

The Circular and Fair ICT Pact

Join our procurement lead partnership to accelerate the transition to a sustainable ICT sector



Procurement as a lever for change

Procuring organizations hold part of the key to the transition to a sustainable ICT sector by creating an increased and consistent demand for circular and fair ICT. We therefore share a responsibility to drive sustainability in the ICT sector. That is why countries and procuring organizations have joined forces in the Circular and Fair ICT Pact (CFIT).

CFIT lays the foundation for international procurer collaboration. It unites ICT procurers and governments in a collective effort for change. Together we can push towards a sustainable ICT market. With our joint procurement power, we speed up change, boost sustainable business cases and help drive innovation in close dialogue with the market. In addition, we share what we learn. As a result, every procurer can confidently take ambitious but well-tested steps towards more circular and fair ICT.

Why participate?

Procuring organizations that have the ambition to purchase circular and fair ICT, and to achieve sustainable and social ambitions through procurement, are welcome sign the Pact and become part of the CFIT network. We invite both public and private procuring organizations to participate.

There are many reasons for a procuring organizations to join:

- You have ambitions to work towards circular and fair ICT in your organization.
- You want to learn how best to achieve these ambitions by joining national or regional.
- Networks that share knowledge, experiences, challenges and solutions.
- You welcome opportunities for joint engagement with the market, enabling you to push the needle beyond what would be possible for any individual organization.

How will you benefit from joining CFIT?

Affiliated organizations will benefit from:

- A strong network of like-minded organizations (overview of our launching participants) that want to make a positive impact through procurement.
- · Exchange of knowledge, challenges and good practices.
- Ambitious guidelines, examples and common, easy-to-use baseline criteria that will improve over time. Where possible, these guidelines will build on the valuable work already carried out in participating countries, on EU Green Public Procurement, on ICT ecolabels and on fair procurement initiatives.
- Engagement in joint market dialogue to boost innovation.
- Participation in national/regional buyer groups.



What will you commit to?

By joining CFIT, procuring organizations commit to:

- Sustainable procurement of ICT, supported by the tools and guidance developed within CFIT.
- Provide the time and effort required for knowledge sharing.
- Help anchor circular and social procurement of ICT within their own organization, including internal customer demand, tools and procedures.
- Collaborate, if possible, in a buyer group of ICT procurers linked to the Pact¹.

In sustainable procurement, the focus is often on the tender stage. However, we also have options to leverage change before and after the tender stage. For the CFIT participants circular and fair procurement of ICT therefore comprises all the stages. We need to take all stages into account and think of procurement as a cycle.



Joining CFIT is easy

The text of the Circular and Fair ICT Pact can be found at the CFIT website. If your organization wants to join CFIT, contact the CFIT secretariat at CFIT@rws.nl and let us know you want to join, followed by signing the text of the Pact.

The CFIT secretariat will publish the names of all participants and supporters on our website: www.circularandfairictpact.com.

If you have any questions, the CFIT secretariat or the coordinating organization in your country is more than happy to set up a call.

¹ Note that procuring organizations not (yet) supported by a coordinating organization or a buyer group are welcome to join the Pact as well.

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