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Online toolbox for bio-based procurement to make buyers' lives easier

Today the European project InnProBio launched an online toolbox for bio-based procurement in the public sector. The toolbox is designed to assist public buyers considering alternatives to plastics produced from fossil fuel based materials. The toolbox includes an online database of bio-based products and suppliers, good practice examples, procurement instruments and standard tender text blocks. The toolbox is available in English, German, Dutch and Polish.

The toolbox is meant to be a starting point for public buyers to get informed about the various bio-based products available on the market. It includes a database of products and suppliers of bio-based products. Information about the bio-based content, sustainability, functionality and end-of-life aspects such as biodegradability are also included. Claims are supported by references to standards, technical sheets, labels and certificates. Producers and suppliers of bio-based products are invited to add their products to the database.

In addition to the database, the online toolbox provides a number of instruments that can support the procurement of bio-based products: good practice examples showing how bio-based procurement is successfully implemented in practice, information on procurement instruments most relevant in bio-based procurement, and sample 'tender text blocks' that can be used when putting together tender documents.

Visit the InnProBio website at www.innprobio.eu or the online toolbox directly at http://tools.innprobio.eu.

For the editor:

The EU-funded InnProBio project seeks to build a community of public procurement practitioners interested in the procurement of innovative bio-based products - products that are wholly or partly produced from biomass - and their associated services. An example would be to contract a cleaning service from a company using bio-based surfactants and detergents, which can be derived from vegetable oils.

Development of the decision support tool was led by InnProBio partner BTG Biomass Technology Group. InnProBio is a consortium of eight partners from various EU countries and is co-ordinated by the German Agency for Renewable Resources (Fachagentur Nachwachsende Rohstoffe e.V.). It is funded by the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation Programme under grant agreement No. 652599.

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