

Creating future initiatives for strategic public procurement and professionalisation together: Perspectives from stakeholders

Conference

14 June 2024

9:30 am – 13:00 pm – Tallinn time

Venue: Tamme Saal, Ministry of Finance

AGENDA



**The conference will be held in English
with simultaneous interpretation into Estonian.**

Participation to the conference is free but subject to registration.

Please register here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdWfZ37LV39Us-qxibVk-QpOR3tWeA06CzpJkH43-oRbMaJow/viewform>

How does the future of strategic public procurement in Estonia look like? What kind of skills and professionalisation pathways will procurement officials have?

The conference presents initial findings from the project "Promoting the uptake of strategic public procurement in Estonia through professionalising the public procurement workforce", implemented by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), and funded by the European Commission.

The discussion will focus on Estonia's enabling environment to use strategic public procurement as well as pathways to enhanced public procurement professionalisation. Procurement stakeholders – contracting authorities, economic operators, and institutional leaders — had the opportunity to express their views on strategic public procurement through dedicated surveys. Procurement professionals were able to assess their procurement skills through the ProcurComp^{EU} survey exercise. The conference brings together these stakeholder groups to discuss the survey results and next steps in advancing procurement professionalisation and strategic public procurement in Estonia (including presenting the upcoming activities under the project such as training workshops and pilot projects).

The conference is jointly organised by the OECD, the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Estonia, and the European Commission.

PROGRAMME

The Conference will be moderated by **Erika Bozzay**, Senior policy adviser, Infrastructure and Public Procurement Division, OECD.

9:00 – 9:30 **Welcome and registration**

9:30 – 9:40 **Introductory remarks**

- **Estella PÕLLU**, Head of Public Procurement, State Ownership Policy and Public Procurement Department, Ministry of Finance, Estonia
 - **Erika BOZZAY**, Project Lead, Senior Policy Adviser, Infrastructure and Public Procurement Division, OECD
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9:40 – 11:00 **Stakeholder views on procurement professionalisation: results from the ProcurComp^{EU} exercise**

Contracting authorities have participated in the self-assessment of their procurement competencies based on the ProcurComp^{EU} competency frameworks. The findings give initial indications about the skillset needed for future procurement professionals.

- **Masayuki OMOTE**, Policy Analyst, Infrastructure and Public Procurement Division, OECD

Q&A

11:00 – 11:25 **Coffee break**

11:25 – 12:25 **Enabling conditions for strategic public procurement: where does Estonia stand?**

This session provides insights into how Estonia's public procurement system is supportive of strategic public procurement. Findings build on consultations with contracting authorities, policy-makers, businesses and organisational leaders.

- **Costanza CAPUTI**, Policy Analyst, Infrastructure and Public Procurement Division, OECD

Q&A

12:25 – 12:55 **Advancing strategic public procurement with pilots**

The project will support up to three concrete pilot projects wishing to introduce strategic public procurement in a specific tender procedure. This session discusses how a pilot project will be organised, what it entails, and how contracting authorities can apply for participation.

- **OECD team**

Q&A

12:55 – 13:00 **Concluding Remarks**

- **Estella PÕLLU**, Head of Public Procurement, State Ownership Policy and Public Procurement Department, Ministry of Finance, Estonia

More information about the project can be found on OECD webpage:

<https://www.oecd.org/gov/public-procurement/country-projects/strategic-procurement-estonia/>