

Conference
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DRAFT AGENDA

"Digital Transformation of Public Procurement"

Pátio da Galé, Praça do Comércio (West Wing, 1100-038) Lisbon, Portugal

A wave of new technologies (artificial intelligence, big data, blockchain, internet of things, machine learning, virtual reality, etc.) is available to public administration, business and citizens. The world is today in a new phase when it comes to the power and impact of digital technology. The use of these technologies has the potential to improve the performance of public administration, the operational processes and transform business models. Public procurement is, as any process, under powerful pressure to transform itself. What is the best way to use these new technologies and to integrate them in a seamless way, what is going to be their impact?

Success depends as much on how public administration manage digital transformation as on the implementation of new technologies. The objective of this conference is to launch a discussion on how digital transformation can change the way public procurement operates. To feed policy development in this crucial area, the European Commission has invited relevant keynote speakers from the EU and third countries.

Opening session "Setting the scene for Digital Transformation of Public Procurement"

What kind of changes (induced by the new technologies) can we expect in public procurement? How can we prepare for an uncertain and rapidly changing future? What new challenges can we expect increased automation to bring? What should be the role of public entities in the context of digital transformation?

Commissioner Bieńkowska, European Commission, Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs

M. Pedro Marques, Portuguese Minister for infrastructure and planning (responsible for public procurement) (TBC)

Austrian Presidency of the Council (name TBC)

M. Jari Partanen, Finnish Secretary of State (TBC)

Mrs Mady Delvaux, Member of the European Parliament, rapporteur – Artificial Intelligence M. Carlos Coelho, Member of the European Parliament, rapporteur – Public Procurement

Session "The state of play of e-procurement in the EU"

How far have we come in terms of digitization of public procurement? Can we expect a faster pace of digitization due to new technologies? Is sharing knowledge and good practice proving to be an effective tool in accelerating digitization? What is the level of integration of public procurement systems with other public administration systems (e.g. financial, tax, archive, etc.)?

M. Jan Siderius, European Association of Public eTendering Providers and CEO Negometrix Mrs Arnhild Gjonnes, BusinessEurope

M. Mihaly Fazekas, Digiwhist project, University of Cambridge

M. Nikita Stampa, European Commission,

Lunch break

Session "Leverage technologies – preparing for a data driven and automated culture in public procurement"

How can we increase awareness of the importance of data? What benefits can we derive from the use of public procurement data? What is the impact of transparency on public procurement? How to use the data to improve governance of public procurement? How to prepare for automated procurement processes? What are the potential impacts of automated processes on the existing framework?

Mrs Sally Hughes, CEO International Association for Contract & Commercial Management (IACCM)

M. Antonio Samaritani, Director-General AgID (Italian Agency for Digital Transformation) M. Edwin Lau, Division Head, Reform of the Public Sector, Public Governance Directorate (OECD)

Representative of the French Ministry for Economic affairs and Finances (name TBC) Representative of the US Administration (TBC)

Session "Lessons learned from Digital Transformation of Public Procurement"

Practical cases of application of emerging technologies in public procurement. What is the impact on organizations and operating models? What can be improved or done differently? How was risk management conducted with respect to disruptive technologies? How are these projects aligned with the national digital agendas? How are people reacting to automation?

M. Henrique Martins, President of Shared Services of the Ministry of Health, Portugal M. Tobias Verbist, DIGIPOLIS, Antwerp

Dr. Alan Thorogood, Head of Digital Sourcing Development Branch, Australian Digital Transformation Agency (DTA)

Representative of Public Services and Procurement, Canada

Mrs Marzena Rogalska, European Commission

Session – Awarding ceremony

Mrs Leitão Marques, Portuguese Minister of the Presidency and of Administrative Modernisation (TBC)

- European Commission award for better governance through procurement digitalisation (Contract Register award ceremony)
- EU Datathon 2018 results (public procurement part)

Conclusions

Mrs Caroline Nicholas, Senior Legal officer in the International Trade Law Division at the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs

Mrs Imfried Schwimann, Deputy Director-General DG GROW, European Commission