OECD Webinar: “The COVID-19 legacy: more resilient procurement strategies?"

21 April 2021
Virtual Meeting

09:30 – 09:40 OPENING REMARKS
- Mr. John Ivil, Chair of the Working Party of the Leading Practitioners on Public Procurement

09:40 – 09:50 KEYNOTE ADDRESS
- Mr. János Bertók, Deputy Director, Public Governance Directorate, OECD

09:50 – 09:55 IT IS TIME TO HEAR FROM YOU: polling questions and results

09:55 – 10:40 PANEL: How could procurement strategies adapt to an increasingly volatile environment while shaping the future of public services?

The COVID-19 heightened volatility and risks in supply chains, however, the increased exposure of governments to risks in public contracts existed prior to the crisis. From the collapse of the UK construction giant Carillion highlighting dependency risks to the consequences of health restrictions evidencing disruption risks, public administrations need to navigate in a complex and changing environment when procuring goods, services and works to deliver effective public services to citizens. Supply chain risks are likely to continue to grow in the short term as the full economic impacts of the crisis undoubtedly hit companies currently insulated by government supports. In addition to this already complex environment, public procurement is being called upon by governments to contribute to recovery plans meeting both immediate needs and long-term objectives. Learning lessons from the COVID-19 crisis towards more agile procurement systems, especially for essential goods, is also timely for a resilient recovery and to better prepare for future shocks

The panel will share a wealth of experiences in designing resilient procurement strategies which account for the changing environment caused by the current pandemic. From Australia to Denmark, from academics to practitioners, the panel will discuss how procurement strategies can make public services more resilient and how, collectively,
institutions can leverage public procurement to achieve the daunting task of building back better economies and safer societies. To increase governments’ resilience to external shocks, the panel will further reflect on strategies to procure critical goods and services and how these strategies could provide enough scalability to adapt to changing essential needs.

Questions that will be discussed include:

→ What are the procurement strategies that could help countries building more resilient public services?

→ How could recovery programmes leverage public procurement to achieve concurrent policy objectives?

→ How supply chains could become more integrated and resilient?

**Panellists:**

- Prof. Rafael Ramirez, Director of the Oxford Scenarios Programme and Professor of Practice
- Mr. William Monoghan, Chair of the Australia and New Zealand Health Procurement Roundtable
- Ms. Katharina Knapton-Vierlich, Head of Unit, DG GROW, European Commission
- Mr. Bent Madsen, CEO, National Building Fund, Denmark
- Mr. John Williams, Senior Procurement Specialist, World Bank

**Moderator:**

- Mr. Matthieu Cahen, senior policy analyst, Public Governance Directorate, OECD

**10:40 – 11:00 Q&A SESSION**

The panel discussion will be followed by a Q&A session. Panellist will answer questions sent by the audience in advance of the meeting and questions sent to the webinar’s chat throughout the event.

**11:00 – 11:05 KEY TAKEAWAYS FROM THE PANEL DISCUSSION**

- Ms. Angela Russo, LPP Bureau

**11:05 – 11:15 CLOSING REMARKS**

- Mr. Edwin Lau, Head of the Infrastructure and Public Procurement Division, Public Governance Directorate, OECD
MEETING INFORMATION

Registration
All Delegates must complete the online registration form linked to the invitation ahead of the meeting.

Meeting Location
The meeting will be hosted using the platform for virtual meetings “Zoom”. Delegates are required to create a Zoom account in advance. For more information and troubleshooting during the day of the event, please contact govinfoipp@oecd.org

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