

Sustainable Procurement Manifesto

2016 - 2020 (SP Manifesto)

Commissioning throughout the organisation: from an excluding approach to an encouraging and inviting one

Parties

1. The State Secretary for Infrastructure and the Environment, Ms S.A.M. Dijkema;
2. The Minister for Housing and the Central Government Sector, Mr S. Blok;
3. The Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation; Mrs E.M.J. Ploumen;
4. The Minister for Economic Affairs, Mr H.G.J. Kamp;
5. The Minister for Social Affairs and Employment, Mr L.F. Asscher;

Parties 1 to 5, each acting in his or her capacity as governing body, hereinafter jointly referred to as: Central Government;

6. The Dutch Association of Regional Water Authorities, having its registered office in The Hague, duly represented in this matter by Mr A.J.G. Poppelaars, chair of Scheldestromen Water Board and member of the executive assembly of the Dutch Association of Regional Water Authorities, hereinafter referred to as: Water Authorities;
7. The Provincial Executive of the Province of Limburg, acting as governing body, represented by Mrs M. van Rijnsbergen, Provincial Executive member for work and public care, hereinafter referred to as: Province of Limburg;
8. The Provincial Executive of the Province of Noord-Holland, acting as governing body, represented by: Mr J.Chr. van der Hoek, Executive Member for sustainability, energy, culture, procurement and archiving, hereinafter referred to as: Province of Noord-Holland;
9. The Provincial Executive of the Province of Zeeland, acting as governing body, represented by: Mr A.J. van der Maas, member of the Provincial Executive, hereinafter referred to as: Province of Zeeland;

Parties 7 to 9 hereinafter jointly referred to as: Provinces;

10. The Municipal Executive of Aalsmeer, acting as governing body, represented by: Mr J. Kluis, councillor for sustainability, recreation, tourism, nature and the environment, hereinafter referred to as: Municipality of Aalsmeer;
11. The Municipal Executive of Almere, acting as governing body, represented by: Mr M. Pol, councillor for financial affairs, economic development and real estate, hereinafter referred to as: Municipality of Almere;
12. The Municipal Executive of Alphen aan den Rijn, acting as governing body, represented by: Mr E.G. de Leest, councillor for sustainability and the environment, hereinafter referred to as: Municipality of Alphen aan den Rijn;
13. The Municipal Executive of Amsterdam, acting as governing body, represented by: Mr A. Choho, councillor for sustainability, hereinafter referred to as: Municipality of Amsterdam;
14. The Municipal Executive of Bergen NH, acting as governing body, represented by: Mrs O. Rasch, councillor for art and culture, monuments, nature and environment/sustainability, recreation and tourism, beach, economic affairs, internal services (automation and computerisation), facilities management, procurement and tendering, documentary information, external services (public services, all permits except building permits) and project-based working, hereinafter referred to as: Municipality of Bergen NH;

