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Open & Sustainable Procurement in Europe

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Transparent, competitive and sustainable procurement is a powerful lever to achieve economic, social and environmental impact and to improve democratic governance for European citizens. With this vision, public procurement in Europe is undergoing major transformations. 2023 is a pivotal year to advance several major reforms. In the next 12 months, Europe will get closer to a single procurement data market by implementing the new eForms in most European countries and by creating the first ever EU centralised procurement data database - the Public Procurement Data Space. If done well, these reforms might completely change the rules of the game.

In addition to these EU-wide reforms, countries need to implement open-by-design approaches within their countries to unlock the full potential of public procurement and these reforms. There are already many emerging government leaders in Europe driving open and sustainable procurement, but we can do more collectively and within countries to reform policies, data and practices to make Europe greener and more inclusive.

The Public Procurement Commission of Albania, the Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom Relations of the Netherlands, the Anti-Corruption Authority of Italy, and the Open Contracting Partnership are organising this two-day meeting for policymakers, technologists and experts to develop a shared vision, exchange best practices, and agree on concrete actions towards a more open and sustainable procurement in Europe. The event will be strengthening a joint open and sustainable procurement vision with addressing opportunities and barriers for implementing this vision at the country level.

AGENDA

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14 June, 19:00 PM Welcome reception hosted by Public Procurement Commission, Hemingway Bar Tirana

DAY 1 - 15 JUNE

8:30 AM	Coffee & registration	
9:00 AM	Introduction & welcome	
	Introduction by Blendi Salaj Welcome messages <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jonaid Myzyri, Chair, Public Procurement Commission, Albania• Belinda Balluku, Deputy Prime Minister of Albania• Daniel Freund, European Parliament• Ekaterina Solovova, Head of Albania, EBRD	
9:45 AM	Framing	
10:00 AM	Opening: Our shared vision for open and sustainable procurement in Europe	
Panel	Countries are leading the procurement revolution in Europe: What are the challenges and opportunities towards a more open and sustainable procurement in Europe? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Giuseppe Busia, President of ANAC, Italy• Andre Weimar, Director of Procurement, Ministry of the Interior, the Netherlands• Erika Kuročkina, Deputy Minister of Economy and Innovation, Lithuania• Moderator: Kathrin Frauscher, Open Contracting Partnership	
10:45 AM	The role of the European Commission: What inflection points are ahead of us to accelerate the digital transformation of procurement? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ciprian Claudiu Cristea, Head of Unit, Data & Knowledge for Policy, Business, & People, DG GROW• Moderator: Gavin Hayman, Open Contracting Partnership	
11:15 AM	Networking coffee break	
11:45 AM	Parallel sessions on our key topic areas: climate, inclusion and technology	
Breakout 1	Climate - Will procurement save the climate? Stocktaking in green public procurement Objective: Explore how to meaningfully advance green procurement <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kęstutis Kazulis, Chief Adviser on Sustainable Procurement, Public Procurement Office, Lithuania• Eliza Niewiadomska, Senior Counsel, Legal Transition Team, EBRD• Jenny Yan Yee Chu, Procurement Specialist, Asian Development Bank (online)• Moderator: Liesbeth Casier, Lead Public Procurement & Sustainable Infrastructure, IISD	
Breakout 2	Inclusion - How to promote the participation of SMEs in public procurement Objective: Explore how to foster vendor inclusion <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Neha Gandhi, Director, Government Center of Excellence, Mastercard• Enio Jaço, President American Chamber of Commerce Albania• Andre Weimar, Procurement Director, Ministry of Interior, Netherlands• Eduard Shalsi, Chairman of Economy and Finance Committee, Parliament of Albania• Moderator: Johnny Hugill, Deputy Director, Procurement & Business Systems, Public	
Breakout 3	Technology - How to transform for the 21st century? The power of digitizing procurement Objective: Explore how to avoid common challenges in digitizing procurement <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Erika Kuročkina, Deputy Minister of Economy, Lithuania• Milva Ekonomi, Minister of State for Standards and Services of Albania• Lindsay Maguire, Deputy Director for Procurement Reform, Cabinet Office, UK• Galiya Ismakova, Principal Procurement Specialist, Asian Development Bank• Moderator: Sandor Lederer, Executive Director, K-Monitor	

13:15 PM **Networking lunch**



14:15 PM **Parallel sessions on better information sharing: e-forms, data and policies**

Breakout 1

How to implement e-Forms for maximum impact?

Objective: Discuss progress and challenges to implement e-Forms in the EU

- Manuela Cruz, Head of Unit, TED and EU Public Procurement, Publication Office, EC
- Mitja Medvescek, Secretary, Ministry of Public Administration, Slovenia
- Giampaolo Sellitto, ICT Specialist, ANAC, Italy
- Reida Kashta, Director, Public Procurement Agency, Albania
- Moderator: Umrbek Allakulov, Senior Data Support Manager, Open Contracting Partnership

Breakout 2

How to radically improve decision making and information sharing across the EU through the Public Procurement Data Space?

