

## Centro Region (PRT) – Promotion of a circular economy

As part of the project financed by DG REGIO related to the promotion of the strategic use of public procurement in the context of Cohesion Policy, the Centro Region in Portugal submitted an application. This application for support relates to applying circular economy approach in public procurement.

The project is implemented by the Commission for Co-ordination and Regional Development of the Centro Region (CCDRC). The collaboration between the OECD and CCDRC is closely linked to the implementation of the Action Plan for the Regional Agenda for Circular Economy in the Centro Region in Portugal, which aims at increasing the capacity of a network of regional stakeholders in the field of green and innovative public procurement through a series of tailored initiatives. Particularly, the project concerns:

- supporting CCDRC in developing a strategic procurement approach in the Region with the aim of supporting sustainability objectives, and especially the implementation of a circular economy in the Centro Region;
- fostering strategic co-operation within the Centro Region, through activities for capacity building and promoting partnerships;
- supporting the implementation of circular procurement concepts in some selected individual tenders, based on relevance and commonalities, thus building capacity of individual contracting authorities to introduce concepts related to the circular economy in their future tenders.

## Fast facts



Country: **Portugal, Centro Region**



Timeframe: **January 2018 – December 2021**



Main Counterparts:

- **Commission for Co-ordination and Regional Development of the Centro Region (CCDRC)**
- **Selected contracting authorities in the Centro Region**



Areas of focus

- [Efficiency](#)
- [Evaluation](#)
- [Balance](#)
- [Capacity](#)

## List of deliverables

- Guidance, templates and practical tool kits (e.g. checklists) on needs assessment
- Guidance on preliminary market engagement
- Guidance on evaluation framework
- Workshop materials, interventions

## Content of the project

The project is supporting the Centro Region in Portugal in developing a strategic procurement approach and building capacity for the application of circular economy principles in public procurement. Beyond sharing knowledge on circular procurement in general, OECD is providing technical support to pilot tender procedures on school meals conducted by selected, individual contracting authorities in the Centro Region in Portugal. The support is focusing on the whole procurement lifecycle, however special attention is given to the pre-tendering activities, such as the needs assessment, market research, preliminary market consultation and supplier engagement.

The co-operation includes capacity building workshops for CCDRC and the contracting authorities from the Region, working meetings, consultations, hands-on support to the pilot projects and development of guiding documents, practical toolkits on needs assessment, market analysis and evaluation framework.

## Timeline

- **July 2018:** Selection of the procurement initiative
- **September 2018:** Letter of agreement defining the scope of OECD's support signed by both parties
- **February 2019:** Kick-off meeting of the project in Coimbra, Portugal
- **May 2019 – September 2019:** Selecting the category (school food) for the pilot project
- **28 November 2019:** Workshop for individual contracting authorities from the Centro Region in Portugal to support them in implementing circular procurement concepts in their tenders on school meals (category chosen for the pilot)
- **Spring – Summer 2020:** First draft of the guiding documents on the needs assessment, preliminary market engagement and evaluation framework
- **Autumn 2020:** finalising the practical tools and drafting the case study report

## Resources



[OECD Recommendations on Public Procurement](#)