

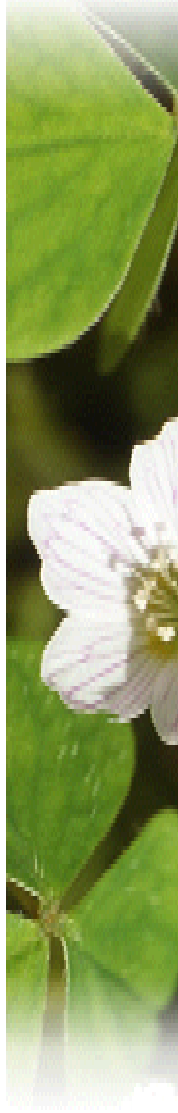
Green Public Procurement

Sustainability in Healthcare
Conference, CUH 29 September 2011

James Blake, DCELG

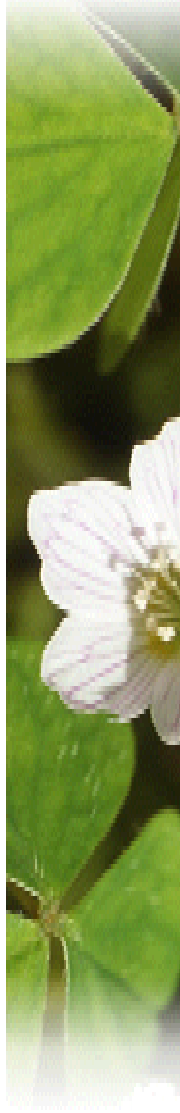


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Definitions

- GPP is “a process whereby public authorities seek to procure goods, services and works with a reduced environmental impact throughout their life cycle...” (European Commission)
- GPP also involves social dimension => “Sustainable Procurement”



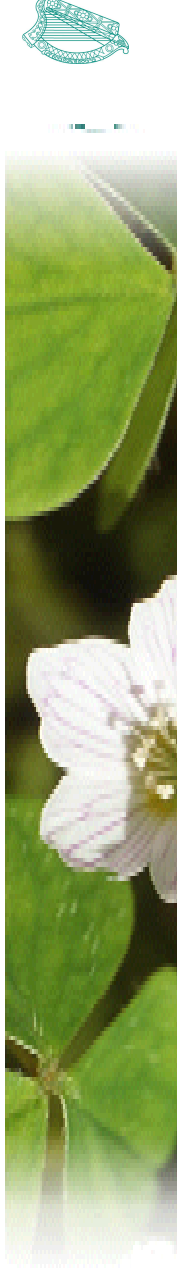
GPP Policy “Drivers”

- Environmental crises and resource scarcity
- Opportunities of the Green Economy
- Communication on GPP (EU Commission, 2008)
- Commitments in successive Programmes for Government



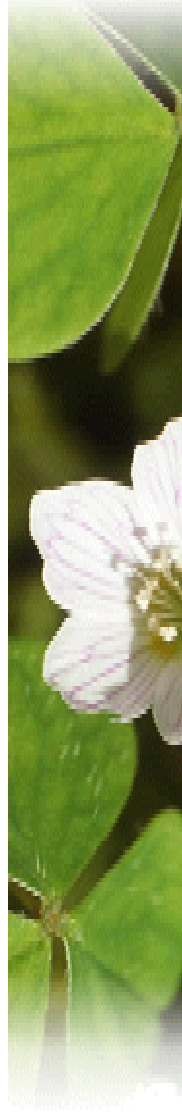
GPP Action Plans

- EU requirement of each Member State
- “Soft” requirements but increasing peer pressure
- The Netherlands target (legally binding): 100% sustainable procurement by 2010
- Berlin regional government procurement rules (contested): prohibits chlorine-based cleaning products; prohibits disposable packaging for beverages; sets aside one third of marks in electricity tenders for env considerations.



