

LETTER OF INTENT

between

HUS, FINLAND,

DANISH REGIONS, REPRESENTED BY REGION OF SOUTHERN DENMARK

LANDSPITALI, ISLAND,

SUSTAINABLE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT A COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE
SWEDISH REGIONS

AND

SYKEHUSINNKJÖP, NORWAY.

This letter shall form the basis of cooperation between:

THE COOPERATION PARTNERS

Denmark is divided into five regions: Capital Region of Denmark, Region Zealand, Region of Southern Denmark, Central Denmark Region, Region of Northern Denmark. The regions' main responsibility is the healthcare system. The regions collaborate on joint guidelines for sustainable procurement, including suppliers' compliance with human rights, labor rights and environmental requirements. Each region works independently with the topics and by different teams of employees according to whether the topic is human rights, labor rights or environmental requirements. Region of Southern Denmark will involve the relevant teams of employees from case to case.

HUS is the largest hospital district in Finland. The supply chains of HUS are global and based on procurement contracts. Several products that HUS deals with are manufactured in so-called risk countries (BSCI classification), and one of the priorities of the sustainability work of HUS is to ensure that the conditions in which these products are manufactured reflect respect human rights and workers' rights (ILO core conventions). We also take into account the work wellbeing in the services produced in Finland. Other key focus for HUS is environmental issues in our procurements, with reference to the most important aspects of the HUS environmental policy and HUS climate road map.

Landspítali is the leading hospital in Iceland and the largest workplace for employees in health care. It provides specialised and general care and has the capacity of approximately 700 beds. The procurement division of Landspítali operates as a central purchasing office for healthcare institutions in Iceland, providing goods and services needed to support daily operations. The vision of Landspítali is to be a role model for its environmental work and to have social responsibility as a guiding principle in decisions and in daily work e.g. purchase goods and services that fulfil the primary function and have the least environmental impact and the lowest life-cycle cost.

Sykehusinnkjöp HF is responsible for procurement for all health enterprises in Norway. Sykehusinnkjöp HF has the following provisions in the articles of association: The Board of Health shall ensure that procurements are made in the correct and socially relevant manner. The health enterprise shall be a driving force for ethical trade and environmentally friendly purchases.

The 21 Swedish regions are responsible for ensuring that all residents have access to good and well-functioning healthcare, dental care, and public transport. Since 2010, the Swedish regions have been collaborating to promote sustainable public procurement methods with the aim of reducing the negative impact on people and the environment during the life cycle of products or services. The work is coordinated by the *Swedish Regions National Secretariat for Sustainable Public Procurement* who will be the cooperating partner.

PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This Letter of Intent provides a basis for cooperation between the Parties on sustainable public procurement.

The Parties have a mutual interest in promoting sustainable public procurement methods with the aim of reducing the negative impact on people and the environment during the life cycle of products or services.

The Parties have agreed that enhanced collaboration will strengthen capacities in all organisations and enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the use of our respective resources.

The Parties have concluded that they should collaborate on identified areas of mutual interest, without creating formal obligations for either Party.

THE GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The collaboration between the Parties shall be guided by the following principles:

- The Nordic cooperation is supported by the purchasing- and sustainability departments in each organisation.
- Any cooperation should be results oriented.
- Joint areas of cooperation are human rights, labour rights, environment, and business ethics.
- The Parties can from their organisations involve relevant teams of employees and/or appoint subgroups with special knowledge of human rights, labor rights or environmental requirements to participate in meetings.

THE IDENTIFIED AREAS OF COOPERATION

The collaboration between the Parties may involve the following activities:

- Enhanced knowledge sharing on mutually agreed areas through improved coordination among the Parties
- Exchange of information on identified risks in purchasing categories
- Develop and possibly harmonise requirements and criteria
- Exchange information from follow-ups
- Sharing of promising practices
- Exchange information on reports produced by each Party relating to common issues

Other areas for mutual collaboration and cooperation may be identified and agreed to by the Parties from time to time. These areas may include capacity building, the development of joint projects and funding applications.

REVIEW OF THE ARRANGEMENT AND DESIGNATION OF FOCAL POINTS

The progress in the implementation of this Letter of Intent will be reviewed regularly at intervals convenient to all Parties.

The designated focal point/focal points at the Parties will be appointed by each participating organisation.

The focal point/points who are part of the cooperation participate on behalf of their employer, who also decides with what resources and time.

The Parties do not intend to create legal obligations by the signing of this Letter of Intent. It is intended only that opportunities for cooperation and collaboration shall be identified and facilitated.

Each Party can terminate this Letter of Intent by providing three months written notice to the other Parties to this effect.

Signatures

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