

Module 4 – Orientation in the field of Green Economy

Opportunities of greening business processes





Learning Outcomes

Knowledge on the opportunities of greening business processes





Reduction of environmental impact

Greening the business processes, products and services





Reduction of environmental impact

Heating, ventilation and air conditioning and its controls

Carbon savings (energy management)

Reduction of water consumption

Monitoring and targeting

Lighting and its controls

Green products (purchase green cleaning supplies; utilize green packaging policies and techniques; green office equipment)

Minimisation of waste

Eliminate or reduce

Re-use

Recycle

Disposal





Greening the business processes, products and services

Green products...

- have increased energy efficiency and/or use renewable energy
- have lower levels of embodied carbon (less energy is needed to produce)
- ➤ have a positive environmental effect
- > are produced from less hazardous materials
- are more easily recyclable or are made of recyclable materials

Green services...

- offer differentiated services from standard options
- mostly add value to the service, therefore customers are willing to pay more
- are for example: green holidays using low-carbon travel and accommodation; local food (with minimal packaging); using water-based ink and recycled paper; fashion with a sustainable supply chain; recycling services
- improvements must be genuine, relative to the marketplace





Greening the business processes, products and services

Greening the supply chain

➤ to minimise carbon emissions it is important to look at the whole product supply chain

Green design considerations

Materials

Reduction of raw materials and switch to environmentally friendly options

Manufacturing

- Reduction of energy and water use during the manufacturing process
- Simplification of packaging design
- Cut out waste from production processes where possible

Retail

- > Redesign of packaging
- > Environmentally friendly way of distribution

Product in use

Redesign of product life cycle (easier to repair, life of parts to be extended etc.)

Product end of life

- Promotion of re-use
- Improvement of recyclability
- Disposal minimisation







