

WORKSHOP FOR LAWYERS ON THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR INNOVATION PROCUREMENT IN EUROPE

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Introduction

Public procurement accounts for 19% of GDP in the EU. It represents therefore an enormous potential market for innovative products and services and offers a powerful leverage for the modernization of public sector and for the competitiveness and growth of the European industry. Public procurement is vital for improving the quality and efficiency of public services at a time of budget constraints.

Yet little public procurement in Europe is aimed at innovation, despite the opportunities under the European legal framework. Compared to other parts of the world, there is a significant underutilization of both Pre-Commercial Procurement (PCP) to get new innovative solutions developed and tested, and Public Procurement of Innovative solutions (PPI), to get new innovative solutions deployed.

This is due to a range of factors, such as: incentives that favour low-risk solutions; lack of knowledge and capabilities regarding the legal and economic basis for innovation procurement; inability to join forces to overcome the fragmentation of public spending; a disconnect between public procurement and other policy objectives and a resistance to modernize the policy instruments to promote innovation.

As ICTs play a major role in the modernization of the public sector, DG CONNECT took several initiatives to do something about this situation. The most recent initiative called European Assistance for Innovation Procurement (www.eafip.eu) aims at promoting and mainstreaming Innovation Procurement across Europe. This is done through the creation of a toolkit that is addressed to policy makers, procurement officers and law firms and the provisioning of on-the-spot assistance tailored to the local legal framework in the preparation and/or implementation of 12 PCP/PPI procurements across the EU.

Are you a law firm that is active in the field of procurement, State aid or IPR issues for the public procurement sector? Keen on exchanging ideas with your colleagues from other countries about the legal framework for the implementation of innovation procurements across the EU? Eager to learn more about the legal context for implementing PCPs and PPIs supported by European funding (e.g. Horizon 2020 and ESIF funds)? Interested to reuse in your own country the innovation procurement toolkit for lawyers developed by the European Assistance for Innovation Procurement initiative? Potentially interested to assist the European Commission as an expert at some point of time with EU supported innovation procurement projects? Or just to learn more about EU policy initiatives and EU support for innovation procurement in general?

[Register now](#) to attend free of charge the Innovation Procurement workshop for law firms on 4 December 2015 organised by the European Commission. The event will ensure broad debate and lively discussion and also offer the opportunity for networking.

FRIDAY , 4 DECEMBER 2015

- 09.00 – 09.30 **Registration**
Welcome coffee
- 09.30 – 10.00 **Introduction to Innovation Procurement**
Lieve Bos, Policy Officer Innovation Procurement, DG CONNECT,EC
- 10.00 – 10.20 **The legal framework for Innovation Procurement in Europe**
Vassilis Tsanidis, Dr. Jur. Secoded National Expert on Innovation Procurement, DG CONNECT,EC
- 10.20 - 11.00 **Legal aspects of Innovation Procurements supported at European level (Horizon 2020 and the ESIF)**
Lieve Bos, Policy Officer Innovation Procurement, DG CONNECT,EC
- 11.00 – 11.30 *Coffee – Break*
- 11.30 – 12.15 **The European Assistance for Innovation Procurement Initiative (eafip)**
Stephan Corvers, Founder Corvers Procurement Services, Netherlands
- 12.15 – 13.30 *Lunch Break*
- 13.30 - 15.15 **Innovation Procurement situation/experiences in Europe**
Session moderated by Lieve Bos, DG CONNECT,EC
Presentations on Innovation Procurement implementation across the EU countries by lawyers/experts in the field
Anna-Marie Curran (IR), Jesper Fabricius(DK), Johanna Lähde (FI), Petr Kadlec (CZ), Deividas Soloveičik (LT), Marcos Portella Baretto(FR)
- Coffee – Break*
- 15.15 – 15.30
- 15.30- 17.00 **Innovation Procurement situation/experiences in Europe (continued)**
Stephan Corvers(NL), Naya Antoniou (CY), Sara Bedin (IT) Eleni Lianou (GR), Juan Luis Moragues Oregi (ES), Martin Conrads (DE)
- 17.00 **Wrap-up**