



Best-ReMaP
Healthy Food for a Healthy Future

Public food procurements in JA Best-ReMaP

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JA Best–ReMaP

Joint Action on implementation of validated best practices on nutrition

Consortium: **36 partners** from 24 European countries, **SI Coordinator**
Duration of the JA: **3 years (October 2020 – September 2022)**

JA Best-ReMaP will contribute to the children/adolescents **health outcomes** by **improving food choices for children** and **changing obesogenic environments**





JA Best–ReMaP **Content/Core** Work Packages

CORE

WP 5 – EU Harmonised Reformulation and processed food monitoring

French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health & Safety – ANSES

WP 6 – Best practices in reducing marketing of unhealthy food products to children and adolescents

Directorate-General of Health of Portugal and Irish Department of Health

WP 7 – Public procurement of food in public institutions – EU pilot approach (*good practice from Slovenia, collection of other MSs good practices*)

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Specific objectives of WP 7

Objective 1

To support **the establishment of the intersectoral working group** for the public procurement of foods in public institutions

Objective 2

To increase the understanding, knowledge and skills regarding public procurement of food/food products

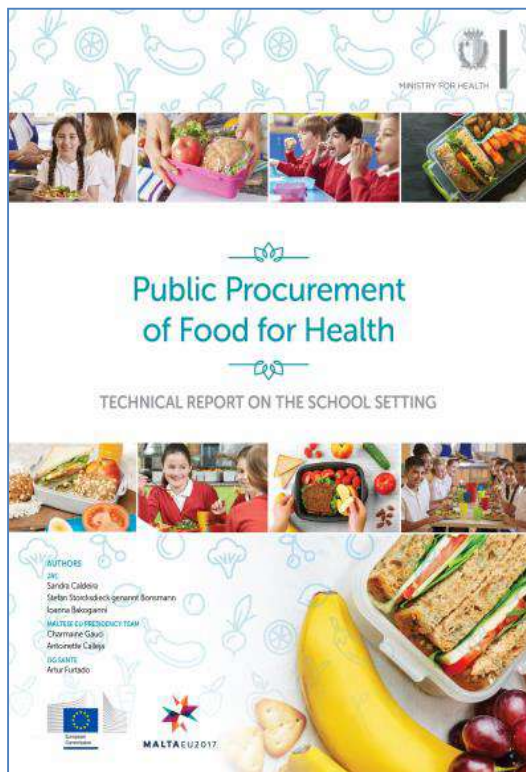
Objective 3

To enable better choice of quality foods for balanced menus, by **piloting the CATALOGUE OF FOODS in the public procurement procedure**

Objective 4

To recommend further institutionalized implementation of the public procurement procedures for foods, based on quality standards, in EU MSs.





<https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/1a872554-5174-11e7-a5ca-01aa75ed71a1/language-en>

EU Action Plan on Childhood obesity 2014 – 2020

https://health.ec.europa.eu/publications/eu-action-plan-childhood-obesity-2014-2020_en

HLG on Nutrition and Physical activity, 2015



MALTA EU 2017

Council conclusions



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
SETTING THE SCENE	SETTING THE SCENE
Children's health	Children's health
Food procurement	Food procurement
Aims and scope of this report	Aims and scope of this report
PUBLIC PROCUREMENT	PUBLIC PROCUREMENT
How much food and how often	How much food and how often
The EU public procurement process	The EU public procurement process
Public procurement for food	Public procurement for food
WHAT ARE THE MAIN CHALLENGES	WHAT ARE THE MAIN CHALLENGES
APPROACH IN SCHOOLS	APPROACH IN SCHOOLS
WHAT IS HAPPENING	WHAT IS HAPPENING
OBSTACLES TO IMPLEMENTATION	OBSTACLES TO IMPLEMENTATION
TRANSLATING SCHOOLS TO THE MARKET	TRANSLATING SCHOOLS TO THE MARKET
Methodology for deriving specifications	Methodology for deriving specifications
Specification sheets for	Specification sheets for
Fruit and vegetables	Fruit and vegetables
Meat	Meat
Other sources of protein	Other sources of protein
Dairy products	Dairy products
Fish	Fish
Chocolate/Cakes	Chocolate/Cakes
Starchy food/cereals	Starchy food/cereals
Savoury snacks	Savoury snacks
Drinking water	Drinking water
Drinks	Drinks
Salt	Salt
Energy	Energy
Total and saturated fat	Total and saturated fat
Total carbohydrates	Total carbohydrates
Sugars (incl. added sugars)	Sugars (incl. added sugars)
Fibre	Fibre
Protein	Protein
Micronutrients (vitamins and minerals)	Micronutrients (vitamins and minerals)
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Annex 6: Templates for specifications	Annex 6: Templates for specifications

