



Big Buyers Annual Symposium

9 November 2022, Brussels

Introduction to Big Buyers

Big Buyers for Climate and Environment is a European Commission Initiative for promoting collaboration between big public buyers in implementing strategic public procurement for sustainable solutions.

Objectives of the meeting

This event is being held to:

- Show why cross border procurement collaboration is important.
- Disseminate the work of the working groups, and to share the lessons learnt and challenges encountered by Big Buyers in the four working areas zero emission construction sites, heavy-duty electric vehicles, circular construction, digital healthcare.
- Outline the next planned activities of the Big Buyers initiative.

The morning session will be focussed on a recap of the work undertaken so far and a discussion of the lessons learnt and the challenges faced by participating buyers while the afternoon will focus on working group specific discussions and how each of these groups

Target group:

- Public Buyers and experts from the four working areas

Location:

- **Morning plenary session (9.15 - 13.00):** Room 1.B. Albert Borschette Congress Centre, Rue Froissart 36, 1040 Etterbeek, Brussels
- **Afternoon working group sessions (14.30 - 17.00):** Rooms 1.B., 3-04, 3-05, 3-10, Albert Borschette Congress Centre, Rue Froissart 36, 1040 Etterbeek, Brussels

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Agenda

Morning Session (8.30 - 13:00 - Registration from 8:30)

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8:30 - 9:15	<i>Registration and coffee</i>	
9:15 - 9:25	Welcome and introduction how procurement can move the market - <i>Merete Clausen</i> , Director Investment (GROW.C), Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (GROW), European Commission	10'
9:25 - 9:40	Why Big Buyers? A European collaboration towards strategic use of procurement - <i>Simon Clement</i> , Big Buyers Co-ordinator, ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability	15'

9:40 - 10:35	<p>How big buyers worked together – Capacity and Knowledge Gaps</p> <p>Introduction of the challenge (from the perspective of one or several of the WGs) delivered by the moderator.</p> <p>Examples of the work done within the WGs delivered by two rounds of quick intervention presentations (4-5 mins each)</p> <p>Q&A/ Round table with representatives from each WG to discuss the topic. (aim to also tease out case studies from buyers from the WGs) (45 minutes)</p> <p>Cristian Benito Manrique, City of Barcelona (Zero emission construction sites WG)</p> <p>Leon Dijk, City of Rotterdam (Circular construction WG)</p> <p>Margarida Revés, City of Lisbon (Circular construction WG)</p> <p>Rosanna Alessandrello, Agency for Health Quality and Assessment of Catalonia (AQuAS) (Digital healthcare WG)</p> <p>Nelson Pinto, Porto Ambiente (HDEVs WG)</p>	55'
10:35 - 11:05	Coffee and refreshments	30'
11:05 - 11:15	An Introduction to InnoBuyer, Miguel Gonçalves, European Projects Manager, F6S	10'

11:15 – 12:10	<p>How big buyers and companies worked together – Access to and engagement with the market</p> <p>Introduction of the challenge (from the perspective of one or several of the WGs) delivered by the moderator.</p> <p>Examples of the work done within the WGs to interact with industry (through market engagement and or industry bodies). (4-5 mins each)</p> <p>Q&A/ Round table with representatives from each WG to discuss the topic. (aim to also tease out case studies from buyers from the WGs) (45 minutes)</p> <p>Richard Brabers, city of Rotterdam (HDEVs WG) Virginia García López, Coordination of Pharmacy and Innovation. Consortium of Health and Social Care of Catalonia (Digital Healthcare WG) Philip Mortensen, City of Oslo (Zero emission construction sites WG) Robert Piererfellner, City of Vienna (Circular construction WG)</p>	55'
12:10 – 12:30	<p>Working Group Outcomes</p> <p>Official announcement of all relevant group outcomes such as Joint Statements of Demand or Intent.</p> <p><i>Sylwia Slomiak, Eurocities</i></p>	20'
12:30 - 12:40	<p>Big Buyers, what to expect next? -</p> <p>After three years of successful collaboration is time to look at the future and see how you can get involved!</p> <p><i>Ivo Locatelli, Senior Expert, DG GROW</i></p>	10'

12:40 - 12:55	EC Online Buyers Platform - <i>Foteini Psarra</i> , Senior Project Manager, scope	15'
12:55 – 13:00	Closing Remarks - <i>Simon Clement</i> , Big Buyers Co-ordinator, ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability	5'

