

Sustainable Public Procurement in federal Belgium:

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- * Tools
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Regulations by the Belgian federal government

- * Circular letter of 16 May 2014 - Integration of sustainable development, including social clauses and measures in favour of small and medium-sized enterprises, in the context of public contracts awarded by federal contracting authorities (Belgian Official Journal, 21 May 2014, p. 40529 - 40553)
- * Legal reference to sustainable public procurement
- * Examples of technical specifications
- * No specific references to wood

Regulations by the Belgian federal government

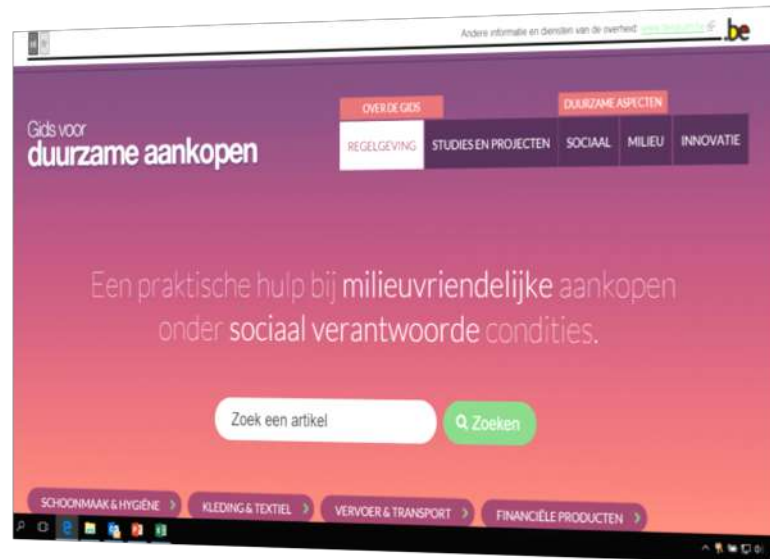
- * Circular letter P&O/DD/2 (18 November 2005) on the federal government's purchasing policy to promote the use of sustainably exploited timber (Belgian Official Journal, 9 February 2006)
- * *“All timber originating from forests whose sustainable management has been certified by an independent body according to internationally recognised criteria.”*
- * *“The forest certification system must guarantee the traceability of the certified products through a Chain of Custody (CoC)”*

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Tools

- * www.gidsvoorduurzameaankopen.be (Guide for Sustainable Procurement)



Tools

- * References to criteria, technical specifications, standards, ...
- * Timber products: windows, doors, panels, floors, ...
- * Reference to labels (Art. 54 of the Belgian Public Procurement Act 17 June 2016)

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Monitoring

- * Study by FISD-Radboud University Nijmegen (2017)

Sustainable procurement

A big-data study into the level of sustainability of more than 140,000 published procurement contract notices by Belgian contracting authorities



Monitoring E-notification

- * Research into references to sustainable wood in specifications (period 2011-2016)
- * References in tender documents (specifications):
 - * 'FSC', 'PEFC', 'Forest Certification Programmes'
 - * 1862 references
- * Explicit reference in announcements (notifications)
 - * FSC: 88x
 - * PEFC: 1x
 - * FLEGT: 0x



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