



Art. 1 – Object

On the occasion of the **Forum Compraverde Buygreen 2026 the Compraverde Buygreen Award, GPP Policy Section**, is announced for organisations that have distinguished themselves for having actively contributed to the spread of green purchasing and for reducing the impact of their activities on the environment and on the health of citizens.

Art. 2 – Purpose

The Compraverde Award for the GPP Policy Section aims to incentivize, disseminate and enhance the best Green Public Procurement (GPP) experiences in the national and international territory. The Award aims to be a recognition given annually to entities that have distinguished themselves by implementing concrete activities to promote and implement Green Public Procurement, as a systematic action to introduce ecological criteria in public supplies.

Art. 3 – Target audience

The call for applications is aimed at two types of organisation:

- Medium-large local public administrations (municipalities with more than 200,000 inhabitants, metropolitan cities); ministries and their departments; regions and regional purchasing centres; national and regional agencies.
- Small and medium-sized local public administrations (municipalities with less than 200,000 inhabitants), associations of municipalities, park authorities and protected areas; universities, research institutes and public schools of all levels; local health authorities and hospitals; chambers of commerce; municipal companies.

Art. 4 – Categories and mentions

4.1 All types of recipients can apply for the Compraverde Award for the GPP Policy Section, which will compete in two categories: one aimed at type 1 (medium to large local public administrations, ministries and their departments; regions and regional purchasing centres; national and regional agencies); another one aimed at those in category 2 (small to medium-sized local public administrations, associations of municipalities, park authorities and protected areas; universities, research institutes and public schools of all levels and grades; local health authorities and hospitals; chambers of commerce; municipal companies).

4.2 Every year the Technical Scientific Committee (TSC) can also award one or more 'special mentions' in relation to specific environmental aspects (energy, waste, hazardous substances, climate, etc.), rewarding the policies that stand out for being particularly oriented towards reducing a specific environmental impact.

Art. 5 – Participation requirements

The eligibility criteria for the GPP Policy call are:

- Have implemented concrete actions to promote and implement GPP in the period between January 2020 and April 2026;
- Adherence to the deadlines stipulated in the call applications and submission of supporting documentation.

Each institution may compete in one or more award sections. Having already entered or won other similar competitions not disqualify an organisation from the competition. Winners of the 2025 Compraverde Award for Best Policy will not be eligible to compete again for the 2026 better Policy.

Art. 6 – Modalities of participation

In order to participate in the Compraverde Award, it is necessary to present, **by 6.00 p.m. on Thursday 16 April 2026**, the documentation consisting of:

- the **online form**;
- the **descriptive report**.

The **descriptive report** for the GPP Policy Section carried out must contain: the summary report of the activity carried out (max 4 pages/10,000 characters including spaces) with supporting documents (copies of formal acts of the entity, resolutions, minutes of meetings, certificates of competitions, green calls, ...). The entire documentation must be attached to the online form after connecting to a Gmail account.

If the documentation is not complete, before the deadline set, the Secretariat, will contact the individuals who sent the application to finalize the application. The documentation can be written in the following languages: Italian, English, French and Spanish. For further information and technical support, it is possible to contact the Award Secretariat via email at: **premi@forumcompraverde.it**

Art. 7 – Evaluation criteria

All relevant actions for the implementation and systematic introduction of GPP within the organisation will be taken into consideration, as well as actions for the involvement of stakeholders (employees, companies, citizens, other public administrations) and for the use of green procurement as a tool to raise awareness of sustainable consumption in the territory.

For example, actions for implementation of GPP:

- formal policy commitments to implement green procurement (e.g., resolutions, policy acts, ...);
- GPP action plans;
- GPP monitoring;
- training meetings for internal staff;
- drafting calls for tenders with ecological criteria;
- incentives for employees and purchasing managers to adopt GPP;
- roundtable discussions with suppliers;
- communication and awareness-raising campaigns for citizens;
- green procurement incentives for enterprises.

Art. 8 – Prize

The competition provides for the Best GPP Policy implemented the identification of 2 winners (1 or more winners for each typology of recipients) designated by the TSC. At the sole discretion of the TSC, a special mention will be awarded in the case of a large number of entries.

The winners of the Compraverde Award will receive the following prizes:

- award certificate that will contain a concise valuation by the Technical Scientific Committee;
- use of the Award logo in all institutional communications, for two years from the date of the award.

The award ceremony will take place during a dedicated event within the Forum Compraverde Buygreen.

Art. 9 – Method of communication to the winners

Winners of the competition and those mentioned will be notified by phone call and written communication.

Art. 10 – Obligations of participation

By submitting the application and documents required for admission to the competition, participants assume the obligation to:

- accept all the regulations in the announcement;
- do not request the return of submitted materials;
- grant the organizers the ability to use the contents of the submitted material, with citation of the source;
- in case of recognition, attend the award ceremony in person, if technically possible.

Art. 11 – Tasks and composition of the Technical Scientific Committee

The TSC will be composed of five representatives from the GPPnet Working Group of the Italian Local Agenda 21 Coordination, one representative from the Ministry of Environment and Energy Security. The Technical Scientific Committee will evaluate the materials received and designate the winners. The decision of the TSC, as well as its working methods, is final and unchallengeable.

Art. 12 – Functions and contacts of the Compraverde Prize Secretariat

The Prize Secretariat assists the Technical Scientific Committee in the evaluation activities, provides clarifications with respect to the contents of these regulations, and takes care of communications with participants, winners and those mentioned.