

# Gender-responsive Public Procurement

## Gender equality action plans or strategies mention public procurement / GRPP as a tool to promote gender equality

A further aspect of GRPP is the extent to which national gender equality action plans refer to public procurement as a tool to promote gender equality. This can take many forms, but GRPP needs to be specifically mentioned when such strategies refer to **gender mainstreaming** and/or **gender budgeting**, for example.

### Example of gender equality action plans: The fourth action plan for equality between women and men of Brussels

In **Belgium**, the city of Brussels has further developed the objective of GRPP in its fourth action plan for equality between women and men <sup>[1]</sup>, notably by providing training on gender issues for procurement officers and producing a more accessible vade mecum for the central purchasing office of the city of Brussels.

#### How to act

Check if your national/regional gender equality action plans or strategies identify public procurement or GRPP as a tool to promote gender equality.

Mention public procurement or GRPP as an instrument to pursue gender equality goals when revising gender equality actions plans or strategies.

#### Footnotes

[1] See the full text online ([http://www.bruxelles.be/sites/default/files/bxl/Plan\\_daction\\_egalite\\_des\\_femmes\\_et\\_des\\_hommes\\_2020-2022.pdf](http://www.bruxelles.be/sites/default/files/bxl/Plan_daction_egalite_des_femmes_et_des_hommes_2020-2022.pdf)).