

GREEN GOVERNANCE DAY

2025 | 26 November | 10:00 - 17:00 (EET) | Vilnius, Lithuania

Session

10:00-10:20 Opening and Welcome words
Opening Statement: Green Governance Day Moderator: Heidrun Fammler, Chairperson of Board, Baltic Environmental Forum (BEF) Germany.
Welcome Address: Deputy Mayor of Vilnius Municipality, Capital City of Lithuania, Andrius Grigonis
Greetings by Darius Vedrickas, Director of the Public Procurement Office of Lithuania
Video Message of the President of the German Environment Agency, Prof. Dr. Dirk Messner

Policy Example Presentations

10:25-10:35 Presentation 1 Lithuania: The shining example in Europe: Mandatory Green Public Procurement in Lithuania - ambitions and first experiences from implementation.
Speaker: Rūta Kukulskytė, Chief Specialist of GPP, Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Lithuania

10:35-10:45 Presentation 2 Athens: Climate neutrality, climate contract of Athens and the role of sustainable green social procurement
Speaker: Nikolaos Chrysogelos, Deputy Mayor of Athens, Greece

Keynote Presentations

10:45-11:00 Keynote 1: Green Public Procurement 2025 in Europe: State-of-the Play
Speaker: Evelin Piirsalu, Senior Expert in the Green and Circular Economic Transformations Unit. Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI) Tallinn Centre - Estonia

11:00-11:15 Keynote 2: Integrating Hazardous Substance Management goals into criteria for Green Public Procurement in the construction sector, the NonHazCity3 project 's approach
Speaker: Hannamaria Yliruusi, Senior Lecturer and Expert on Green Public Procurement
Turku University of Applied Sciences (Turku UAS)- Finland

Coffee Break

Lighthouse cases

11:45-12:00 Lighthouse 1: Tallinn, Estonia
Making Estonian large-scale events free from single-use tableware by Public Procurement Criteria (Change(K)now! project)
Speaker: Liina Kanarbik, Lead Specialist, Circular Economy Department, Strategic Management Office, City of Tallinn

12:00-12:15 Lighthouse 2: Copenhagen, Denmark
Procurement of a return infrastructure for reuseable dishes in Copenhagen: the perspective of the service provider (Change(K)now! project)
Speaker: Anders Barsoe, CEO & Chairperson of Board, New Loop ApS, Denmark

12:15-12:35 Lighthouse 3: Holbæk, Denmark
Comparison of the German and Swedish assessment criteria for hazardousness of construction materials and linking it to procurement criteria at Holbaek (NonHazCity project)
Speaker: Steen Schønemann, Project Developer
Speaker: Pernille Moesgaard Gertsen, Sustainability Consultant, Holbaek Municipality, Denmark
Greetings by the Mayor of Holbæk Christina Krzyrosiak Hansen

12:35-12:50 Lighthouse 4: Västerås, Sweden
Including criteria on harmful chemicals, circularity and climate aspects into procurement of buildings and construction works at Västerås (NonHazCity project)
Speaker: Viktoria Skure-Eriksson, Deputy Mayor, Västerås Municipality, Sweden

13:00 Lunch

14:00-14:30 Panel

Why do we need Public Procurement as a tool for Green Governance?

Speaker: Inese Pelša, Chairperson Latvian Sustainable Procurement Association -Latvia Speaker: Kęstutis Kazulis, Principal Advisor for the Lithuanian Public Procurement Office - Lithuania Speaker: Esa Nikunen, former Director General of Helsinki Environmental Services - Finland

Future Vision & Strategic Alignment

14:30-15:30 The ChemClimCircle-2 Project

Advancing Green Public Procurement for Future.
A new project for scaling lighthouse cases, building a monitoring system for GPP process evaluation, and proposing an environmental impact assessment framework for procurement that goes beyond energy-related climate aspects.
Speaker: Anne Lagerqvist, Project Manager and Environmental investigator, City of Stockholm - Sweden

Speaker: Ieva Markuceviciute, Executive Research Manager, MC Baltics - Lithuania

Speaker: Dennis Lisbjerg, Senior Consultant, Environment and Climate Economy, Finance Department of Gentofte Municipality - Denmark.

15:30-16:30 NonHazCity Building Policy Award Ceremony

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Presented by: Mecki Naschke, World Future Council, project manager NHC3, Neshan Gunasekera, World Future Council, CEO, Prof. Jolita Kruopiene, Kaunas University of Technology, Agnieszka Ilola, Union of the Baltic cities, Head of Secretariat sustainable cities commission

16:30-17:00 Closing of the Green Governance Day Conclusions and take away messages

Speaker: Heidrun Fammler, Chairperson of Board, Baltic Environmental Forum (BEF) - Germany
Speaker: Kęstutis Kazulis, Principal Advisor for the Lithuanian Public Procurement Office

17:00 Networking and reception

Venue

**Hilton Garden Inn,
Gedimino pr. 44B,
Vilnius, Lithuania**

