

## SHORT SUMMARY

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# Royal HaskoningDHV Circular pilot projects



*The coffee cups return as hygienic paper.*

No extensive business cases or complicated tender processes; it's just a question of getting on with it. That is how international advice and engineering agency Royal HaskoningDHV approaches circularity in its own operations. If it works in one location, the company rolls out the pilot to other locations.

### Project description

Royal HaskoningDHV approaches circularity in its offices in a broad-ranging and pioneering way. There are pilots for refurbished office chairs, carpet tiles, coffee cups, PC hardware and 'waste soup'. What is unique about this is that Royal HaskoningDHV mainly focuses on circularity within ongoing contracts.

The company is also working externally to accelerate the circular economy. Various Royal HaskoningDHV departments and advisers are active for customers in this area, for example regarding waste water purification that will produce raw materials and energy instead of waste.

### Approach

Under the motto, Enhancing society together, Royal Haskoning DHV aims to work with its partners towards a better world. That is why the Green Deal on Circular Procurement is a great match for their ambitions.

The company observes that consumables are most suitable for circular procurement. The Procurement department tries to challenge internal customers and to make them aware of the options.

The Procurement department approaches the market actively to find solutions together for concrete issues. Another interesting point is that although Royal HaskoningDHV does look at new tenders, it has mainly used its existing relationships to start pilots and optimise ongoing contracts.

## FACTS & FIGURES

- > **Number of employees:** 6,000 globally, almost 2,900 in The Netherlands
- > **Procurement volume:** € 60 million (The Netherlands)
- > **Contract form:** framework contracts with innovation options

### Results

The office furniture pilot partner was BMA, which refurbished 375 chairs. There are now refurbished chairs in various offices. The circular carpet tiles in the offices were supplied by Interface.

*“You can often do more within existing relationships.”*

Petra Garlich,  
Procurement Advisor Royal HaskoningDHV

For the waste storage tank pilot, the old ones were taken back and the raw materials were reused. Royal HaskoningDHV collaborates with Hutton/de Verpillingsfabriek in the catering pilot. A basis for soup comprising high-quality waste streams from the agrofood sector is used once a week at locations with catering.

Van Gansewinkel collects the DE coffee cups, after which these are processed into hygienic paper. PC hardware is disassembled or reused via D-Two. RoyalHaskoningDHV’s ambition is to significantly raise awareness regarding circularity, with the objective of making circularity an inherent part of all procurement processes.

### Lessons learned

- The carpet tiles should have been laid with Tac Tiles. No glue is needed for these and the fitting method enables the tiles to be interchanged easily. The fitting company however, did not know how to do this and in the end actually glued the tiles. It is important to check this in advance.
- Ensure that you know which chain parties are involved.
- Producers are now actually aware of circularity. Brokers and processors of products are, however, often not yet aware.

### About REBus and the Green Deal on Circular Procurement

The Green Deal on Circular Procurement (GDCP) is an initiative of MVO Nederland (CSR Netherlands), NEVI, Central government, Duurzame Leverancier, PIANOo, Kirkman Company and Circle Economy. Various pilots originating from GDCP are partly financed by the European REBus project, implemented in the Netherlands by Rijkswaterstaat (Directorate-General for Public Works and Water Management). They are working together to support businesses and government organisations in their circular procurement ambitions.

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