



2nd National event: procurement of organic food in Slovenia

In the framework of GPP 2020 project, Umanotera, Slovenian Foundation for Sustainable Development in cooperation with the Ministry of Public Administration, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food and the Municipality of Ljubljana in the context of the Green Capital of Europe 2016, organized a second national event on 12 April 2016. The topic of the event was procurement of organic food. The conference was attended by 62 participants from various institutions: ministries and other government institutions and Parliament, kindergartens, primary and secondary schools, homes for the elderly, hospitals, representatives of chambers of commerce, NGOs, Ombudsman for Food Supply Chain Relationships and different suppliers of organic food. The purpose of problem-conference has been:

- getting acquainted with the novelties of the Public Procurement Act (Official Gazette of RS, no. 91/15; PPA-3) in the food sector (in particular about sustainable production and processing, which guarantees more freshness and less environmental impact during transport);
- exchange of experience in procurement of organic food and presentation of good practices;
- improvement of the supply of organic foods and recommendations for the renewal of Annex 2: Basic and additional environmental requirements for food, beverages, agricultural products, food and catering services of the Regulation on Green Public Procurement.

Debate on the issue has been extensive and very constructive and showed some outstanding good practices in procurement of organic food as well as some shortcomings and obstacles ; therefore few useful recommendations for the ministries will be drawn by NSP.

The presentations from the conference are published on the [Umanotera website](#) and [here are some photo shots](#) from the meeting.