15. The Municipal Executive of Bernheze, acting as governing body, represented by: Mr A.W.J.M. Wijdeven, councillor for economic affairs, sustainability and innovation, recreation and tourism, environment and cleaning, environmental enforcement, sports, land administration, social real estate, caravan dwellers, transport/mobility, participation act and business park Heesch-West, hereinafter referred to as: Municipality of Bernheze;
16. The Municipal Executive of Best, acting as governing body, represented by: Mr M.J. van Schuppen, councillor for spatial planning, housing policy, permits, land policy, building inspection, heritage, municipal real estate, rural area development and water management, hereinafter referred to as: Municipality of Best;
17. The Municipal Executive of Boekel, acting as governing body, represented by: Mr P.M.J.H. Bos, mayor, hereinafter referred to as: Municipality of Boekel;
18. The Municipal Executive of Boxtel, acting as governing body, represented by: Mr H.G.J.M. van Wanrooij, councillor for financial affairs and public domain, hereinafter referred to as: Municipality of Boxtel;
19. The Municipal Executive of Breda, acting as governing body, represented by: Mrs M. Haagh, councillor for care, education and services, hereinafter referred to as: Municipality of Breda;
20. The Municipal Executive of Brummen, acting as governing body, represented by: Mr A.J. van Hedel, mayor, represented by: Mrs F. Knoef, policy officer, hereinafter referred to as: Municipality of Brummen;
21. The Municipal Executive of The Hague, acting as governing body, represented by: Mr G.H.M. Wijsmuller, councillor for urban development, housing, sustainability and culture, hereinafter referred to as: Municipality of The Hague;
22. The Municipal Executive of Edam-Volendam, acting as governing body, represented by: Mr W.P.L.M. Runderkamp, councillor for transport, parking, environment and sustainability, intermunicipal cooperation, services and communication, land administration and real estate, public works, markets and fairs, organisational development and ICT, harbours, CAI/glass fibre and sewers, hereinafter referred to as: Municipality of Edam-Volendam;
23. The Municipal Executive of Eindhoven, acting as governing body, represented by: Mr G.C.F.M. Depla, councillor for economic affairs, work and vocational education, hereinafter referred to as: Municipality of Eindhoven;
24. The Municipal Executive of Geldermalsen, acting as governing body, represented by: Mrs M.W.M. de Vries, mayor, hereinafter referred to as: Municipality of Geldermalsen;
25. The Municipal Executive of Goeree-Overflakkee, acting as governing body, represented by: Mrs A. Grootenboer-Dubbeldam, mayor, hereinafter referred to as: Municipality of Goeree-Overflakkee;
26. The Municipal Executive of Groningen, acting as governing body, represented by: Mr J.M. van Keulen, councillor for economic affairs and innovation, hereinafter referred to as: Municipality of Groningen;
27. The Municipal Executive of Haarlem, acting as governing body, represented by: Mrs C.Y. Sikkema, councillor for sustainability, mobility, management and maintenance, hereinafter referred to as: Municipality of Haarlem;
28. The Municipal Executive of Haarlemmermeer, acting as governing body, represented by: Mr A.J.H.T.H. Reinders, councillor for entrepreneurship, social affairs and labour market policy, hereinafter referred to as: Municipality of Haarlemmermeer;
29. The Municipal Executive of Harderwijk, acting as governing body, represented by: Mr J.L. de Jong, councillor for financial affairs, housing, real estate and operational management, hereinafter referred to as: Municipality of Harderwijk;
30. The Municipal Executive of Helmond, acting as governing body, represented by: Mr J.C.J. van Bree, councillor for economic affairs, social affairs and organisation, hereinafter referred to as: Municipality of Helmond;
31. The Municipal Executive of Heumen, acting as governing body, represented by: Mr H.A.M. van den Berg, councillor for work and income, public housing, spatial planning, public works and traffic, sustainability (environment, water and landscape), heritage, real estate, hereinafter referred to as: Municipality of Heumen;

