

## Press Release

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### Innovation through sustainable procurement – SMART SPP implementation phase kicks off in Austria

Vienna, Freiburg 25.01.2010 • Prove Consulting and the ICLEI European Secretariat are working together on the implementation of the European project "SMART SPP – innovation through sustainable procurement" in Austria. The co-operation covers accompanying public authorities in the implementation phase of SMART SPP in Austria.

Together with the municipalities and central procurement offices specific tenders will be used to test the SMART SPP approach. Basic elements of this are the lawful integration of the market before the call for tenders to collect the most energy-efficient solutions as well as the use of a newly developed life cycle costing and CO<sub>2</sub>-emission calculation tool.

As procurement fields the product groups lighting, information and communication technologies, building heating and - cooling as well as electrical mobility are covered. Suppliers of innovative solutions within above-mentioned fields are invited to take part in the dialogue phase with public procurers.

In order to place the objective to increase energy efficiency through innovative public procurement on a broader basis, there will be co-operation with multipliers, such as the Städtebund (Association of Cities and Towns), the initiative WienWin of the Vienna Economic Promotion Fond (WWFF) and the Viennese IT cluster - VITE as well as exchange among existing initiatives

The SMART SPP Austria implementation phase runs from January 2010 until December 2011 and receives financial support of the Ministries of Economy and Life.

Interested public procurers in Austria, who would like to enjoy the advantages of an international and national exchange of experience for the promotion of innovative technologies through sustainable public procurement, please contact DI Robert Hörmann under Tel.: 01-971 24 36-12 and email [hoermann@prove.at](mailto:hoermann@prove.at).

You can find further information on the project under [www.smart-spp.eu](http://www.smart-spp.eu) and <http://smart-spp-austria.blogspot.com>.

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