

PROMOTING THE UPTAKE OF STRATEGIC PUBLIC PROCUREMENT IN ESTONIA THROUGH PROFESSIONALISING THE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT WORKFORCE

Opening Conference

25 September 2023
13:00 pm – 15:00 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:**

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How can public procurement be used as a strategic policy tool to deliver on the green and digital transitions and contribute to social sustainability? How can contracting authorities build their capacities to deliver on strategic policy objectives but at the same time ensure high level competition and integrity in their public procurement practices? How can the business sector support the greater uptake of strategic public procurement?

The aim of this conference is to discuss these questions and to increase awareness of strategic public procurement and the importance of professionalising the public procurement workforce and those who are involved in public procurement operations.

The Conference will launch 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.

Through the project, the OECD aims to deliver comprehensive strategies and hands-on technical guidance to the Government of Estonia and the Estonian contracting authorities and economic operators, with the objective of increasing the uptake of strategic public procurement. The conference will present the planned activities under the project. The conference will also discuss practices and challenges around the strategic use of public procurement as well as good practices on professionalisation efforts from other OECD countries.

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.

13:00 – 13:15 **Introductory remarks**

- **Alexandra PAPTODOROU**, Policy Officer, DG REFORM, European Commission
- **Mart VÖRKLAEV**, Minister of Finance, Estonia
- **Erika BOZZAY**, Project Lead, Senior Policy Adviser, Infrastructure and Public Procurement Division, OECD

13:15 – 13:45 **Strategic public procurement in Estonia – recent initiatives, challenges and opportunities**

- **Estella PÕLLU**, Deputy Head of Public Procurement and State Aid Department, Ministry of Finance, Estonia
- **Eili LEPIK**, Deputy Strategy Director, Government Office, Estonia

13:45 – 14:30 **Spotlight on the project “Promoting the uptake of strategic public procurement in Estonia through professionalising the public procurement workforce”**

- **Erika BOZZAY**, Senior Policy Adviser, Infrastructure and Public Procurement Division, OECD
- **Costanza CAPUTI**, Policy Analyst, Infrastructure and Public Procurement Division, OECD
- **Masayuki OMOTE**, Policy Analyst, Infrastructure and Public Procurement Division, OECD

14:30 – 14:45 **Discussions / Q&A**

14:45 – 15:00 **Concluding Remarks**

- **Alexandra PAPTODOROU**, Policy Officer, DG REFORM, European Commission
- **Estella PÕLLU**, Deputy Head of Public Procurement and State Aid Department, Ministry of Finance, Estonia
- **Erika BOZZAY**, Senior Policy Adviser, Infrastructure and Public Procurement Division, OECD

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

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