32. The Municipal Executive of Hillegom, acting as governing body, represented by: Mr A. van Erk, mayor, represented by: Mr A.L. van Kempen, Councillor of care, welfare, culture and sustainability for the Municipality of Teylingen, hereinafter referred to as: Municipality of Hillegom;
33. The Municipal Executive of Houten, acting as governing body, represented by: Mr M. van Liere, councillor for spatial planning Houten Noord, financial affairs and land administration, sustainability, transition of youth care and new style of government, hereinafter referred to as: Municipality of Houten;
34. The Municipal Executive of Kaag en Braassem, acting as governing body, represented by: Mr H.P.M. Hoek, councillor for financial affairs, youth and education, sports, land administration and social real estate, hereinafter referred to as: Municipality of Kaag en Braassem;
35. The Municipal Executive of Kampen, acting as governing body, represented by: Mr M.M. Ekker, councillor for public domain management, taxation and collection, financial affairs, municipal real estate management, facilities management, monuments and housing, hereinafter referred to as: Municipality of Kampen;
36. The Municipal Executive of Leeuwarden, acting as governing body, represented by: Mrs L.I. Diks, councillor for sustainable development, recreation and tourism, nature and agriculture, housing, urban innovation, land administration, real estate and monuments, hereinafter referred to as: Municipality of Leeuwarden;
37. The Municipal Executive of Leiden, acting as governing body, represented by: Mrs M.M. Damen, councillor for work and income, neighbourhoods and financial affairs, hereinafter referred to as: Municipality of Leiden;
38. The Municipal Executive of Leidschendam-Voorburg, acting as governing body, represented by: Mrs S. Bruines, councillor for education, youth care, spatial planning, economic affairs and services, hereinafter referred to as: Municipality of Leidschendam-Voorburg;
39. The Municipal Executive of Lelystad, acting as governing body, represented by: Mrs I.R. Adema, mayor, hereinafter referred to as: Municipality of Lelystad;
40. The Municipal Executive of Maassluis, acting as governing body, represented by: Mr J.M.H. Evers, councillor for financial affairs and economic affairs, hereinafter referred to as: Municipality of Maassluis;
41. The Municipal Executive of Nijmegen, acting as governing body, represented by: Mr H.M.F. Bruls, mayor, hereinafter referred to as: Municipality of Nijmegen;
42. The Municipal Executive of Noordenveld, acting as governing body, represented by: Mr K. Smid, mayor, hereinafter referred to as: Municipality of Noordenveld;
43. The Municipal Executive of Oldenzaal, acting as governing body, represented by: Mrs M.M. Molema, councillor for sustainability and the environment, town-planning, real estate, procurement and tendering, education, neighbourhood participation, animal welfare, airport area development, transport, hereinafter referred to as: Municipality of Oldenzaal;
44. The Municipal Executive of Rotterdam, acting as governing body, represented by: Mr P.J. Langenberg, councillor for mobility, sustainability and culture, hereinafter referred to as: Municipality of Rotterdam;
45. The Municipal Executive of Schiedam, acting as governing body, represented by: Mrs P. van Aaken, councillor for sustainability, the environment, the elderly, care and welfare, hereinafter referred to as: Municipality of Schiedam;
46. The Municipal Executive of Sint-Michielsgestel, acting as governing body, represented by: Mr J.C.M. Pommer, mayor, represented by: Mr H.G.J.M. van Wanrooij, councillor for financial affairs and public domain of the Municipality of Boxtel, hereinafter referred to as Municipality of Sint-Michielsgestel;
47. The Municipal Executive of Son en Breugel, acting as governing body, represented by: Mr T.J.H. van den Nieuwenhuijzen, councillor for sustainability, environment, agriculture and nature, land administration and land policy, woods, water and sewers, animal welfare, centralised procurement, financial affairs, health policy, subsidy policy, art and culture, monuments policy and archaeology, hereinafter referred to as: Municipality of Son and Breugel;

48. The Municipal Executive of Teylingen, acting as governing body, represented by: Mr A.L. van Kempem, councillor for care, welfare, culture and sustainability, hereinafter referred to as: Municipality of Teylingen;
49. The Municipal Executive of Tilburg, acting as governing body, represented by: Mr E. de Ridder, councillor for financial affairs, economic affairs, and work an income, hereinafter referred to as: Municipality of Tilburg;
50. The Municipal Executive of Utrecht, acting as governing body, represented by: Mrs L.H.L van Hooijdonk, councillor for traffic, mobility, the environment and sustainability, hereinafter referred to as: Municipality of Utrecht;
51. The Municipal Executive of Velsen, acting as governing body, represented by: Mr A. Verkaik, councillor for social affairs, spatial planning and economic affairs, hereinafter referred to as: Municipality of Velsen;
52. The Municipal Executive of Venlo, acting as governing body, represented by: Mr W. van den Beucken, councillor for financial affairs, organisation and sustainability, hereinafter referred to as: Municipality of Venlo;
53. The Municipal Executive of Vlaardingen, acting as governing body, represented by: Mr C. Oosterom, councillor for social affairs and work, WMO, care and welfare, youth, hereinafter referred to as: Municipality of Vlaardingen;
54. The Municipal Executive of Wageningen, acting as governing body, represented by: Mrs L.D. de Brito, councillor for care, education, culture and climate, hereinafter referred to as: Municipality of Wageningen;
55. The Municipal Executive of Westland, acting as governing body, represented by: Mr P. Ouwendijk, councillor for financial affairs and taxation, real estate, (including accommodation policy, redevelopment of existing town halls and temporary other usage), environmental policy and enforcement, coast, tourism and recreation, ICT and facilities management, third deputy mayor, hereinafter referred to as: Municipality of Westland;
56. The Municipal Executive of Zaanstad, acting as governing body, represented by: Mr D. Emmer, deputy mayor and councillor for financial affairs, education, culture, sustainability and animal welfare, hereinafter referred to as: Municipality of Zaanstad;
57. The Municipal Executive of Zoetermeer, acting as governing body, represented by: Mr Ch. B. Aptroot, mayor, hereinafter referred to as: Municipality of Zoetermeer;
58. The Municipal Executive of Zoeterwoude, acting as governing body, represented by: Mr C. den Ouden, councillor for financial affairs, transport, public works and sewers, public utilities, water policy, welfare, WMO and elderly policy, environmental policy, refugee policy, social affairs and employment, hereinafter referred to as: Municipality of Zoeterwoude;
59. The Municipal Executive of Zuidplas, acting as governing body, represented by: Mr D.B. van Woudenberg, councillor for work and income (participation act), economic affairs, resident and entrepreneur participation, sports and culture, land administration and real estate, sustainability and environmental policy, tourism and recreation, hereinafter referred to as: Municipality of Zuidplas;
60. The Municipal Executive of Zwolle, acting as governing body, represented by: Mr F.M. van As, councillor for management, inner city, traffic and sustainability, hereinafter referred to as: Municipality of Zwolle;

