

SHORT SUMMARY

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Product & sector: furniture (Office furnishing) | **Country:** The Netherlands



Design of renovated town hall, Wageningen



The municipality of Wageningen is now working on a sports hall based on circular

The Municipality of Wageningen decided to embrace circular procurement after visiting the Friesland Provincial Government Building, designed according to circular principles. Wageningen town hall is now also furnished according to circular principles. Various projects are also running and the municipality has implemented a 100% circular procurement policy.

Project description

The Municipality of Wageningen project comprises four sub-projects: the town hall renovation and furnishing; audio and video systems for the council chamber; replacement and expansion of the IT network; and hot drinks dispensers. The municipality has implemented a 100% circular procurement policy. This means that the procurement department is obliged to investigate any circular options and that circular procurement is part of the procurement process.

Approach

The Municipality of Wageningen sees itself as a 'green and sustainable municipality' and is participating in the Green Deal on Circular Procurement. Inspired by a visit to the Friesland Provincial

Government Building, which was furnished according to circular principles by Rendemint, the municipality established a circular procurement process for the design of Wageningen town hall. The municipality then took a further step by implementing a 100% circular procurement policy. This is partly thanks to town clerk Marijke Verstappen and Alderman Lara de Brito, both of whom are great proponents of the circular economy. For most procurement processes, the municipality uses the Rendemint Pre Returnable Procurement tool (RRP). An important part of this is verification: checks on the circular commitments of suppliers. Transparency is another important aspect of the tool.



FACTS & FIGURES

Number of employees:

- > over 300

Tender volume/budget:

- > € 800,000

Contract form:

- > contracts based on CSR

Results

Circular procurement is now firmly anchored within the municipality. Some 170 employees have followed circular economy workshops.

With the help of Rendemint, the town hall was furnished according to circular economy principles. It was a challenge to combine the requirements regarding circularity, budget and the interior designer's desired *look and feel* for the Wageningen town hall furnishing, but this challenge was met.

"We were impressed by the Rendemint story."

Cynthia van der Roest, Procurement Adviser
Municipality of Wageningen

The projects vary in circularity. Regarding furniture, the market is already quite advanced. For example, market consultations or an RFI (Request for Information) were used to make an inventory of how far the developments are and what the municipality can demand of the market. The municipality also used the PRP tool to raise

awareness with regard to those products for which the market is not yet really ready. In a number of projects, the budget was set in advance so that the price was secondary in these tenders. Following the successful circular economy tender for the renovated town hall, the municipality of Wageningen is now working on a sports hall based on circular economy principles.

Lessons learned

- Verification is an important part of the process. Many suppliers can tell you what is not in a product. But what actually is in a product is more difficult.
- Suppliers are not used to being subject to checks about this, so this takes more time than envisaged.
- Do not be too modest in your demands and ambitions.
- Ask for support from an external or internal expert.
- The construction world is eager to address the circularity theme. <Do invite us>, they asked.
- Provide as much information as possible so that all parties know what is expected of them.

About REBus and the Green Deal on Circular Procurement

The Green Deal on Circular Procurement (GDCP) is an initiative of MVO Nederland (CSR Netherlands), NEVI, Central government, Duurzame Leverancier, PIANOo, Kirkman Company and Circle Economy. Various pilots originating from GDCP are partly financed by the European REBus project, implemented in the Netherlands by Rijkswaterstaat (Directorate-General for Public Works and Water Management). They are working together to support businesses and government organisations in their circular procurement ambitions.

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