

Pursuing Sustainable Development through Public Procurement

Workshop to identify and discuss key legal issues - 3 March 2011

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9.00 – 9.15 Introduction by Heide Rühle, MEP

Objective: To welcome participants and introduce the purpose and format of the workshop

9.15 – 10.45 Session I: Legal Background

- Professor Peter Kunzlik (City University London)
- Marc Steiner (Swiss Federal Administrative Court)
- Moderation [NGO-Vertreterin]

Objectives: To provide the legal background for the current debate on social considerations in public procurement and to introduce and frame the key legal issues presented by the current debate in the context of the Lisbon Treaty.

10.45 – 11.00 Coffee Break

11.00 – 13.00 Session II: Operationalising Social Considerations in the Award Stage of the Procurement Process

- Klaus Wiedner (European Commission/ DG Markt)
- [NGO-Akteure]

Objectives: To identify key obstacles to pursuing sustainable development through public procurement, in the experience of contracting authorities under the current procurement regime. To identify and frame key legal questions at issue in the current debate about social considerations in public procurement. To discuss how social consideration can be operationalised as part of the award stage of the procurement process, *i.e.*, the use of social considerations as technical specifications or other award criteria

13.00 – 13.30 Wrap Up Panel

With contribution of [NGO-Vertreter], Klaus Wiedner (European Commission/ DG Markt) and Heide Rühle (MEP).

Objectives: To summarize and draw conclusions from the foregoing presentations and discussions. To clarify key issues for the directive revision process, and how they should be framed for consideration by stakeholders and lawmakers. To point to implications for next steps in the directive revision process.

Followed by Lunch