Parties 10 to 60 hereinafter jointly referred to as: Municipalities;

61. Instituut Fysieke Veiligheid (IFV, Institute for Safety), having its registered office in Arnhem, duly represented in this matter by Mr L.C. Zaal, MPM Managing Director, hereinafter referred to as: IFV;

Parties 1 to 61 hereinafter jointly referred to as: Parties;

General considerations

1. To preserve our prosperity for current and future generations, it is necessary to increase the competitiveness of our economy while reducing the impact on people and the environment as well as the dependence on fossil energy and scarce resources.
2. Creativity, entrepreneurship and innovation are essential to enable the transition to a sustainable growth. Authorities, companies, citizens and social organisations are developing all kinds of practical initiatives to make the economy and society greener.
3. Sustainable Procurement (SP) (Maatschappelijk Verantwoord Inkopen - MVI) means that the effects on people, planet and profit/prosperity are taken into account when procuring products, services and works.
4. With this SP Manifesto (Manifest MVI), the cabinet aims to support the momentum in society and use SP to contribute in a practical way to the achievement of policy objectives, such as:
 - preventing climate change by climate change mitigation and attention for climate adaptation;
 - achieving a circular economy;
 - reducing environmental pressure;
 - protecting natural capital and using it in a sustainable way;
 - making the operation of public authorities more sustainable;
 - increase the sustainability of product and market chains;
 - stimulating energy production from renewable sources and energy efficiency;
 - using biobased (raw) materials;
 - stimulating innovation, with public authorities acting as lead customer;
 - preventing human rights violations, stimulating minimum living wages and improving working conditions in world-wide value chains; and,
 - social return.
5. Through this manifesto, Parties want to increase the effectiveness of SP by intensifying the cooperation between public authorities in order to strengthen their procurement power and promote the use of SP within their organisations;
6. All public Parties will use this Manifesto to formulate, communicate and execute concrete ambitions. In parallel, Central Government will provide support to the public authorities via communities of practice, an expert pool, monitoring and PIANOo, the Dutch Public Procurement Expertise Centre.

Specific considerations

Background

1. This SP Manifesto builds on previous agreements that various municipalities, water authorities and provinces have made in so-called participation statements (until 2010) and in the Manifest Professioneel Duurzaam Inkopen (Professional Sustainable Procurement Manifesto) (2012)¹ and replaces these previous statements.
2. To promote the use of SP, Central Government submitted the Action Plan for Responsible and Sustainable Procurement² to the House of Representatives on 11 September 2015. This action plan stipulates that new common ambitions regarding SP will be formulated in consultation with municipalities, water authorities and provinces.
3. Many organisations already have ambitious objectives with regard to social, ecological and economical aspects, including the transition to a circular economy³, international climate agreements⁴, international social conditions in the international chains, and stimulating innovation. To embed these ambitions in the practice of procurement and commissioning in their own organisations remains a challenge.
4. Already concluded and still to be concluded Green Deals⁵ and IRBC agreements⁶ support this SP Manifesto, as in many cases, they contain a specific interpretation of SP with regard to a specific topic. These include the Green Deal Circulair Inkopen (Green Deal Circular Procurement), the Green Deal Verduurzamen Voedselsystemen (Green Deal Sustainable Food Systems) and the Green Deal duurzaam GWW (Green Deal sustainable civil and hydraulic engineering).