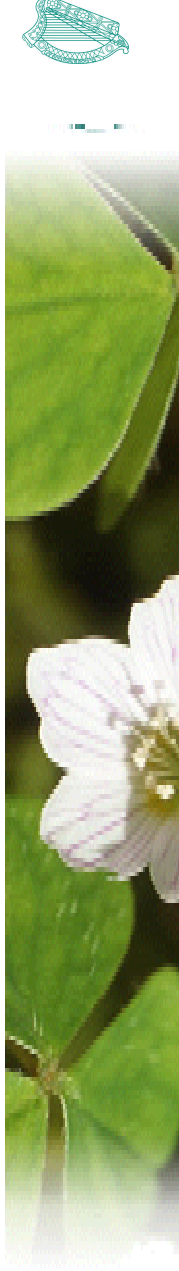
Ireland's progress

- **Initial public consultation** (May to Sept 2010)
- **Inter-Departmental Working Group**
- **Public consultation on draft Action Plan**
(May to July 2011)
- **Minister for the Environment will bring
Action Plan to Cabinet** (October/November 2011)



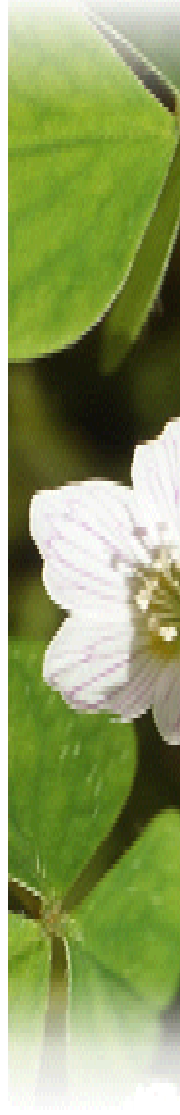
Draft Action Plan

- Seeks to leverage public procurement budget (€15 billion in 2010) in pursuit of environmental goals
- Recaps on existing requirements, e.g. on waste management and conservation of water, air, soil quality and biodiversity
- Sets target of 50% GPP in the first instance



Priority Areas

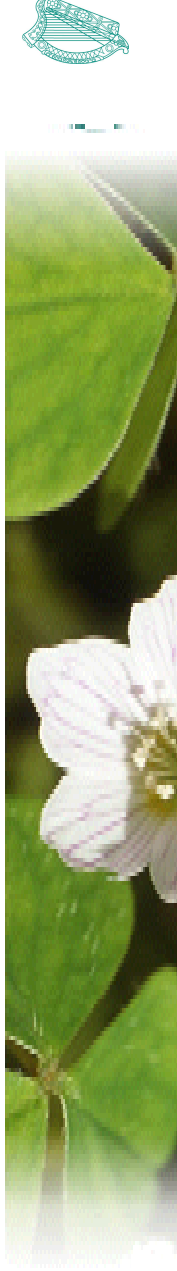
1. Construction
2. Energy
3. Food and catering services
4. Transport
5. Cleaning products and services
6. Paper
7. Uniforms and other textiles
8. ICT



Construction

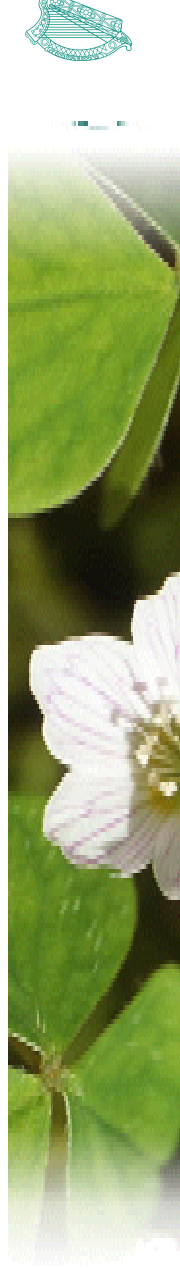
Resource efficiency to be incorporated from inception, in relation to:

1. *Design*
2. *Ecology and site utilities*
3. *Energy*
4. *Materials*
5. *Refurbishment*
6. *Specification*



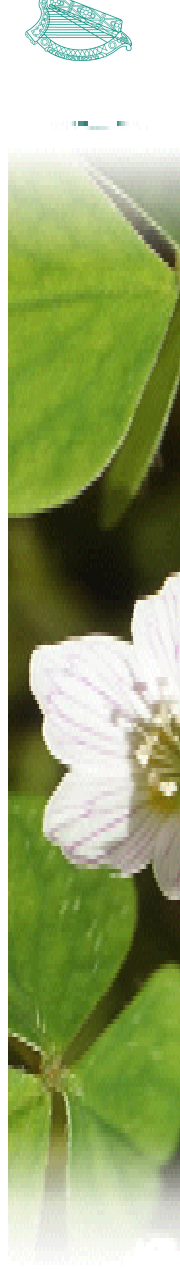
Wood

- Ireland is party to EU F.L.E.G.T. process
- Some countries have gone further, demanding that timber be sourced “sustainably” and “legally”
- Problem of how to verify “sustainability”
- Irish example of best practice (from OPW)



