**Country case: The UK infrastructure procurement routemap**

Public Procurement Principle: **Capacity**

Procurement Stage:  
**Post-award**

Audience: **Procuring Entity, Private Sector**

**Description**

The Government, through the Infrastructure Cost Review programme, has worked with leading infrastructure clients, industry and academics to develop an Infrastructure Procurement

Routemap, a guide to improving delivery capability. It is aimed primarily at the sponsor and client organisations that deliver major projects and programmes, long-term capital investment plans and publicly procured megaprojects.

The key components and application of the routemap are based on:

* A suite of assessment tools developed as part of the routemap to enable sponsors, clients and the supply chain to align behaviours and identify capability gaps.
* The use of “complexity” assessment tools for establishing the nature of the delivery environment.
* Enabling the adoption of the common characteristics and behaviours associated with successful infrastructure project and programme delivery, including *inter alia*:
* early visibility and commitment to the pipeline of programme opportunities or the specific project
* clearly articulated sponsor requirements adopting whole life principles linked to service outcomes that define the project or programme requirement
* effective governance, accountability and timely decision making
* early supplier engagement that engages all tiers of the supply chain
* effective use and structuring of standard contracts such as the NEC suite to align risk, reward and behaviours in an integrated supply chain
* appropriate incentive-driven approaches that stimulate further integration of the supply chain
* an environment that encourages innovation and departures from standards that embed cost and add no value to the outcome or safety.
* Pragmatic approaches to compliance with EU procurement legislation.
* An ongoing role for industry leaders and experts in the infrastructure sector to identify, develop and disseminate best practice.

*Source*: OECD (2015), [*Effective Delivery of Large Infrastructure Projects: The Case of the New International Airport of Mexico City*](http://dx.doi.org/10.1787/9789264248335-en), OECD Publishing, Paris.