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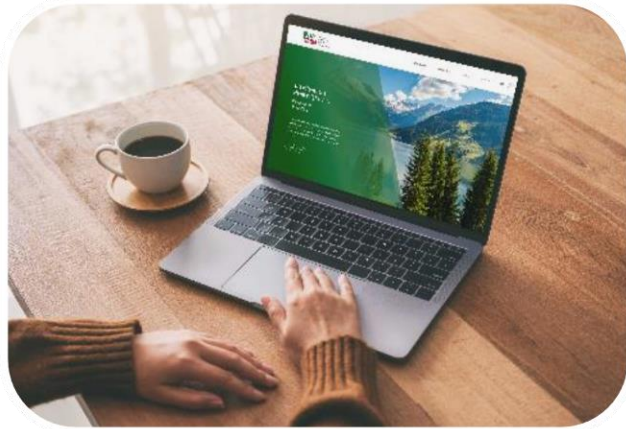
Legal framework of SPP in Austria

An overview

- ➔ Directive 2014/24/EU on Public Procurement
- ➔ Implementation in Austria in 2018, BVergG 2018
 - **Art 20 BVergG 2018**
 - Paragraph 5: Public Procurers **have to** consider environmental aspects of the services and products purchased
 - Paragraph 6: Public Procures **can** consider social aspects in their procurement decisions
 - **Art 23:** reserved contracts for operators with aim of social and professional integration
 - **Art 94:** criteria for the procurement of vehicles
 - **Art 95:** minimal requirements for energy efficiency for products and services
 - **SFBG (street fleet procurement law) 2021:** derived from the EU clean vehicle directive

The Austrian Action Plan on SPP (*short: naBe** Action Plan)

Goals



Anchoring sustainable
procurement in all federal
institutions



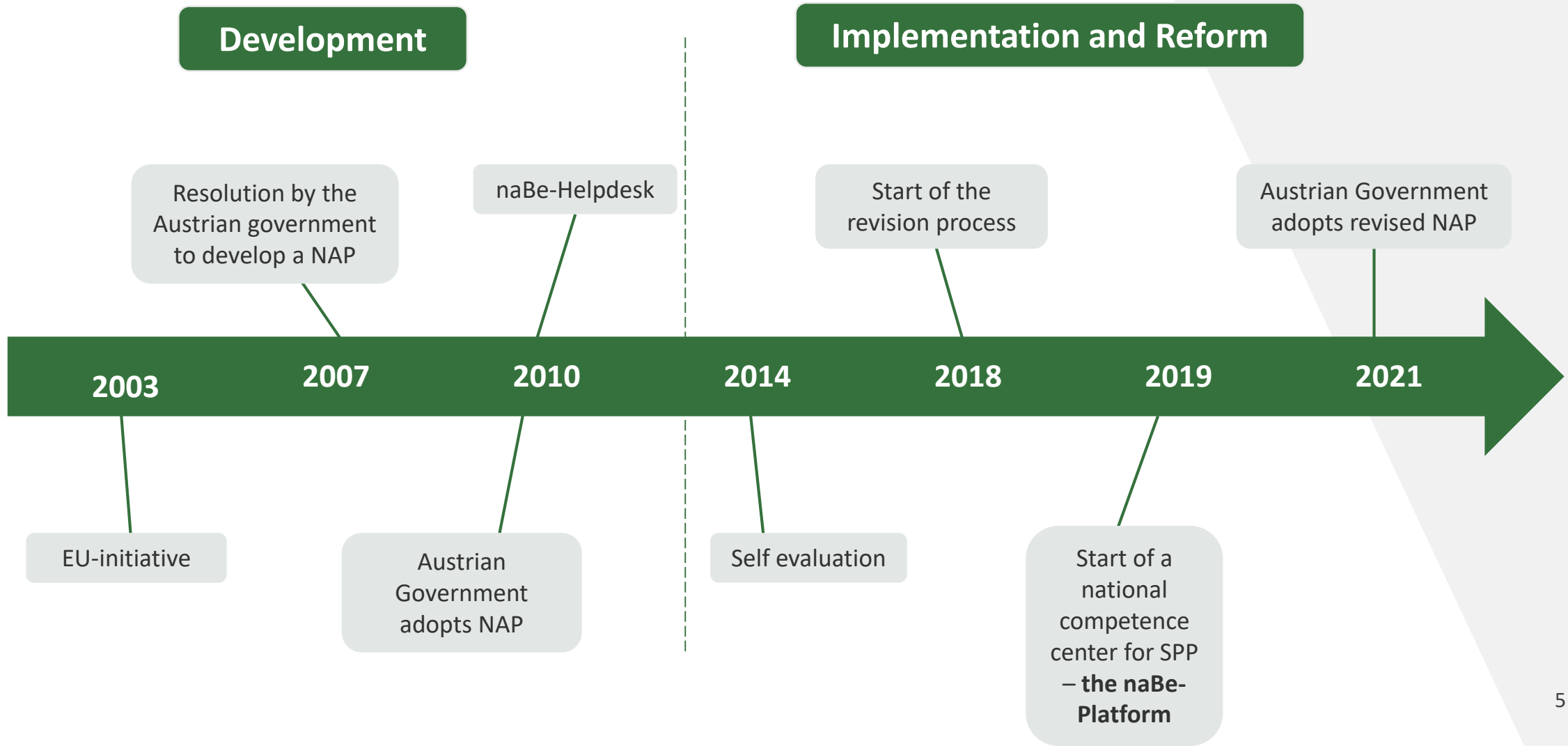
Securing Austria's pioneering
role in sustainable public
procurement in the EU