Procurement power and commissioning

5. Public authorities set an example with regard to the achievement of policy objectives relating to SP as mentioned in general consideration 4 and need to ensure that they perform their public tasks and operations, in particular the procurement process, in such a way that they will optimally contribute to the achievement of those objectives.
6. Each year, Central Government buys 10 billion euros of goods, services and works, while municipalities, water authorities and provinces yearly spend 50 billion euros. The impact of SP is most significant if public authorities use their commissioning and procurement power in a coordinated way.
7. Parties are each responsible for their own commissioning and procurement policy and are free to determine which aspects of sustainability they pursue and how they weigh in a concrete tender.
8. Successful application of SP within the organisation requires the commitment and interaction of the executive, budget holder/client and purchasing officer involved. To this end, Parties need to further increase the awareness within their organisations.

¹ *Parliamentary paper 30 196, No 184, Session 2011-2012.*

² <https://www.rijksoverheid.nl/documenten/kamers-tukken/2015/09/11/plan-van-aanpak-maatschappelijk-verantwoord-inkopen-2015-2020>

³ <https://www.rijksoverheid.nl/onderwerpen/circulaire-economie>

⁴ <https://www.rijksoverheid.nl/documenten/kamers-tukken/2016/02/19/21e-conferentie-van-partijen-cop21-bij-het-vn-klimaatverdrag-appreciatie-en-vervolgstappen>

⁵ www.greendeals.nl

⁶ <https://www.rijksoverheid.nl/documenten/rapporten/2014/09/01/mvo-sector-risico-analyse>

Market and innovation

9. Parties acknowledge that the market needs them, in their role as clients, to work towards maximum uniformity in ambitions, award criteria and practical implementation relating to SP.
10. The procurement policy has shifted from the application of minimum requirements to encouraging and inviting the market to develop and supply products and services that are as sustainable as possible. Long before a procurement project starts, public authorities stimulate the market by means of innovation-oriented procurement to develop and deliver innovative sustainable solutions. This goes beyond regular procurement.
11. To challenge and encourage the market, executives, budget holder/client and purchasing officer should enter into a dialogue with the market long before the start of the tendering process, develop innovative solutions in partnership and offer scope for these solutions in the procurement process.
12. The Aanbestedingswet 2012⁷ (Public Procurement Law of 2012), which was revised in 2016, creates new opportunities to start a dialogue with the market. The Government-wide initiative Beter Aanbesteden⁸ (Action Agenda Better Public Procurement) which was initiated as a result of this change, aims to improve procurement practices in a broad sense.

Central Government and SP

13. Within Central Government the responsibilities relating to SP are allocated as follows:
 - The State Secretary for Infrastructure and the Environment is the cabinet member responsible for the SP Action Plan for public authorities, and for the topics Climate and Circular Economy.
 - The Minister for Housing and the Central Government Sector is the cabinet member responsible for the integration of SP in the Central Government's procurement system.
 - The Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation is committed to ensure that the SP policy of Central Government is aligned with that of other public authorities and with OESO Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises (including United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights).
 - The Minister for Economic Affairs is the cabinet member responsible for innovation-oriented procurement, Biobased Economy and Better Public Procurement.
 - The Minister for Social Affairs and Employment is responsible for international agreements on the promotion of decent work. These agreements are relevant for the social side of SP (more specifically the Internationale Sociale Voorwaarden (ISV) - International Social Conditions).

Learning network

14. There are many examples of SP that may inspire Parties to take SP forward, to share these examples and continue to learn from each other as a result.
15. Various tools and best practices relating to SP can be found on the website of PIANOo, the Dutch Public Procurement Expertise Centre: (www.pianoo.nl), and these will continue to be developed.
16. Parties endeavour to apply SP as much as possible and will therefore align the implementation of the SP Manifesto as closely as possible with existing consultation structures between Parties.

