



RESPIRO – Responsibility in Procurement

Procurement promoting Corporate Social Responsibility - Exchange Forum between the public & private sector



RESPIRO - Consortium

- Co-funded by the **European Commission**, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities on Industrial Relations and Social Dialogue programme
- Running from beginning to end **2007**





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- Main Partners: **ICLEI** (Coordinator), **EUROCITIES**
- **Social Partners** involved:
 - FIEC, European Construction Industry Federation
 - EFBWW, European Federation of Building and Wood Workers
 - ETUF-TCL, European Trade Union Federation of Textiles, Clothing and Leather
 - EURATEX, European Apparel and Textile Organisation



RESPIRO – Context

Corporate Social Responsibility and Procurement

- EU committed to:
 - integrate CSR policies into other EU policies [see COM (2002) 347 Final]
 - take social policy goals into consideration in purchasing decisions through recent Public Procurement Directives
- Financial significance of EU purchasing power (approx. **EUR 1,500 billion on goods & services**) should be steered towards more socially responsible production and consumption patterns
- Socially responsible procurement (SRP) can be split into 2 categories:
 - **Regulatory obligations** > legal duty however these are not always strictly applied or checked
 - **Voluntary measures** > social and ethical standards which go beyond legal obligations



RESPIRO – Project rationale

Both private and public purchasers need to consider a number of issues when carrying out SRP:

- What (CSR) **issues** should be addressed?
- What **standards** should be used?
- What can the **market** provide?
- How can purchasers be sure **standards are actually met**?
- How to comply with **legal** restrictions?

The RESPIRO project outcomes aim to address all these issues!



RESPIRO – Scope & objectives of project

Overall objective: increase inclusion of social and ethical requirements in public and private sector purchasing through encouraging an exchange between public and private sector purchasers and suppliers





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More specifically:

- Identifying good practices and committed organisations
- Providing a platform for exchange & mutual learning
- Helping cities to shift towards more socially responsible production and consumption

Two sectors of work:

Construction



Textiles & Clothing



RESPIRO – Actions for Textiles and Clothing Sector

Improving CSR in the sector thanks to:

- Increased investments in **skilled/qualified workforce**
- Increased attention towards **working conditions and wages** along the supply chain
- Increased attention towards **environmental concerns** during treatment and production processes





RESPIRO – Actions for Construction Sector

Improving CSR in the sector thanks to:

- Healthier and safer **working conditions**;
- Combating the use of “black” labour and **protecting employment**;
- Promoting labour market **inclusion**;
- Energy **efficiency**;
- Use of environmentally and ethically **responsible materials**



RESPIRO – Strands of Activities

1. **Identification of best practice, guidelines and standards**
 - > Will gather experiences with public & private sector SRP
2. **Stakeholders dialogue and development of guidance**
 - > For each sector: 2 Expert stakeholder *Sounding Board* meetings and production of a guide
3. **Dissemination**
 - > Translating and disseminating the guidance produced and good practice experiences identified; a final conference will ensure the visibility of the action



RESPIRO - Main Deliverables

- **Reports** on practice in public and private sector SRP implementation;
- **Guides** for SRP in the Textiles and Construction sectors;
- Multistakeholder dialogue by means of **4 expert workshops**;
- **European conference** on SRP (to be held in Dec 2007);
- **Dissemination** materials: website, presentation, printed brochure



RESPIRO - Further information

- Information in 5 languages (**EN, FR, DE, ES, IT**) on the project website:

www.respiro-project.eu

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