



# GRIP

## Green Responsible Innovative Procurement

NORWAY, GERMANY, SLOVAKIA: OSLO, AACHEN & KOŠICE

### Emissions domains addressed by the Pilot Activity



Industrial  
process  
emissions



All vehicles &  
transport  
(mobile energy)

### Key Terms

Green Procurement | Capacity Building | Public Sector Innovation | Cross-City Learning | Climate Policy

### Levers of Change

Governance and policy | Learning and capabilities | Procurement | Technology/infrastructure

### Context & Challenges

Cities across Europe are eager to use procurement as a strategic climate tool, but face barriers including legal complexity, limited resources, and low institutional capacity—especially in smaller cities. Although green procurement has proven climate benefits, it remains underused due to overly technically complex and lengthy tools and insufficient political prioritization. GRIP responds by uniting Oslo, Aachen, and Košice to co-develop a practical, accessible toolkit. GRIP also seeks to scale commitment across the NZC network, positioning procurement not just as an administrative task, but as a high-impact lever for accelerating climate neutrality.

#### Objectives

- Build capacity for cities to embed green procurement into climate strategies
- Develop a toolkit based on the GRIP pilot experience
- Pilot green procurement models in Košice and Aachen
- Promote a shared political declaration on green procurement across EU cities
- Strengthen cross-city learning and collaboration
- Share evidence on the climate impact and co-benefits of procurement strategies

### Activities & Innovations

- Pilot innovative procurement practices tailored to local contexts in Košice and Aachen
- Co-develop procurement toolkit for cities across the NZC community
- Conduct feasibility studies and extract lessons to support replication
- Facilitate structured peer learning through workshops, city exchanges, and webinars
- Coordinate a political declaration to inspire long-term commitment and momentum
- Literature review

### Expected Impact & Outcomes

- Empower cities to leverage procurement as a strategic tool for climate action
- Deliver scalable tools and training to enable uptake in cities of all sizes
- Catalyse political alignment and systemic innovation in green procurement
- Increase demand for low-emission solutions across public and private sectors
- Foster inclusive, climate-aligned governance and shared learning across Europe

