SOCIAL PROCUREMENT

Art. 1 - Object

On the occasion of the Forum Compraverde Buygreen - to be held from 14 to 15 May 2025 at WeGil in Rome - the Compraverde Buygreen Award, Social Procurement Section, is intended for organisations that have distinguished themselves for having carried out socially responsible public procurement, as required by the 'Guide for the integration of social aspects in public procurement' adopted by Decree of the Ministry of the Environment 6 June 2012.

Art. 2 - Purpose

The Compraverde Award, Social Procurement Section, is pro-posed to incentivize, disseminate and valorize the best Italian experiences of integrating Social Criteria into public procurement, aimed at promoting the application, along the supply chain, of social standards regarding human rights and working conditions, which are internationally recognized. The Award is intended to recognize those entities that have published notices that protect "decent work," with particular attention to the main working conditions that refer to this concept and occur along the entire supply chain, i.e., of the International Labor Organization (ILO) Core Conventions, health and safety at work, wages, working hours, and social security (welfare and assistance).

Art. 3 - Target audience

The call for tenders is addressed to all public administrations (ministries, agencies, regions, provinces, metropolitan cities, municipalities, park authorities, local health authorities and hospitals, universities and schools, public bodies and companies) that have published calls for tenders with social criteria.

Art. 4 - Categories and mentions

- 4.1 There is only one award category for the Prize.
- **4.2** Each year the Technical Scientific Committee (TSC) may also provide for one or more "special mentions" in relation to specific social issues.

Art. 5 - Participation Requirements

The eligibility criteria for the call for applications are:

- To have published and awarded at least one "social criteria tender" in the period between January 2022 and April 2025;
- Adherence to the deadlines stipulated in the call for applications and submission of supporting documentation;
- having already participated in or won other similar competitions does not result exclusion from competition.

Art. 6 - Modalities of participation

To participate in the Compraverde Award, Social Pro-curement Section you must:

by Thursday 24th April 2025 at 6.00 p.m. send the documentation consisting of: the online form and a descriptive report. The descriptive report must contain the following materials: application with the relevant supporting documents (tender documents, specifications, contract documents, award report, etc.). All documentation must be attached to the online form, after connecting to a Gmail account.

If the documentation is not complete, the Secretariat will contact the applicants before the deadline to complete the application. The documentation can be submitted in the following languages: italian, english, french and spanish. For further information and technical support, please contact the award secretariat by email at **premi@forumcompraverde.it**

Art. 7 - Evaluation criteria

The evaluation criteria will take into account the presence in the Call for Proposals of the key elements of the Structured Dialogue, such as:

- information to economic operators about their willingness to integrate social criteria into their contractual activities;
- inclusion of contractual clauses regarding compliance with minimum social standards among the conditions of contractual execution;
- signing a "Declaration of Compliance with Minimum Social standards."
- completion of a questionnaire to monitor compliance with minimum social standards;
- requests for clarification and meetings;
- inspection audits aimed at monitoring compliance with contract clauses;
- corrective actions that may involve subcontractors, which the contracting authority may require to be implemented within the time limits set by the contracting authority;
- penalties proportional to the severity of contractual violations.

Art. 8 - Prize

Overall, the competition will have 1 or more winners designated by the TSC in addition to any mentions. The winners of the Social Procurement Award will receive the following prizes:

- award certificate that will contain a concise valuation of the TSC;
- 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 by May 9, 2025.

Art. 10 - Obligations of participation

By sending the application form and the documentation necessary 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, personally attend the award ceremony.

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

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

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.

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