



Online Course on Sustainability and European Public Procurement Law

28 - 30 September 2021

An invitation-only online workshop for procurement and policy professionals as an introduction to European public procurement law and how it can be leveraged for sustainability, facilitated by the Academy of European Law (ERA) and supported by the Global Electronics Council (GEC).

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Sustainability for a Connected Future



Speakers

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Tünde Tátrai, Professor of Economics, Corvinus University of Budapest

Michael Jürgen Werner, Partner, Norton Rose Fulbright, Brussels

Farid Yaker, Programme Officer, United Nations Environment Programme, Paris

Key topics

- Essential concepts and underlying principles in EU public procurement
- Environmental and social inclusion in the public procurement process
- Selection and award criteria
- Strategic procurement
- e-Procurement
- Procurement by EU Institutions and bodies
- Overview of relevant impacts from the European Green Deal
- Group simulation exercise to emphasize learning

Participants will be able to deepen their knowledge through pre-read material, lectures, and interactive exercise simulation.

Language

English

Tuesday, 28 September 2021

- 09:00 – 09:30** Connecting to the online course platform
- 09:30 – 10:00** Welcome and getting to know each other
Avgustina Dorich and Nancy Gillis
- 10:00 – 12:00** **MODULE 1: INTRODUCTION TO SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT**
Sustainable procurement
Paulo Magina
- Defining sustainability. Why sustainable procurement?
 - Current state & best practices
- 13:00 – 15:00** **MODULE 2: INTRODUCTION TO EUROPEAN PROCUREMENT**
Key principles in EU public procurement
Christopher Bovis
- EU Procurement Directives from 2014 onward
 - Transparency, discrimination and equal treatment in public procurement
- Key concepts in EU public procurement regulation**
Christopher Bovis
- Contracting authorities/entities. Public contracts.
 - Contract values and thresholds
- 16:00 – 18:00** **MODULE 3: THE EUROPEAN GREEN DEAL AS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PROCUREMENT**
The European Green Deal
Tünde Tátrai
- What is currently covered by the “European Green Deal”?
 - Implications and impacts on public procurement.

Wednesday, 29 September 2021

- 09:45 – 10:00** Connecting to the online course platform
- 10:00 – 12:00** **MODULE 4: EU PUBLIC PROCUREMENT LAW**
Selection and qualification criteria
Pieter Kuypers
- Financial and economic standing
 - Technical specifications, performance-based and functional specifications
 - Exclusions and exemptions
- Award procedures and award criteria**
Pieter Kuypers
- Procedures: open, negotiated, restricted, competitive negotiated procedures, competitive dialogue, frameworks, innovation partnership
 - Award criteria: cost-based criteria, MEAT criteria
- 13:00 – 15:30** **MODULE 5: STRATEGIC PROCUREMENT APPROACHES**
Strategic public procurement
Panel discussion: Michael Jürgen Werner, Christopher Bovis and Isabel-Maria da Rosa
- Public procurement of social services
 - Innovative public procurement
 - Artificial Intelligence in public procurement
 - Digital agenda and challenges in public procurement
 - Small and Medium Enterprises
- 16:00 – 18:00** **MODULE 6: INTERNATIONAL SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT**
Perspectives from the UN and the USA
Farid Yaker, Porter Glock
- Overview of global sustainability commitments and sustainability procurement practices
 - Overview of the U.S. Office of Federal Procurement Policy

Thursday, 30 September 2021

- 09:45 – 10:00** Connecting to the online course platform
- 10:00 – 12:00** **MODULE 7: SUSTAINABLE & CIRCULAR PROCUREMENT**
Overview of Sustainability Initiatives and GPP/SPP
Sarah Schoenmaekers, Kristiina Bailey
- Key drivers of and trends in Green Public Procurement (GPP), Sustainable Public Procurement (SPP) and Socially Responsible Public Procurement (SRPP)
 - The role of eco-design and ecolabels in procurement and life-cycle costing
 - Renewable energy procurement
- 13:00 – 15:00** **MODULE 8: GROUP PROCUREMENT SIMULATION EXERCISE**
Simulation exercise: from selection criteria to post-award monitoring
Nicolas Pourbaix

Objective

This course will provide an introduction to European public procurement law, including environmental and social considerations.

Who should attend?

Procurement practitioners and environmental and social policy makers seeking an introduction to sustainability and European public procurement law.

Your benefits...

- Relevant introduction to EU public procurement law, including the latest developments
- Practical approach
- Top-level speakers with diverse profiles
- Designed to facilitate online participation with focused modular sessions

Interactive online seminar

The seminar will be hosted on ERA's own online training platform. You will be able to interact immediately and directly with our top-quality speakers and other participants. We will make the most of the technical tools available to deliver an intensive, interactive training experience. As the platform is hosted on our own server, the highest security settings will be applied to ensure that you can participate safely in a high-quality online training environment.

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