<https://ec.europa.eu/health/foodprocurement/>

Executive Summary

An urgent call to action

Childhood and adolescence are periods of development when establishing healthful diet and lifestyle habits is essential. A look at the current prevalence rates of overweight (approx. 15%) and obesity (approx. 5%) among children and youths in the EU shows an urgent need for improvement. Considering the amount of time that children spend at school, as well as the fact that in many European countries students consume at least one daily main meal there, schools are an ideal environment for supporting healthy behaviours.

It is laudable that all EU Member States have school food policies and guidelines in place to define healthy diets and nutritious food offerings. The implementation of such policies through a procurement process for school food that is health-sensitive can have a number of both short- and long-term benefits. These include improved student health and performance at school, increased societal awareness about the links between food and health, and reduced healthcare costs. It can also help steer the market and create economies of scale and spill-over effects in other sectors or age groups.

Benefits of public procurement of food for health

- Increased availability and accessibility to nutritious and safe food
- Improved dietary habits and reduced incidence of childhood obesity and overweight
- Positive effects on school attendance and performance
- Minimisation of health inequalities
- Development of health-minded children and schools

Harnessing the power of public procurement of food for health

At an estimated €82 billion, the European social food service market is sizeable in both reach and force. Progressive and targeted public procurement of food for health can support food business operators who provide nutritionally balanced meals and food products, prompting innovation, food reformulation and social responsibility to achieve better diets and positively impact public health. In fact, success stories are already visible, with articles about the health benefits of better school food provision via procurement beginning to emerge in the scientific literature. Another favourable trend is that schools have been quick to apply green public procurement criteria. The same forward-thinking and flexibility should be expected and promoted for public procurement of food for health.





Public procurements in Slovenia – recognized as a good practice for JA Best-ReMaP

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Intersectoral challenges

Ministry of Public Administration

Coordinator of school food public procurement activity in Slovenia – **intersectoral working group** established within that sector

- Since 2010 – offered foods must be evaluated (compared) also by quality not just price criteria;
- Slovenia the only MS utilising **an exemption in public procurement Directive** to support short food chains, since 2012

Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food

Good intersectoral cooperation established via School fruit scheme!

Local sustainable food supply national priority, linked with rural development strategy

How to build **short food chains** (from farm to fork) and incorporate local food in school food procurement in a non-discriminatory manner?

