Online Course on Sustainability and European Public Procurement Law

10 - 12 May 2022

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).

Speakers

Christopher Bovis, Professor of Business Law, University of Hull
Isabel-Maria Da Rosa, Policy Officer, G/4 Innovative and Digital Procurement, DG GROW, European Commission, Brussels
Porter Glock, Office of Federal Procurement Policy, Washington, D.C.
Ivana Jarolímová, Course Administrator, Academy of European Law (ERA), Trier
Pieter Kuypers, Partner, AKD, Brussels/Breda; Professor of European and National Procurement Law, Radboud University, Nijmegen
Paulo Magina, Deputy Head of Division - Infrastructure and Public Procurement, OECD, Paris
Nicolas Pourbaix, Senior Counsel, Legal Director, International Legal Group, AMGEN, Brussels
Tünde Tátrai, Professor of Economics, Corvinus University of Budapest
Shela Gobertina von Trapp, Director, EU Marketing & Outreach, Global Electronics Council (GEC), The Hague
Jacob Werksman, Principal Advisor for International Aspects of EU Climate Policy, European Commission, Brussels
Michael Jürgen Werner, Partner, Norton Rose Fulbright, Brussels

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

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Tuesday, 10 May 2022

09:00 – 09:30 Connecting to the online course platform

09:30 – 10:00 Welcome and getting to know each other
Ivana Jarošová and Sheila Gobertina von Trapp

10:00 – 12:00 MODULE 1: 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

13:00 – 14:00 MODULE 2: INTRODUCTION TO SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT

Sustainable procurement
Paulo Magina
- Defining sustainability. Why sustainable procurement?
- Current state & best practices

15:00 – 17:00 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 with a focus on renewable energy and transportation services.
- The way to circular procurement

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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

14:00 – 15:00 MODULE 5: INTERNATIONAL SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT

Strategic public procurement
Perspectives from the USA
Porter Glock
- Overview of global sustainability commitments and sustainability procurement practices
- Overview of the U.S. Office of Federal Procurement Policy

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10:00 – 12:00 MODULE 6: 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

13:00 – 15:00 MODULE 7: 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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