All Parties agree to the following:

⁷ <https://www.rijksoverheid.nl/onderwerpen/aanbesteden/inhoud/aanbestedingsregels>

⁸ <https://www.rijksoverheid.nl/documenten/kamers-tukken/2016/03/31/kamerbrief-over-beter-aanbesteden>

Objective and definitions

Article 1. Definitions

The following definitions are used in this SP Manifesto:

- a. Sustainable Procurement: the effects on people, planet and profit/prosperity are taken into account when procuring products, services and works.
- b. Stakeholders: other parties involved, excluding the Parties, that can contribute to the achievement of the SP Manifesto's objective.

Article 2. Objective

The objective of the SP Manifesto is to enhance the contribution of SP to the achievement of the policy objectives mentioned in general consideration 4. Parties do this by:

- Drawing up an SP action plan in which they commit to their ambitions and develop them into concrete actions. The action plans will be made public and the implementation will be monitored.
- Embedding SP in their own organisation, and seek support from executives, purchasing officers and budget holders/clients.
- Actively participating in a learning network for and by Parties, and promoting mutual cooperation and exchange of knowledge, best practices and lessons learned between Parties.

Commitments and actions

Article 3. Commitments and actions by Parties

1. Within six months after this Manifesto comes into force, Parties will define an SP action plan for their own organisation(s). This action plan is implemented between 1 July 2017 and December 2020⁹. This action plan will comprise at least the following elements:
 - The general objectives and social, ecological and economic sustainability ambitions of the organisation. This should include an elaboration of the ambitions with regard to SP and further details on one or more specific areas (as mentioned in the Handreiking Manifest MVI - SP Manifesto Guideline).
 - The sectors and product groups on which SP is likely to have most impact and for which its own organisation has defined policy priorities.
 - A translation of the general objectives and ambitions into specific and measurable objectives for the implementation of SP in procurement and tender processes. This translation includes concrete objectives as mentioned in the Handreiking Manifest MVI (SP Manifesto Guideline).
 - How, based on the procurement request, market players are encouraged and invited to supply sustainable and innovative products. For example, by means of a dialogue with market players long before the tender starts.
 - Ensuring that contract management includes an evaluation of the extent to which supplied services, goods and works comply with sustainability commitments expressed in quotations.
 - A description of the distribution of roles between executive, budget holder/client and purchasing officer and the internal governance of the achievement of the formulated objectives and ambitions.
2. Practical advice on developing the SP action plan is available via PIANOo, the Dutch Public Procurement Expertise Centre.
3. Parties set up a process within their organisation for the development of their SP action plan and use their best endeavours to involve executives and budget holders/clients and purchasing officers to ensure that the formulated objectives and ambitions are realistic and achievable and that the relevant agreements are sufficiently embedded within the organisation.

⁹ For Parties that join after 8 December 2016: within 6 months after joining.

4. Parties develop their own action plans public and send them to the PIANOo Expertise Centre for publication.
5. Parties report their SP results in their (operational) annual report, with reference to the SP ambitions set down in their SP action plan.
6. Whenever possible, Parties make use of opportunities for mutual cooperation and knowledge-sharing, through an informal learning network that shares as many best practices and lessons learned as possible using the digital platform, instruments and meetings of the PIANOo Expertise Centre. Parties also use the Communities of Practice that the Rijksdienst voor Ondernemend Nederland (Netherlands Enterprise Agency, RVO.nl) has set up for several specific topics.

Article 4. Commitments and actions by Central Government

1. After signing, Central Government will coordinate a follow-up phase for the SP Manifesto. Central Government will support Parties, as appropriate, to implement this SP Manifesto. This will be aligned as closely as possible with existing consultation structures.
2. Central Government is responsible for maintenance of existing support instruments for the application of SP that are available at the PIANOo Expertise Centre and will offer additional support to purchasing officers and budget holders/clients whenever possible. This will be done by developing practical new instruments such as an SP Expert tool, extra focus on Circular Procurement and a tool for the application of Interational Social Conditions (Internationale Sociale Voorwaarden, ISV). Early 2017, Central Government will provide an SP guideline that purchasing officers can use to make agreements with suppliers about their due diligence.
3. Central Government is committed to the application of SP within its own organisation and will, by way of inspiration and illustration, make its own policy making, best practices, lessons learned relating to SP available to Parties in the informal learning network.
4. Central Government initiates the establishment of a learning network.
5. Together with Parties, Central Government develops practical guidelines for the drafting of an SP action plan as referred to in Article 3, and makes this available on the pianoo.nl website in the form of a Handreiking Manifest MVI (SP Manifesto Guideline).