Ministry of Education, Science and Sport

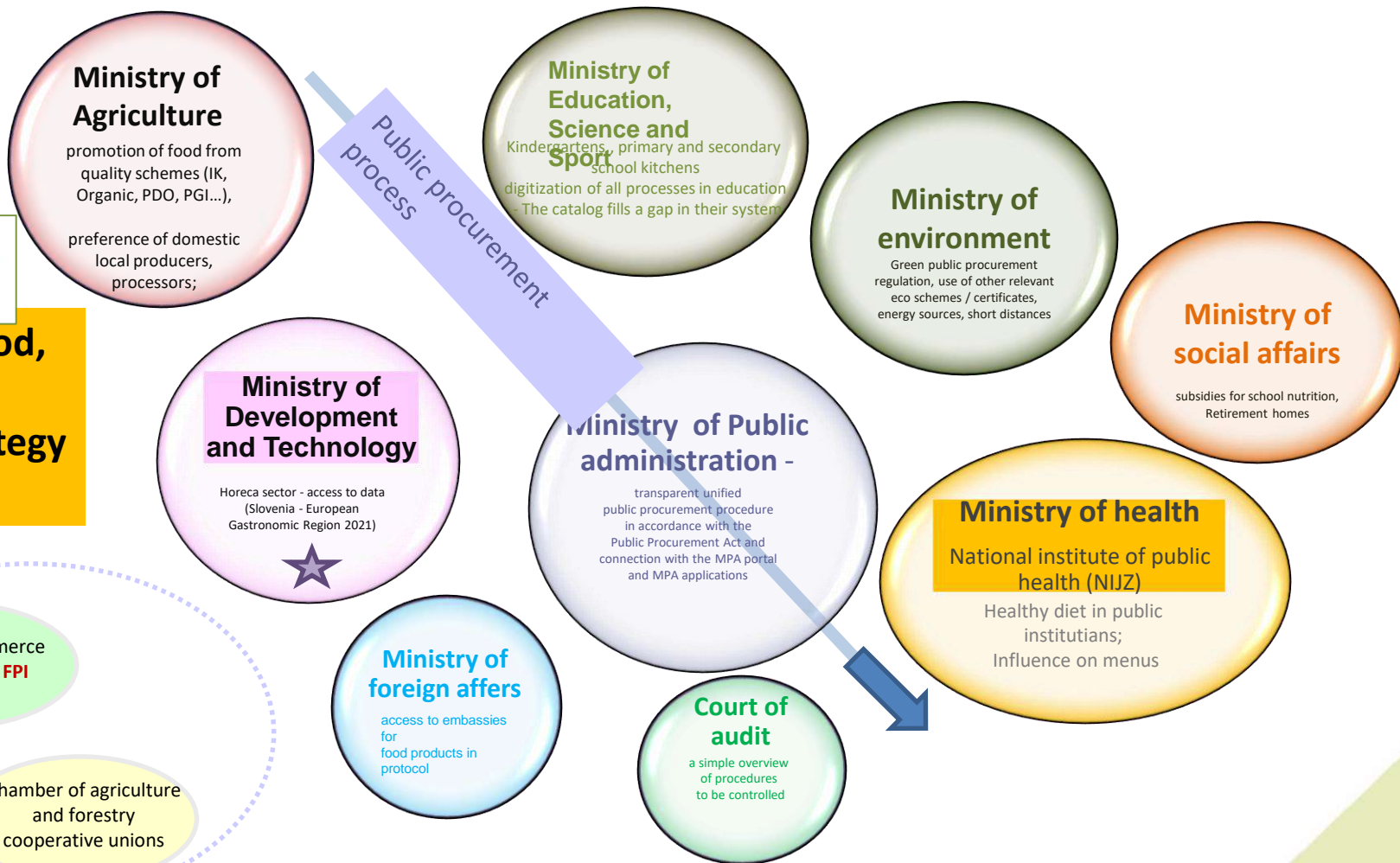
The school system - its core task (teaching) is overloaded with other tasks, school nutrition is one of them;

- **schools have difficulties rejecting delivered food** as they have to offer meal till noon; stocks are very limited; **clear guidelines and knowledge capacities for rejection foods missing**





Intersectoral policies engaged in public food procurements in Slovenia



National food, nutrition and PA strategy 2016 -2025

Source: Chamber of Commerce and Industries, Slovenia



Solution – CATALOG OF FOODS for public procurements

www.katalogzivil.si



- Different access:
- public institutions,
 - suppliers,
 - third party access.



