



Discussion 1

What are the current processes and what are the barriers to environmentally sound data centres?

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Agenda

1. Let's talk definition first 10 min
2. Zoom in on your current procurement processes 10 min
3. Who is and/or should be involved 10 min
4. From ambitions to guidelines and useful KPI's etc. 10 min
5. Cross-sector knowledge and Understanding 10 min

Are we talking the same language?

What do we mean when we say ...

- “Data centre products and services?”

Everything that is needed for remotely processing and storing of data (hardware; servers, storage, switches, software, connectivity, security, facilities, IT architecture, maintenance...)

- “Environmentally sound (in terms of data centre products and services)”

Continuously pursuing a lower GHG/CO2 footprint, use resources efficiently, putting in considerable efforts in reducing negative impact on the environment *) of the product/services they offer

*) such as energy use/source, GHG emissions, resource scarcity

Do you agree? Y / N
What is your definition?

What procurement scenarios do you typically work with?

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- A. Are there steps missing? If so which and why?
- B. Are there any steps that could be improved because of bottlenecks or has potential to excel with (small) adjustments? If so which and why?
- C. Which steps work well & why?

What is the group involvement like throughout the procurement process?

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- A. How would you evaluate the level of group involvement of all parties participating in one way or another?
- B. Would the current process benefit if specific parties were more involved / involved in other stages / steps? If so, in what way?
- C. Can you name examples of tools, mechanisms or ways of working in your process (steps) that work well for group involvement?

Translating organisational strategy drivers to effective procurement guidelines

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- A. Are the strategy drivers *) related to sustainability targets and ambitions (communicated) clear enough within the organisation?
- B. What can you say about the translation of any targets and ambitions into procurement guidelines?

*) *such as regulatory/legal, economic, social, environmental organisational drivers*

Knowledge and understanding of related fields of expertise

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- A. Knowledge and understanding of Public sector (procurement) of ICT/DC's (products & services) – and vice versa?
- B. Knowledge and understanding of sustainability / life-cycles? What role does this play in your role description? How important is this to you to be able to practice / improve GPP?
- C. Other?