

Dear all,

In this letter I inform you on procurement and sustainability. The most effective way to reduce the impact of our research on environment is by influencing purchases through procurement/frame agreement (sv. – RAM avtal/upphandling). KI faces the following challenges:

- There is nobody who is specifically trained in environmental questions at the procurement unit
- Lack of knowledge and routines at all levels in environmental requirements for purchasing
- During 2022, there were only 33% of all frame agreements with some environmental requirements included in the call
- For the direct procurements (below 100 000 SEK and initiated by the researchers themselves) for year 2022, it is as little as 15%

Good news: Following an initiative from The Council for Environment and Sustainable Development at KI, a work group was formed including a procurement officer, a central purchase coordinator, two environmental coordinators and two environmental representatives that will create a strategy for environmental requirements in all procurements. These may include, for example:

- Requirements for the equipment/products
 - o Equipment with an ENERGY STAR rating (low energy usage)
 - o Availability of long-term tech support and consumables
 - o Use of Green chemistry
- Requirements for supplier
 - o Packaging and re-using of packaging materials
 - o Transport and coordinating the deliveries

I will keep you informed!

Our motto: we can make a difference!

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