

# **Federal Council for Sustainable Development (FRDO-CFDD)**

## **Opinion on the federal plan for sustainable public procurement (summary)**

The FCS supports the plan for sustainable public procurement, but thinks our country should work at a real national plan. De council asks to implement more pro-active the reviewed legislation on public procurement. Also the European Commission should be reminded about her own engagements regarding sustainable public procurement to set the example. The council thinks the actions in the plan are a good point of departure for more sustainable public procurement but also thinks a more ambitious target on the Long Term is necessary to reach a level of sustainable procurement that is as high as possible. A regular evaluation of the plan is therefore necessary.

The council asks for specific attention for SMEs, for clear and scientific based criteria for a sustainable public procurement. These criteria should be the same at national level and need to be harmonized. Stakeholder involvement when defining these criteria is important. Further, it is important that criteria offer several companies which represent a significant market share, the possibility to participate in public procurement procedures. Never the less, the criteria should be also ambitious enough: they should be set at a level at which only a certain percentage of the market can comply. To define these criteria, the council prefers using type 1 labeling, but also thinks type 2 labeling can be inspiring where type 3 labeling can be used to prove a product does comply to the criteria that were set out.

Priority should be given to those sectors where the most gain can be reached for SD. Introducing clauses should be the subject of stakeholder consultation. For reasons of transparency, the procedure for reassembling information should be described in the plan. The council thinks al criteria (social, ecologic, economic) deserve the same attention within a life cycle approach. For social criteria, there is still a lot of work to do. The councils asks for a clear and transparent methodology for follow up and monitoring.