

Sustainable and innovative energy solutions for cities, at the CEPPI project website

Freiburg, Germany, January 2016 – The CEPPI project website – www.ceppi.eu – has been launched to showcase the sustainable energy solutions lead by the five participating cities – Birmingham (UK), Budapest (Hungary), Castelló and Valencia (Spain), and Wrocław (Poland) – and supported by the 4 expert partners. By using a pro-innovation procurement approach, the cities aim to achieve energy savings of 33GWh per year.

This 3-year project pursues to build capacity related to public procurement of innovation (PPI) and sustainable public procurement (SPP) in cities. Public procurement has the power to foster innovation and shape it to meet the needs and challenges of public services.

The five cities involved in the project will intervene in scheduled public tenders to achieve a more sustainable energy outcome through PPI.

Public authorities have started identifying the possible areas of intervention and related information has been published in the CEPPI website. Birmingham City Council announced its interest in procurements related to its waste strategy, and refrigeration units for markets; Budapest is exploring the implementation of PPI practices in tenders to retrofit the City Hall; Valencia is looking at city lighting, fountain systems and sports centres; and Wrocław is considering a focus on street lighting modernisation. Castelló is currently assessing opportunities. CEPPI cities aspire to adopt a leadership role in their regions.

Visitors to the CEPPI website can learn more about the five cities' sustainable and innovation procurement policies and actions, and about their sustainable development projects. Within the project, the CEPPI partners will produce reports, guides and other tools of interest for public authorities implementing SPP and PPI practices, and all public documents will be available from the website. Those who want to keep updated about the CEPPI project can subscribe to its newsletter through the [online form](#).

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