You've got the power: Sustainable ICT procurement and RIPE

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Quick poll

1. How many of you are responsible for your company's procurement/purchasing decisions?

2. How many of you regularly interact with your suppliers?

3. What are your company's main priorities when selecting a supplier?

The issue

- Conflict mineral mining, supply chain opaqueness, human rights abuses, and unsustainable production methods

- The computer and mobile phone industry is one of the most susceptible to conflict and slave labour

What we can do about it

- Responsible procurement has a significant impact on efforts to "green" the Internet

- Introduce the concept of responsible procurement. What does this look like?
  - Do your research
  - Use your voice
  - "Vote" with your euros
  - Stay ahead of new regulations
  - Set an example for the region

My goal isn't to disparage, guilt, or alienate, but simply to empower!

Where do we go from here?

- Some resources exist (e.g., GEC), but there is no definitive guide on responsible and sustainable procurement for the ICT sector, particularly focusing on the RIPE service region

- Determine if there is a need for a document with more practical guidelines for operators (similar to ripe-554 for IPv6)

- We could collaboratively write one, drawing from best practices and case studies collected from across the RIPE community

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Guiding questions

1. Would such a guide, designed by you/for you, help you and your colleagues make more informed choices?

2. What kind of information would you want such a guide to include?

3. What could we do as a community to demand more sustainable options from suppliers?

4. Would you/your company be interested in being involved in the creation of a guide/guidelines?

Thank you!

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eurodigwiki.org/wiki/WS_11_2017

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bit.ly/EU-Conflict-Minerals