Article 5. Monitoring and progress

1. Central Government annually organises a nation-wide SP meeting. This will also serve as an evaluation point for the ambitions expressed in this SP Manifesto and its implementation.
2. Parties commit to participate in the annual nation-wide SP meeting, that also serves as an evaluation point for the ambitions expressed in this SP Manifesto and its implementation.
3. Central Government assesses, annually and at the end of the term of the SP Manifesto, the results from the Commitments and Actions in this Manifesto, documents them and makes them available to Parties.
4. Central Government develops a benchmark to monitor the performance and progress of SP at national level. The results of this benchmark will provide municipalities, water authorities and provinces with insight in their own performance and progress with regard to SP.
5. Parties commit to participate in the nation-wide SP benchmark and as a result will gain insight in their own performance and the progress at a national level.

Final provisions

Article 6. Accession arrangements

1. To enable organisations and institutions responsible for carrying out public tasks who have not yet joined to participate in this SP Manifesto to the fullest extent possible, they have the option to become a Party any time during the term of the SP Manifesto.
2. The joining party must accept its obligations resulting from the SP Manifesto.
3. An joining party submits its application to join in writing¹⁰ to the State Secretary for Infrastructure and the Environment. The State Secretary for Infrastructure and the Environment has been authorised by Parties to decide on the accession of new Parties and notifies Parties as soon as possible about the accessing party.
4. Parties hereby authorise the State Secretary for Infrastructure and the Environment to decide on admission.
5. The joining party receives the status of Party to this SP Manifesto at the moment of accession. From that moment on the relevant rights and obligations following from the SP Manifesto apply to this Party. The content of the SP Manifesto will not be affected by the joining of a new party.
6. The request for accession and the statement of consent of the State Secretary for Infrastructure and the Environment have been added as an attachment to this SP Manifesto.
7. The accession shall be communicated via the digital SP counter of PIANOo.

Article 7. Cancellation

Any Party may cancel this SP Manifesto at any time with two months' notice.

Article 8. Compatibility with the law

1. The agreements in this SP Manifesto will be interpreted and implemented by all Parties in accordance with international law, the law of the European Union and Dutch Law.
2. The practical implementation of the initiatives and intentions as expressed in this SP Manifesto may under no circumstances infringe upon international law, the law of the European Union and Dutch Law, in particular insofar as the agreements are covered by the operations of European and national competition law, state aid law and procurement law.
3. Parties will enter into consultation on changes to the SP Manifesto if there are grounds to do so on the basis of developments in national, European and international law.

Article 9. Changes

1. Any Party may submit a request in writing to the other Parties to amend the SP Manifesto.
2. Each change shall require the written consent of all Parties.
3. Parties will enter into consultation within six weeks after a Party has informed the other Parties in writing of the desire to do so.
4. Copies of the changes and the statements of consent will be added to the SP manifesto as attachments. The changes are made public via the digital SP counter of the PIANOo Expertise Centre.

Article 10. Enforceability

Parties agree that the commitments and actions from this Sustainable Procurement Manifesto cannot be enforced by law.

¹⁰ This can be done by digitally sending an e-mail with a signed request for accession to the Sustainable Procurement mailbox (postbusMVI@minienm.nl).

Article 11. Term and entry into force

1. This Sustainable Procurement Manifesto enters into force on 8 December 2016 and ends on 31 December 2020.
2. All agreements in this Sustainable Procurement Manifesto will be undertaken as soon as possible, or within the term of the Manifesto.

Article 12. Disclosure

Within three months of signature of this Sustainable Procurement Manifesto the text is published in the Government Gazette and via the digital Sustainable Procurement counter of the PIANOo Expertise Centre.

Article 13. Reference title

The Sustainable Procurement Manifesto (Manifest Maatschappelijk Verantwoord Inkopen) shall be referred to as the Manifest MVI.

Thus agreed and signed in duplicate in The Hague on 8 December 2016.

The State Secretary for Infrastructure and the Environment,

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S.A.M. Dijksma

The Minister for Housing and the Central Government Sector,

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The Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation,

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Municipality of Boekel,

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Municipality of Boxtel,

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