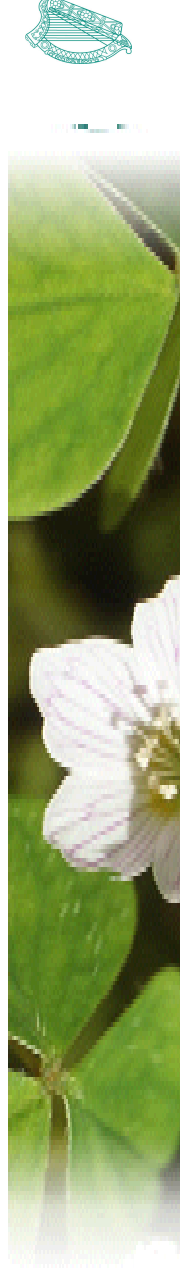
Energy

- Actions in relation to (A) energy-using products (B) energy services and (C) capital projects
- “Triple E” register; BER in public buildings
- Energy services to be procured through energy performance contracting (EPC)
- Capital projects to integrate energy efficiency from inception, especially through energy efficient design (EED)



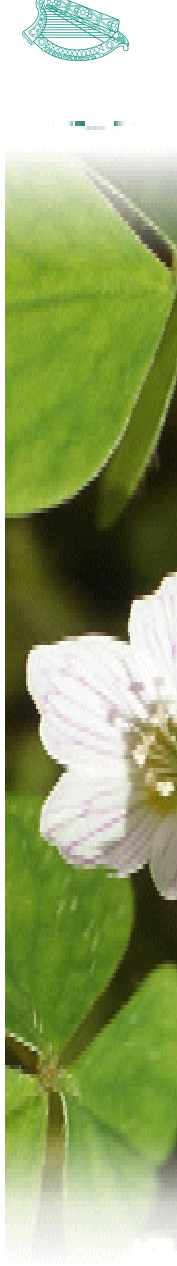
Food and catering services

- Public procurement of food c.€150 million annually
- 50% target set in respect of meat, poultry, egg and seafood produce
 - => to be sourced from accredited sources and/ or organic produce
- Some marks for food in season, regional food
- Environment management systems may be used as selection criteria



Transport

- References existing guidelines around sustainable transport
- Focus is on new mandatory requirements, e.g. Clean Vehicles Directive
- Operational lifetime energy must be taken into account
- As must emissions of CO₂, NO_x, NMHC and Particulate Matter



Cleaning, Paper & Uniforms

- NPS contract for janitorial products provides best practice example
- Target for cleaning products of 50% GPP, then review on how to go higher
- Paper: instructive example of “quick win”
- Uniforms and textiles: minimising harmful environmental impacts; encouraging socially responsible procurement

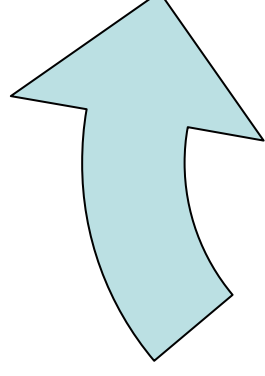


Overall

- Intensive engagement
- Exemplary role of public sector
- Green innovation throughout supply chains
- Continual improvement

Better environment and economy

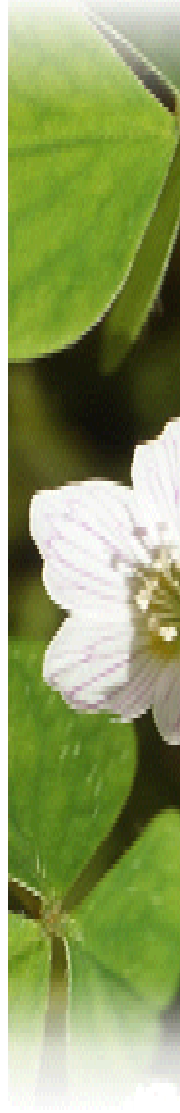
“Raising the Bar”



Market response & innovation



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Next steps

- Minister to publish Ireland's first Action Plan
- Annual review of progress, especially vis-a-vis 8 priority areas
- More priority areas may be added over time
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