoming the participants and delivering the opening remarks, stating that "with so many of our sights being close to the water, we must restart and revive our campaign to save our Spots and protect them from plastic pollution." Speakers from CoOp and WWF-Philippines then enlightened participants about existing plastic waste management issues in the country, and how these pose a threat to the country's marine biodiversity and conservation. They also showed how the COVID-19 pandemic has been affecting such issues, and introduced ways on how tourism businesses can operate more responsibly and minimize unnecessary usage of disposable plastic packaging during the pandemic.

For more information about this campaign and the training webinar, or any interest in partnering with the TVC project, kindly email TVC's Project Officer Kiko Velhagen at tvc4relcd@gmail.com or kiko.velhagen@pcepsdi.org.ph.

Link:<u>https://pcepsdi.org.ph/news-announcements/beating-plastic-pollution-from-the-</u> tourism-sector/

Member updates

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https://www.greencouncil.org/spc





THE IMPORTANCE OF ASKING FOR THE RIGHT PROOF OF COMPLIANCE

As a purchaser you are under increasing pressure to pay attention to sustainable procurement, which means that the products and services you buy must be as sustainable as possible, with the lowest environmental impact and most positive social results.

What does equivalent proof of compliance really mean?

In the case of IT products, you can use TCO Certified to set relevant criteria. Our certification is built on the most comprehensive and up to date social and environmental sustainability criteria, including social responsible manufacturing. Criteria in TCO Certified create a framework to continuously and systematically improve working environments and conditions in the supply chain. Specifying TCO Certified in your IT purchasing specifications is the best way to make sure you receive products that are verified to meet all the sustainability criteria in the certification. One thing to remember when it comes to accepting equivalent proof of compliance instead of a certificate: You also need to be able to evaluate the equivalency of any alternative proof potentially provided by suppliers instead of a TCO Certified certificate.

What evidence is needed for a product to be considered compliant?

If you don't get a valid TCO Certified certificate as proof of compliance, we've published some guidance for purchasers "Equivalent proof of compliance with TCO Certified". Here we list all the evidence needed for a product to be considered compliant with TCO Certified.

And remember – when setting sustainability requirements and their accepted proof of compliance in a tender, it is important to specify that any evidence must always be provided by independent verifiers. Self-declarations should indeed be prohibited. Independent verification is the only method for being able to perform an objective, impartial and accurate assessment of the sustainability merits of each offer. That's why asking for TCO Certified certificates is the best way of verifying compliance as independent verification of all criteria is included.



COLLABORATION FOR ADVANCING GREEN PURCHASING IN THE ASIA REGION

In what ways do you think IGPN makes a difference for sustainable procurement?

Asia is the most populated continent in the world and buying power here is strong. Public procurement spending is growing fast and almost all countries in the region either have – or plan to – develop their own ecolabels to identify more sustainable products. While this action is positive, the lack of coordination behind a set of unified rules or criteria is problematic. This clearly stands out as different from the European Union approach for example.

IGPN has the opportunity to offer a platform that brings purchasing Networks in different parts of Asia together, sharing and learning from each other, and also to capture guidance from independent experts in a variety of fields. With IGPN, organizations become stronger through collaboration and collective effort but at the same time, retain the flexibility to set things at their own pace. Gathering behind a common set of principles is key to raising impact.

How does TCO Certified fit into the work of IGPN?

TCO Certified is the world's most comprehensive sustainability certification for IT products, helping buyers make responsible product choices that drive the electronics industry in a sustainable direction. Using TCO Certified also supports your organization's efforts to reduce risk and take the next step in social and environmental responsibility.

TCO Development, the organization behind TCO Certified, can play an important role in IGPN by sharing our experience from purchaser engagement, sustainable procurement, as well as our expertise in the IT industry, which is unique amongst members, to grow IGPN's reach and influence. By engaging in IGPN we can through the network support purchasing organizations throughout the region to make more sustainable choices for the IT products they buy. For us, IGPN is a great platform for engaging with procurement professionals in the region and helping them understand how to use their purchasing for good. We're looking forward to sharing what we have learned along the journey since 1992.

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CITY OF TSHWANE

USING PROCUREMENT TO BECOME A LIVEABLE, RESILIENT AND INCLUSIVE CITY

The city of Tshwane, South Africa, is thriving to become a more liveable, resilient and inclusive city. Procurement is one key tool to achieve this vision. As one of the largest metropolitan municipalities in South Africa, the city of Tshwane delivers services to approximately 3.5 million inhabitants. Tshwane, a member and former chair of the Global Lead City Network on Sustainable Procurement. is committed to driving sustainability action through procurement. The city seeks to use its purchasing power to stimulate a domestic market for more sustainable goods and services, to support resource-efficiency across economic sectors, and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions of products and services.

A new sustainable public procurement (SPP) profile captures Tshwane's journey, recent achievements and ambitions for the future, with details on how the city works towards mainstreaming SPP.

