



Call for Interest – Buyers Groups

23 January 2014

ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability has launched the project INNOCAT - Procurement of Eco-innovative Catering as a European collaboration between public and private buyers who wish to procure eco-innovative catering products, services or solutions. The project aims to launch at least four tenders over the next two and a half years.

The main aim of the INNOCAT project is to help provide launch markets in Europe for eco-innovative catering solutions. Areas where improvements are sought include:

- Waste generation, reuse and recycling
- Efficient and low carbon transportation
- Use of bio-based products
- Energy-efficient equipment

The core buyers group currently consists of the City of Turin (Italy), Réseau des acheteurs hospitaliers d'Ile-de-France (Resah-idf), Johnson Matthey Fuel Cells (UK), and Environment Park Torino (Italy). We hope to involve a number of further public and private sector buyers in our purchasing activities.

The precise products or services to be procured by the group is still being determined, however these will likely include:

- (1) School catering services
- (2) Energy efficient vending machines
- (3) Innovative packaging and waste disposal solutions
- (4) Serving ware and packaging for hospital food

We are looking to identify further public authorities and companies who are interested in following the activities of the project, and potentially participating directly in procurement activities. If you are interested in staying informed please join the project Interest Group by sending an email to innocat@iclei.org. You will then:

- ✓ Receive the INNOCAT e-Newsletter every six months with updates on project news. Follow the links on the [homepage](#) to subscribe
- ✓ Receive an invitation to join the [Sustainable Catering Forum](#) - a discussion group involving stakeholders working or interested in gaining a better understanding of eco-innovation in the catering sector





- ▼ Be invited to join a Buyers Group, to collaborate in one of the tenders listed above.

INNOCAT is an initiative supported by the European Commission, led by ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability, in collaboration with the City of Turin (Italy); Motiva (Finland); Resah-idf (France); SP-Technical Research Institute of Sweden; Environment Park Turin (Italy); and Johnson Matthey Fuel Cells (United Kingdom).