



PROJECT PROGRESS SHEET

SUSTAINABLE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT IN URBAN ADMINISTRATIONS IN CHINA



Legend

- Eligible countries where SWITCH-Asia projects are implemented
- Eligible Asian countries for the SWITCH-Asia programme
- Non-eligible Asian countries for the SWITCH-Asia Programme

Project implementation area

- City
- Region
- Country

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BRIEF PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The overall objective of the SuPP-Urb project is to contribute to mitigating climate change and to reducing environmental degradation. It thereby helps to achieve the environmental targets of the Chinese government's 11th five-year plan by implementing and mainstreaming sustainable public procurement (SPP) at a city level. The project focuses on consumption and its specific objective is to adapt and use sustainable public procurement standards in municipal Public Procurement Centres (PPCs) of the cities Tianjin, Qinhuangdao and Lanzhou.

The SuPP-Urb project started with building a common understanding between European and Chinese partners on concrete terms, good practices and current experiences, and with establishing good relations between target and associated cities. Important during this step has been the preparation of papers on public procurement principles and procedures in China and in Europe, as well as on good practice in public procurement in China and Europe. During the kick-off meeting in Qinhuangdao from 21st to 23rd April 2009, all partners of the SuPP-Urb project met and exchanged ideas on the project. Representatives from the partner and associated cities also participated in the kick-off meeting.

The time after the kick-off meeting was mainly used to prepare implementation of sustainable public procurement procedures in the three partner cities. This included the identification of specific institutional barriers, opportunities and requirements by law both on the national and local level, as well as the adoption of tools and guidelines for procurement. Screening the local situation, building on the experience of local PPCs, and identifying supporting tools, led to the development of a technical guideline for implementing sustainable public procurement. Action plans implementing sustainable public procurement are now being prepared for the three main cities based on this guideline and general guidance for baseline development.

PROJECT PARTNERS

International Network for Bamboo and Rattan (INBAR), China; Belgian Chamber of Commerce (BenCham), China; Sichuan Provincial Forestry Department (SPFD), China; EU Project Incubation Centre Changdu, China

PROJECT IMPACT

The project is making an impact in Lanzhou (Gansu province), Qinhuangdao (Hebei Province) and Tianjin, China.

PROJECT WEBSITE

<http://www.public-procurement.cn>

PROJECT ABBREVIATION

SuPP-Urb China

PROJECT DURATION

December 2008 – December 2011

TARGET GROUPS

Financial beneficiaries and target groups of the SuPP-Urb project are the Public Procurement Centres (PPCs) of the three cities of Tianjin, Qinhuangdao and Lanzhou, as well as those of associated cities. The PPCs of the three target cities are directly involved in the project as project partners.

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OUTPUTS TO DECEMBER 2009 TO BE SHARED WITH WIDER AUDIENCE



The project website is in Chinese and English (www.public-procurement.cn) and is updated continuously with all relevant project publications and presentations online. To date this includes papers on public procurement principles and procedures in China and Europe, which focus on basic principles and preconditions including policy framework, sustainable public procurement

process, and on barriers in implementing. Fact sheets of good practice from China and Europe are also available online. These fact sheets summarise examples from both Europe and China and thus aim to give more practical insight on issues like capacity development, legal frameworks, environmental specifications, and tools for implementation.

RESULTS ACHIEVED TO JANUARY 2010

The results of the SuPP-Urb project are promising so far. All planned activities have been delivered on time, some before time, like the preparation of a general guideline for baseline development. The implementation of sustainable public procurement procedures will start six months earlier than envisaged. The relationship between the formal partners of the SuPP-Urb project is excellent. During the reporting period every partner had done its work, properly and on time.





LESSONS LEARNT SO FAR

So far, the project methodology has been very logical and of high quality. One strength is the involvement of many public procurement centres (three target cities plus associate PPCs). This will help to make sure that the project will achieve very good tangible results, which might be a good point for future EC-Asia Cooperation.

There was a risk of misunderstandings in concrete terms for certain issues in the framework of sustainable public procurement due to socio-cultural differences. This was tackled with a long phase of preparing and exchanging papers on

principles and procedures of SPP in China and in Europe. The experience of cooperating with EMCC (Environmental Management College of China), and the experience of EMCC and NKU (Nankai University) in similar projects and their long-standing partnership, were very helpful.

The SuPP-Urb project focuses on the implementation of sustainable public procurement at the city level so the project deals mainly with local authorities. The relationship with both the partner and the associated cities is good; all show great interest in the project.

OUTREACH AND SYNERGIES

Representatives of the SuPP-Urb project participated at the SWITCH-Asia Network Facility Meeting, where experiences were shared and contacts with other projects established. However, as the SuPP-Urb China project is the only SWITCH-Asia project so far to focus on public procurement, links and synergies with other SWITCH-Asia projects are limited.

In the SuPP-Urb project associated cities from northern, east-northern and western China are involved. A high number of representatives from the associated cities participated in the kick-off

meeting and they showed great interest in the project. Thus, dissemination of project results and best practice procedures with regard to SPP may be expected to go beyond the three target cities.