Harmonisation of criteria
with regard to sustainable
public procurement

* naBe = **n**achhaltige **B**eschaffung

History of the naBe Action Plan



The actors of the naBe Action Plan

Steering committee -Supervise implementation of the naBe Action Plan (not yet set up)



Monitoring and Evaluation

The criteria of the naBe Action Plan

Ecological and social criteria in public procurement



Structural
engineering



Electricity



Vehicles



Textiles



Civil
engineering



ICT equipment



Office
supplies



Furniture



Electrical
appliances



Public space
maintenance



Paper



Food and catering
services



Lamps



Events



Hygiene



Cleaning products
and services

Implementing the naBe Action Plan

Who is responsible?

State Level	Legal commitment	Responsibility
Federal ministries and subordinated departments	binding through self-commitment	Apply naBe criteria in purchasing decisions
Outsourced public companies on federal level	Binding through owner designation/ voluntary	Apply naBe criteria in tender documents
Federal state level	Voluntary	Apply naBe criteria in purchasing decisions
Municipalities	Voluntary	Apply naBe criteria in purchasing decisions

Measures to implement the naBe Action Plan

- ➔ Publish sustainability criteria on www.nabe.gv.at
- ➔ naBe platform as central competence center on SPP and one-stop-shop
- ➔ Collect and share good practice examples
- ➔ Evaluating and updating the naBe criteria
- ➔ Coordinating working groups to implement SPP in the ministries
- ➔ Monitoring the implementation of the naBe Action Plan together with central federal purchasing body
- ➔ Evaluating the implementation of the naBe Action Plan at federal level
- ➔ Exchanging with international stakeholders

The naBe platform

National competence center on SPP



Help Desk and service center



Workshops on strategies for sustainable procurement



Sustainability projects with public institutions



Sustainable Events



Networking and knowledge transfer



Fostering eco innovations

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Current activities

Tasks	Examples
Implementing SPP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include criteria of TCO Certified for notebook tender • Dynamic purchasing system for small scale food procurement • Framework agreement for ecolabelled electricity
Workshops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to sustainable procurement (Academy of federal administration) • Multiplier workshops with federal state organisations (Train the trainer)
Webinars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circular procurement of ICT • Social responsible procurement of ICT • Sustainable Procurement of notebooks • Re-Use of ICT products
Information & knowledge transfer via	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website • LinkedIn • Newsletter
Networking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • European network of competence centers on SPP • Circular and Fair ICT Pact (EU-Level) • UN SPP Monitoring Group

Challenges and next steps

What problems and approaches does the EC see in the member states, following her exercise report 2021

Major challenges

- ➔ No legal obligation to apply ecological criteria or no precise definitions
- ➔ (Procurement) legal uncertainties and difficulties of interpretation
- ➔ Lack of data on effectiveness and budgetary impacts as well as economic benefits
- ➔ Lack of monitoring systems
- ➔ Lack of knowledge and know-how among procurement officers

Good practice

- ➔ Inclusion of mandatory criteria in procurement groups and sectors
- ➔ Create freely accessible libraries of criteria sets
- ➔ Annual reports on the progress of environmental integration and open data
- ➔ Training offers for all areas of the public sector
- ➔ Involvement of the federal environmental agencies



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Major challenges

- ➔ No instructions for implementation
- ➔ Difficult to calculate social effects and their life cycle costs
- ➔ Problems in linking social aspects to the subject matter of the contract
- ➔ Lack of social criteria

Good practice

- ➔ Collection of good practice examples in brochures
- ➔ Establishment of working groups with all stakeholders, from which proposals for the integration of criteria in all phases of the awarding process will flow in
- ➔ Installation of an interministerial committee to coordinate the integration of social criteria
- ➔ Code of Conduct for suppliers



Challenges and next steps

What is still to do in Austria?

- ➔ Policy innovations
 - Strengthen social responsible public procurement
- ➔ naBe Action Plan
 - Develop and revise criteria (data centers, smartphones, textiles ...)
 - Develop and implement a coherent system to monitor SPP at the federal level
 - Nominate a steering committee to monitor and evaluate the implementation of the naBe Action Plan
 - 2024: External evaluation of the naBe Action Plan (preparation have already started)



Thank you for your attention!

Questions?