A few examples what Tshwane procures sustainably

In 2016, the city launched the Tshwane Food and Energy Centre, an Agropolitan village that supports the idea of self-sufficiency of the city in terms of food production, supporting local supply chains to deliver fresh and affordable vegetables and poultry to the local population. Given its strong success, the city is looking into its replication in 6 other locations across the Tshwane metropolitan area. The city is now looking into opportunities to integrate informal litter pickers in the implementation of their recycling projects.

This will ensure that any public purchases regarding recycling benefit those informal economy workers.

Already, the city's procurers are encouraged to systematically include green requirements in all tenders e.g. by including green requirements in tenders as pass/fail minimum criteria. Looking at the built environment the city has committed to applying the SANS 204 national standards for energy efficiency and environmental sustainability for all new and refurbished municipal buildings. The City of Tshwane is aiming to operationalize sustainability in the procurement of ICT and vehicle fleet by

- applying sustainability criteria into procurement processes and tender specifications;
- building the capacity of technical staff and procurement officials;
- providing guidance on how to practically implement sustainable public procurement.

Looking ahead the city of Tshwane aims to

- develop Sustainable Procurement Policy specifications and guidelines to facilitate the implementation of the Sustainable Procurement Strategy;
- advocate for the institutionalization of sustainable public procurement,
- support the local development of the skills needed to deliver sustainable products and
- services which the city's Sustainable Public Procurement Strategy promotes.



ENERGY EFFICIENCY LABELS

ARE CHANGING ON MARCH 1ST-GET READY

Starting from March 1st 2021, a new EU labelling system for 9 categories of electronic appliances is going to be introduced. In this way, public and private procurement personnel will be able to make their purchases more cost-effective and environment-friendly. To help public procurers understand and prepare for the change, ICLEI together with the BELT project has put together a one minute video explaining everything you need to know about the new regulations.

You can access the video here.

And find more details on the new regulations and energy efficiency labels on the BELT project website.

ICLEI - Local Governments for sustainability is a partner in the BELT project, supporting public procurers in the uptake of the new energy label.

Learn more:

https://sustainable-procurement.org//news?c=search&uid=Olpb663a





NEW GREEN PURCHASING CRITERIA

FOR COMPUTERS, MONITORS, TABLETS AND SMARTPHONES



On 5 March, the European Commission published new guidance for purchases of computers, monitors, tablets and smartphones. The guidance - in the form of EU Green Public Procurement (GPP) criteria – is an update and extension of the previous GPP criteria (from 2016), which covered just computers and monitors.

Addressing the most significant environmental impacts during the life cycles of these products is the primary focus of the new EU GPP criteria. As such, these are structured into four areas: product lifetime extension, energy consumption, hazardous substances and end-of-life management. A further category of criteria that apply to separate procurements for refurbished/remanufactured devices and related services is also included.

The new criteria provide recommendations for both stationary devices (desktop computers, allin-one computers, thin clients and workstations; and monitors) and mobile devices (portable computers, tablets and smartphones) and are split into two groups of criteria: core (designed to allow for easy application) and comprehensive (which enable higher environmental performance). The criteria pay specific attention to extending a product's lifetime through improved durability, upgradeability and reparability indirectly extending the lifetime of products by facilitating re-use, and thus avoiding (or minimising) the environmental impacts associated with primary production and resource extraction.

The criteria are currently available in English, with translations into the other official EU languages to follow soon.

Link: https://sustainable-procurement.org//news?c=search&uid=ihffnCue



GLCN CITIES TRANSPORT COMMITMENTS

GLCN cities are fully determined to using their purchasing power to deliver cleaner transport systems for all. This is reflected in a list of targets that 10 of the network's cities have set for themselves on the topic:

Auckland: 30-40% of public vehicles to be electric by 2040; zero-emission public transport by 2041.

Buenos Aires: By 2035, 50% reduction of emissions (14% of CO2) in the transport sector; the City will achieve 1 million cycling trips per year by 2023.

Budapest: At least 900 electric charging points will be installed in the city by 2025.

Denver: 25% of city fleet vehicles to be electric by 2029.

Ghent: By 2030, the city's fleet will be diesel-free and mobility solutions in the city will be carbon neutral by 2050.

Helsinki: 69% of CO2 emissions from traffic reduced by 2035 (from 2005 levels) and 30% of cars will be electric; moreover, the city's car fleet will be electric by 2027, 50% of the bus fleet will be electric by 2030, 90% of the CO2 emissions and local air pollutants will be reduced by 2025 (from 2010 levels)

Oslo: By 2025, only zero-emission and biogas vehicles in all municipal goods and service contracts; by 2028, public transport will be 100% zero-emission and by 2025, zero-emission construction machines and vehicles on all municipal construction sites.

Pittsburgh: By 2030, 100% of the public fleet will be fossil fuel-free

Rotterdam: Urban delivery of all public goods and services will be zero-emission by 2025; 100% of social transport services and vehicles used for internal moving services will be zero-emission by 2024; 100% of the city's vehicle fleet will be zero-emission by 2030.

Tshwane: By 2030, 50% of the city's vehicles will run on alternative fuels.

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