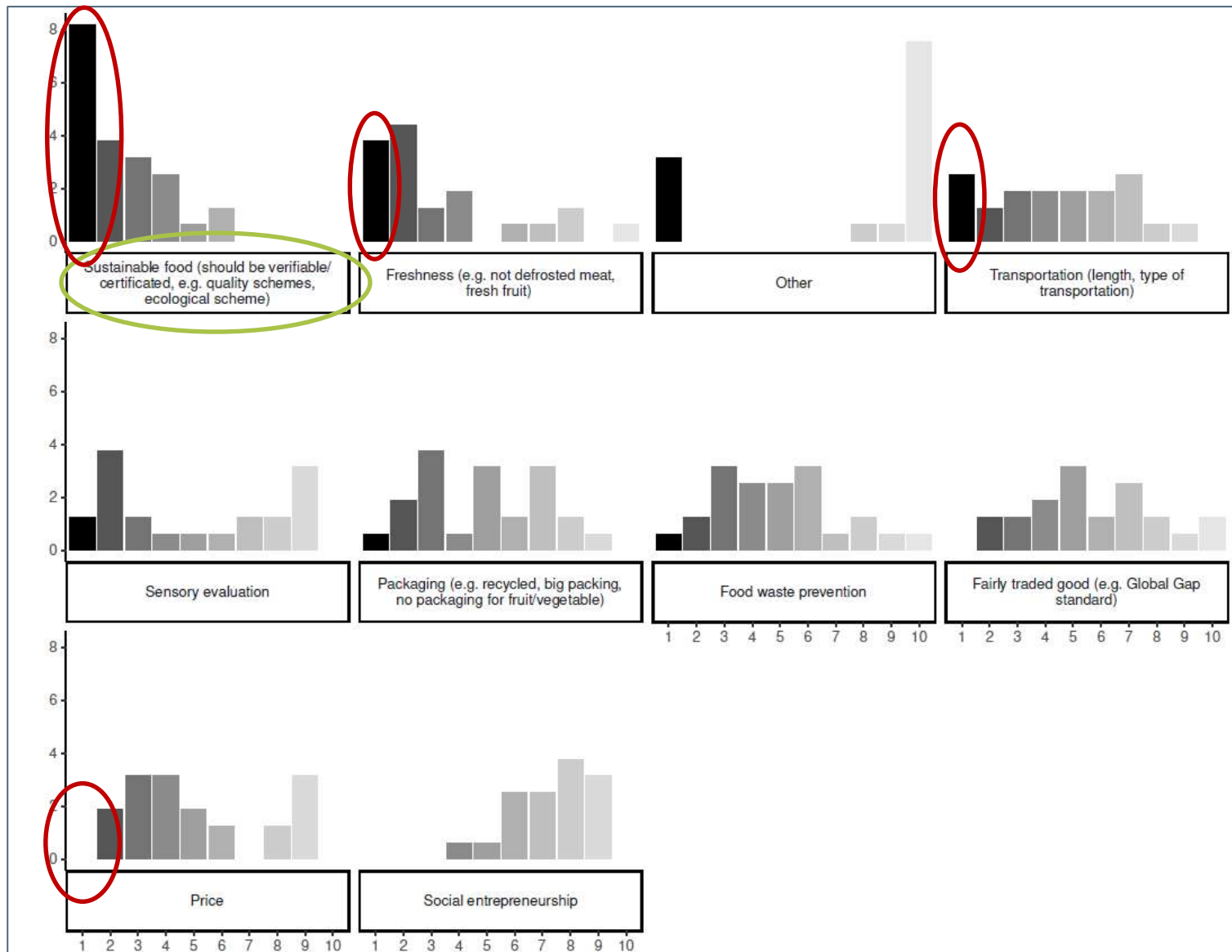
Source: Chamber of Commerce and Industries, Slovenia





Second STOP stakeholder survey – preliminary data

Ranking of essential criteria in food public procurement (rankes 1 – 10)





Final outcome of PFP work package in Best-ReMaP:

EU harmonised Framework for Action on Public Food Procurement

The policy measures and proposals of the institutionalized / legislative solutions being developed within WP 7:

So far:

1. Applicative situation analyses of the existing EU and national legislation related to public procurements of foods in the participating Member States
2. Public food procurements evaluation criteria – cooperation and collaboration with DG SANTE to develop a Minimum mandatory sustainability criteria for public procurement
3. EU network of national focal points for PFP (questionnaire)
4. Case studies in 8 MSs as a ground for Framework for action in the area of public food procurement

Possible alignment of WP 7's proposals /deliverables with actions within individual DGs (DG Sante) and feasibility of implementation at national and EU level:

1. Identification of challenges within food procurement per participating Member State
2. Development of a Minimum mandatory sustainability criteria for public procurement (the expected criteria and the targets) and to establish guidance
3. Establishment of an EU network of national focal points for public food procurement
4. Consolidation of an EU Framework for action for public procurements of foods in public settings Establishment of Requirements for healthy procurement





From history to the future

The role of Public Health in School Fruit Scheme

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Looking forward
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The Joint Action focusing on the implementation of validated best practices in
nutrition – Best-ReMaP

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