Objective: Discuss how the Public Procurement Data Space can radically advance digital and data-driven decision making for public procurement

- Daniel Arosa Otero, Team Lead, NTT Data, PPDS
- Ciprian Claudiu Cristea, Head of Unit, Data and Knowledge for Policy, Business, and People, European Commission, DG GROW
- Mina Kalogridou, Legal Expert, Hellenic Procurement Authority (tbc)
- Moderator: Karolis Granickas, Head of Europe, Open Contracting Partnership

Breakout 3

How to create enabling policies and institutions for open & sustainable procurement?

Objective: Explore strategies to enable more open and sustainable procurement

- Kenza Khachani, Economist/ Policy Analyst, OECD (online)
- Przemyslaw Grosfeld, Deputy Director, Ministry of Economic Development, Poland
- Diana Metushi-Krasniqi, Senior Researcher and Project Manager for Transparency and Accountability in Public Procurement, Kosovo Democratic Institute
- Marcus McKay, Head of Sustainable Supply Chain, Procurement Group, UNOPS
- Moderator: Krzysztof Izdebski, Lead, Open Spending EU Coalition

15:45 PM **Networking coffee break**



16:15 PM **Closing panel: What do we need to collectively do to move forward?**

Panel

- Lindsay Maguire, Deputy Director for Procurement Reform, Cabinet Office, UK (tbc)
- Krzysztof Izdebski, Lead, Open Spending EU Coalition
- Eliza Niewiadomska, Senior Counsel, Legal Transition Team, EBRD
- Jonaid Myzyri, Chair, PPC Albania
- Moderator: Karolis Granickas, Head of Europe, Open Contracting Partnership

17:15 PM **Closing**

Review of day and what's ahead for tomorrow: Kathrin Frauscher, Open Contracting Partnership

17:30 PM **End**

18:45 PM **Cocktail reception at opening of the exhibition “Kids and Art for Ukraine” EBRD initiative with the Ukraine Ambassador**

20:00 PM **Welcome dinner at the Presidential Palace hosted by Public Procurement Commission**

8:30 AM Morning coffee



9:00 AM Welcome & framing

Kathrin Frauscher, Open Contracting Partnership

9:20 AM Welcome note by Fabrizio Bucci, Italian Ambassador in Albania

9:30 AM Opening panel: Advancing open and sustainable procurement in EU countries and cities

Objective: What are the new frontiers but also the challenges at the country level?

- Lucien Claassen, ICT Category Manager, Netherlands
- Felix Zimmermann, Head of AG DGI5 "Public Procurement; Digitization of public procurement", Ministry of Interior, Germany
- Ulrikke Nelboe Mollegaard, Council for Green Transition, Denmark
- Gonçalo Negrão, SPP Adviser, Lisbon Municipality
- Moderator: Oliver Saltoft, Senior Associate, Industry & Innovation Program, European Climate Foundation

10:45 AM Networking break



11:15 AM Parallel learning sessions on country innovations

Breakout 1

The funders' perspective on procurement innovations and projects in countries

Objective: Deepen understanding of the procurement projects and innovations of key multilaterals and funders in countries and cities

- Eliza Niewiadomska, Senior Legal Counsel, EBRD
- Galiya Ismakova, Principal Procurement Specialist, Asian Development Bank
- Oliver Saltoft, Senior Associate, Industry & Innovation Program, European Climate Foundation
- Moderator: Gavin Hayman, Executive Director, Open Contracting Partnership

Breakout 2

How to make procurement processes more agile and effective in countries?

Objective: To explore ways to improve procurement processes to make them more agile and effective

- Agron Ibishi, IT & E-procurement expert, PPRC Kosovo
- Gabriela Alcea Stănilă, Executive Director, National Agency of Public Procurement, Romania
- Zoran Blazevic, International procurement expert
- Jonaid Myzyri, Chair, Public Procurement Commission, Albania
- Moderator: Karolis Granickas, Head of Europe, Open Contracting Partnership

12:45 PM Lunch



13:45 PM Parallel learning sessions on key topics: sustainability & anti-corruption

Breakout 1

How to measure sustainability in procurement?

Objective: To learn how to measure green procurement

- Liesbeth Casier, Lead, Public Procurement and Sustainable Infrastructure Policy, International Institute of Sustainable Development
- Raminta Pučėtėitė, Lead of Public Governance Research Group, Kaunas Technology University, Lithuania
- Marcus McKay, Head of Sustainable Supply Chain, Procurement Group, UNOPS
- Moderator: Gonçalo Negrão, SPP Adviser, Lisbon Municipality

Breakout 2

How to use procurement data for anti-corruption?

Objective: To learn about the latest trends in anti-corruption monitoring

- Giampaolo Sellitto, ICT adviser, ANAC Italy
- Aranita Brahmaj, Executive Director, Albanian Institute of Science
- Moderator: Sandor Lederer, Executive Director, K-Monitor, Hungary

15:15 PM Coffee break

15:30 PM Closing Panel: Where do we go from here?

Objective: To reflect on the two days and see what's next for our agenda

- Jonaid Myzyri, Chairman, PPC Albania
- Giuseppe Busia, President of ANAC, Italy
- Andre Weimar, Procurement Director, Ministry of Interior, Netherlands
- Moderator: Kathrin Frauscher, Deputy Executive Director, OCP

16:15 PM Closing

16:30 PM End

Cocktails hosted by Albanian Government

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