

Policy Implementation Dialogue on Reducing Hazardous Substances in Construction

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Finnish green deal agreements

- Green deals are voluntary agreements between the state and the contracting entity.
- A green deal typically covers one or more themes or procurement categories in which the parties commit to improve sustainability.
- Signed authorities create, together with the market, a gradual path towards green deal's goals.



Green deal for reducing hazardous substances in kindergartens and pre-school environment

- **The goal of the agreement is to reduce the exposure of children to chemicals through public procurement.**
 - To reduce content of antimicrobial substances, fragrances and dyes as well as substances of very high concern (SVHC) in environments.
 - Apply stricter chemical restrictions than is required by the EU Toy Safety Directives and Finnish law on the procurement of all toys (kids less than 14 y.).
 - Encourage municipalities and other contracting public authorities to require information on substances of very high concern on call for tenders.
 - Create shared procurement criteria and contract terms for the reduction of harmful substances.



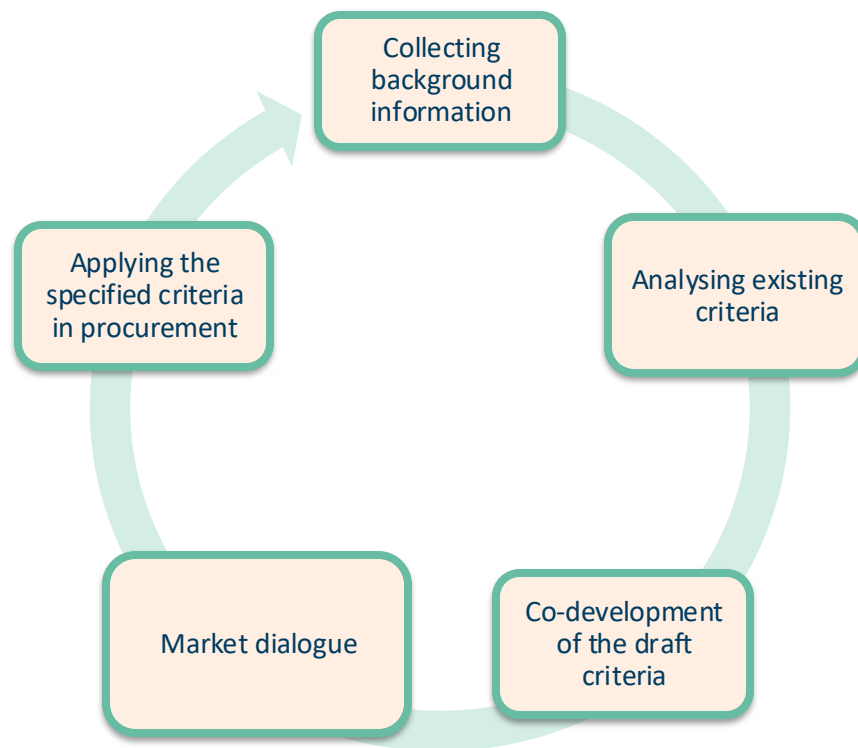
Green deal for reducing hazardous substances in kindergartens and pre-school environment

- **When?** The agreement is valid 4.11. 2020 – 31.12 2025.
- **Who?**
 - The Ministry of Social Affairs and Health and the Ministry of the Environment
 - The cities of Helsinki, Tampere, and Vantaa and two procurement organizations
- KEINO network-based Competence center for Sustainable and Innovative public procurement supported the implementation of the agreement
- **How?** Developing and applying common procurement criteria and contract terms, ongoing market dialogues and co-development with cities and expert organizations



The development of procurement criteria is an ongoing process

- Contracting entities apply the co-created criteria to their tenders. Usability has been ensured by a careful study of the current situation. Benchmarking with other criteria was done, e.g. EU Green Public Procurement and Swedish National Agency for Public Procurement.
- During the criteria work, KEINO and procurement units had dialogues with the markets.
- The published criteria will be updated based on user experience.



Progress schedule

Product groups selected for the criteria work

Municipalities and joint procurement organizations select the product groups to which the agreement applies.

Detergents, Cleaning Services

The criteria has been published
09/2021

Indoor Toys

the criteria has been published
10/2022

Textiles

01/2024

the criteria has been published
02/2022

Outdoor Playground Equipment and Furniture

the criteria has been published
03/2023

Indoor Furniture

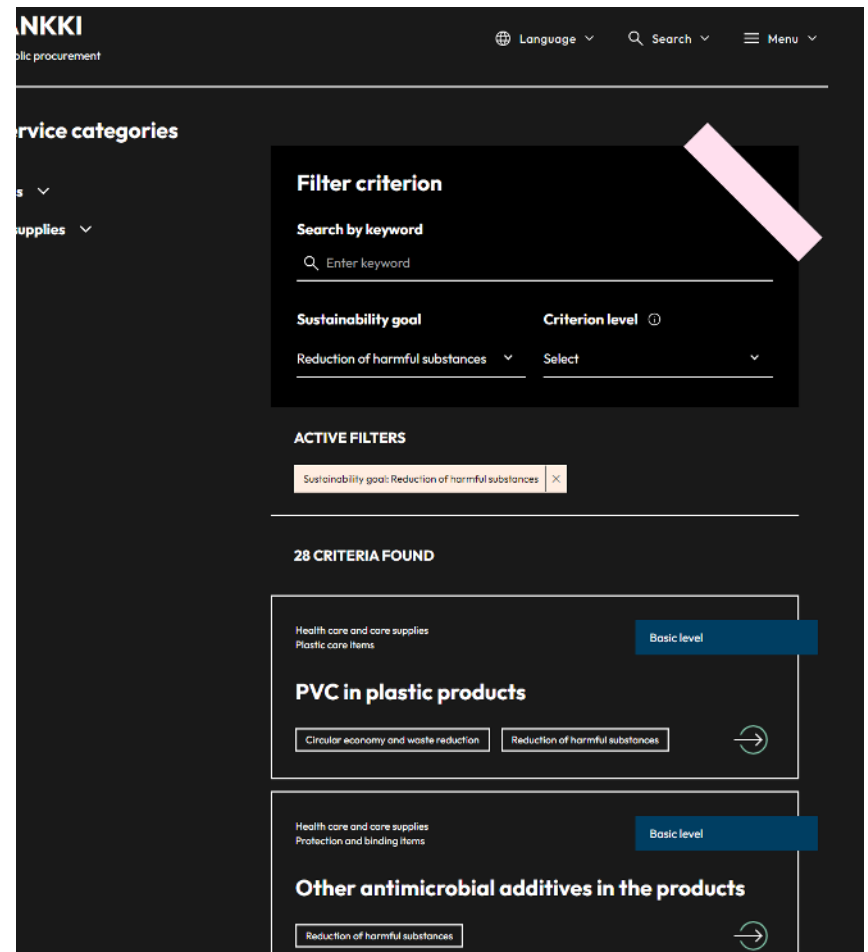
New building construction and renovation

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Criteria data bank

- The developed criteria is published in Criteria Bank –website for any procurer to use.
- <https://kriteeripankki.fi/en>



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