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# "ÖkoKauf Wien: over 10 years of success in GPP"

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City Profile

## 1.65 million inhabitants

# special position: (capital) city as well as federal province

volume of purchasing budget: 5 billion Euro



#### **GPP** and Climate Protection

1 of 3 spearheads of the Vienna Climate Protection Programme (KliP)

adopted by the Vienna City Council in November 1999



#### Organisation "OekoKauf Wien"





#### Structure

No extra personnel!! Steering team

>20 working groups (e.g. building construction, food, cleaning, paper, electrical appliances, vehicle fleet, events, textiles ...)

3 consultative committees

→ Altogether some 180 internal and external staff



#### Development of criteria

Within working groups About 4 – 6 meetings/year About 10 experts/group staff from relevant departments co-operate with experts from affiliated bodies and external organisations

Budget for research, pilot projects,...



#### Communication

Production of posters, folders, brochures, videos, "hands on-material":

– Examples:

Posters/folders explaining the advantages of "fair trade", brochures regarding energy saving light bulbs,

video and game collection explaining background information of organic farming to children





CO<sub>2</sub> Reduction

data for 2004 - 2007 organic food energy saving devices water saving devices

In total 103,000 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub> reduction (selected product groups, 04-07)



#### Financial Impacts

# e.g. installation of water saving gate valves in official buildings, public schools and kindergartens → cost reduction by approx. 1.5 Mio Euro/year



Benefits

CO<sub>2</sub> Reduction Role model for public Induced innovation Cost reductions for private buyers e.g. organic food Positive effects on health Long term savings



#### Conclusion

### ÖkoKauf proofed to be a success

Focus on mainstreaming

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