

Umanotera, The Slovenian Foundation for Sustainable Development, kindly invites you to participate in:

## **WORKSHOP ON OPPORTUNITIES FOR GREEN AND ETHICAL PUBLIC PROCUREMENT IN SLOVENIA AND THE EU**

**20<sup>th</sup> February 2009 from 9:00 to 12:30**

at the premises of the Ministry of Education and Sport, Masarykova 16, Ljubljana.

Each year European public authorities spend € 1,500 billion on goods and services, which currently accounts for around 16.3% of European Union's Gross Domestic Product (GDP). This undoubtedly gives the public sector a huge amount of purchasing power to encourage the market to move towards more sustainable supply as well as to redirect the innovations and product development towards new environmental technologies.

With **Green Public Procurement** the contracting authorities integrate environmental criteria into all stages of their procurement process. Goods and services are being considered not only through their purchase price but through the costs incurred during their lifetime what is known as the 'life-cycle costing' approach. While this principle gives the public authorities the possibility to evaluate the environmental performance of goods or services, an increasing number of European public authorities are going one step further by taking into consideration social and ethical aspects of publicly procured goods by introducing **Fair Trade products** in the public procurement procedures.

By adopting a number of key documents the Slovenian Government has pledged itself to develop Green Public Procurement. In this respect the **National Action Plan for Green Public Procurement** has been drafted and priority groups of goods and services to be purchased under these conditions in the period of 2009–2011 have been defined.

In this context the Workshop aims to answer the following questions:

- What is the European context of Green Public Procurement and what are Slovenia's obligations and opportunities in this respect?
- Green Public Procurement in Slovenia - something new?
- What are the challenges for further development of Green Public Procurement in Slovenia and the European Union?
- Is the Slovenian market ready to supply environmentally friendly products?
- What can we learn from Italian experiences in introducing Fair Trade Public Procurement?

We are looking forward to seeing you among the participants,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vida Ogorelec Wagner".

Vida Ogorelec Wagner  
Managing Director of Umanotera, The Slovenian Foundation for Sustainable Development



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## AGENDA OF THE WORKSHOP

- 9:00** Opening address  
*Vida OGORELEC WAGNER, Managing Director of Umanotera, The Slovenian Foundation for Sustainable Development*  
*Grazia Rita PIGNATELLI, Pangea–Niente Troppo, Coordinator of the Enlarging FAIR project*
- 9:10** European Guidelines for Public Procurement and EU Green Public Procurement Training Toolkit  
*Katarina CELIČ, Slovenian Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning*
- 9:40** Slovenian Green Public Procurement Action Plan  
*Marjana DERMEJ, Slovenian Government Office for Development and European Affairs*
- 10:00** Discussion
- 10:15** Tea/coffee break
- 10:45** Procurement of Organic Foods in Primary Schools and Kindergartens in Slovenia (results of a survey)  
*Anamarija SLABE and Ariana-Lucija TRATAR-SUPAN, Institute for Sustainable Development*
- 11:00** First Steps in Procurement of Organic Foods  
*Mojca MILEK, Primary School Davorin Jenko Cerklje*
- 11:15** Discussion
- 11:30** Italian experiences in Green and Fair Trade Procurement  
*Enrico REGGIO, Ctm Altromercato Consortium, expert in Fair Trade Public Procurement*
- 12:15** Discussion
- 12:30** Closure of the Workshop

The Workshop will be moderated by **Vida OGORELEC WAGNER**, Managing Director of Umanotera, The Slovenian Foundation for Sustainable Development.

Due to the international character of the event, which is organised in the framework of the project Enlarging FAIR bringing together partners from six European countries, the presentations and discussions will be held in **English**.

We kindly ask you to confirm your participation in the workshop before Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> February 2009, by e-mail [petra@umanotera.org](mailto:petra@umanotera.org) or by phone 01 232 14 10.



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