

# Environmental Procurement in Västernorrland

The Association of Local Authorities in Västernorrland is running a project called Environmental Procurement in Västernorrland, in cooperation with the county's seven municipalities and county council. Other partners are Vägverket Region Mitt, the Västernorrland Administrative Board, the Swedish Agency for Economic and Regional Growth and the Swedish Environmental Management Council. The project started in 2006 and will run until 2008.

The aim of the project is to promote environmentally driven economic development through the setting of environmental requirements for procurement by municipalities and the county council and thereby increasing the demand for environmentally friendly goods and services. Environmental procurement is an important and effective tool in the work for sustainable development and contributes to achieving our regional environmental goals of a Non-Toxic Environment, Limited Climate Impact and Fresh Air.

The project has chosen to focus on the following product groups in particular: transport, vehicles, white goods, chemico-technical products, incontinence products and lighting products.

The aim of the project includes helping procurement units to produce and set environmental requirements in contract documents and to follow up and check that purchased products meet the environmental requirements that have been laid down. The project also aims to work to raise the level of knowledge about environmental procurement within the municipalities and county councils as well as among suppliers.

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