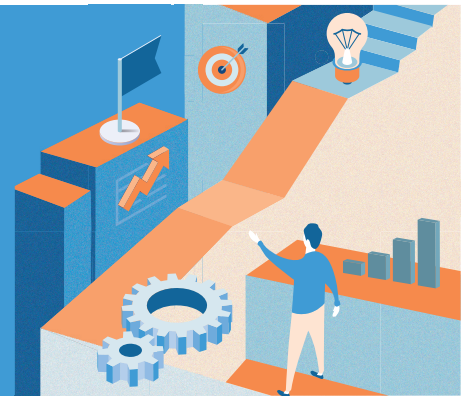




Pilot on use of open data for greater efficiency and transparency in public procurement of EU-funded projects



The context

- Every year public authorities in the EU spend around 14% of GDP on public procurement, amounting to more than EUR 1.9 trillion.
- Public procurement plays a strategic role when aiming for swifter and more effective public investments. It is estimated that around 48% of the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) are spent through public procurement.
- Transparency in public procurement and electronic procurement are essential to ensure efficiency and accountability of public buying.



The initiative

The Commission and European Bank for Reconstruction and Development are joining forces with Open Contracting Partnership, public authorities and local civil society organisations to employ emerging technologies and innovative open data approach to address governments' analytical challenges in respect to public procurement information and to facilitate easy access and availability of data on public procurement and public contracts. The initiative will focus on developing innovative digital solutions for setting-up and developing a robust system of online and automated public procurement data collection and publication for analytical and monitoring purposes, in particular in relation to projects involving cohesion policy funding.



The goals

- Improve decision-making for capacity building for quality public procurement data on goods, services and works contracted to deliver public investments
- Strengthen data-driven monitoring and reporting in the field of public procurement to improve efficiency and accountability of public administrations and implementation of projects co-financed by EU funds;
- Guarantee access to public procurement open data for any government department, business community and citizens' organisations to improve transparency of public spending for citizens, in particular in respect to environmental and economic sustainability of public infrastructure;
- Promote public engagement activities on the ground.

The participants



In Greece, there is a national-level electronic public procurement system and several public procurement databases which presently do not provide for an online access to structured machine-readable public procurement data. A pilot project, led for Greek beneficiaries by Hellenic Single Public Procurement Authority, is seeking to consolidate and integrate data from existing systems and databases into a single smart public contract register to enable online access, improve data quality and facilitate use of data-driven analytical tools for, inter alia, efficient evidence-based monitoring of public procurement market.

Lead Government Organisation:

Single Public Procurement Authority of Greece (HSPPA), <https://www.eaadhsy.gr>

Associate Government Organisations:

Ministry of Digital Governance – General Secretariat of Digital Governance and Simplification of Procedures, <https://mindigital.gr/>

Hellenic Competition Commission (HCC), <https://www.epant.gr/>

Civil Society Partner:

Vouliwatch, <https://vouliwatch.gr/>



In Poland, introduction of a national-level eProcurement system has started in 2018 and a project funded by ERDF to set-up the system is on-going, expected to be completed by December 2022. With multiple non-interoperable eProcurement platforms presently used by public sector buyers in Poland, public procurement regulatory and monitoring authorities do not benefit from consolidated comprehensive public procurement data. Public procurement information other than mandatory contract notices is collected manually by Public Procurement Office of Poland (UzP). The pilot project with Polish authorities will work with local government to introduce open data in public procurement and promote automated collection, standardisation and consolidation of procurement data in local government for all types of procurement, from low value contracts below EUR 13,000 to high value procurements covered by the EU public procurement directives.

Lesson learned from the pilot project will help Ministry of Digitalisation promote open data for other local government areas as championed under the project Otwarte Dane Plus and if the pilot is successful the digital tools may provide inputs to the new eProcurement system developed for UzP, in line with long term objectives for implementation of the new eForms standards in the new eProcurement system in Poland.

Lead Government Organisations:

Związek Miast Polskich, www.miasta.pl (Association of Polish Municipalities) and

Ministry of Digitalisation, <https://obywatel.gov.pl/>

Associate Government Organisation

Public Procurement Office of Poland (UzP), <https://www.uzp.pl>

Local Civil Society Partner:

Fundacja ePanstwo <https://epf.org.pl>



Total budget for the two pilots:

€500,000



The timeline for the two pilots:

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