

CERN Environmentally Responsible Procurement Policy

The objective of the CERN Environmentally Responsible Procurement Policy is to minimize the environmental impact throughout the lifecycle of the goods or services that are purchased by the Organization.

CERN shall define and implement its Environmentally Responsible Procurement Policy by embedding environmental considerations as standard in its procurement activities.

This Policy is aligned, and designed to work in conjunction, with the CERN Procurement Rules. It constitutes an integral part of CERN's endeavour to achieve identified objectives in relation to the environment and sustainability.

This Policy commits CERN to environmentally responsible procurement and to achieving sustainable results both internally and throughout its supply chains.

The Organization undertakes to:

- integrate environmentally responsible procurement practices into current and future supply chains;
- measure the impact of environmentally responsible procurement;
- communicate with, and give guidance to, the CERN community on implementing, monitoring and reporting on environmentally responsible procurement;
- demonstrate and share, where appropriate, best practice for environmentally responsible procurement with its Member States and other organisations, particularly other research laboratories.

CERN will embed environmental responsibility where appropriate throughout all phases of the procurement process, including at the design phase. Careful and reasoned attention will be given to the need for the procurement, the specificities of the goods or services being procured, the choice of the supplier, the terms of procurement and the principle of continuous improvement.

The Director-General assigns responsibility for the implementation of the Environmentally Responsible Procurement Policy to the following parties:

Parties	Responsibilities
Director for Finance and Human Resources	Leads the effective implementation of this Policy and ensures that its strategic context is appropriate and meets CERN's needs.
Head of Industry, Procurement and Knowledge Transfer (IPT)	Ensures that CERN complies with the Policy and that the appropriate management/reporting systems are in place and working effectively, including training, awareness raising and communication.
Head of procurement, procurement section leaders, procurement officers,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liaise with technical officers to embed adherence to good practices and to ensure compliance with the Policy. • Foster collaboration between ILOs and procurement officers to identify and develop environmentally responsible suppliers for CERN. • Conduct procurement activities in accordance with the aims of the Policy. • Seek opportunities to include the evaluation of environmental impact in procurement.
Department heads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure and report on the implementation of the Policy in their respective departments.
Technical officers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow this Policy by including environmentally responsible criteria, where appropriate, when drafting technical specifications for new procurements. • Manage daily and periodic supplier engagement, including environmental responsibility objectives with input from procurement officers.
CERN community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow this Policy by actively contributing to its implementation and complying with the associated procedures.

Other supply chain stakeholders are expected to follow this Policy as appropriate to specific contractual agreements in the course of delivering goods and services to CERN, and to actively collaborate with CERN through partnerships to develop more environmentally responsible goods and services.