Region of Eastern Macedonia and Thrace – Implementation of framework agreements for professional services

As part of the project financed by DG REGIO related to the promotion of a strategic use of public procurement in the context of Cohesion Policy, the Region of Eastern Macedonia and Thrace in Greece submitted an application. This application for support relates to the implementation of framework agreements for professional services.

The project is implemented by the Region of Eastern Macedonia and Thrace, and focuses directly on solving problems of cohesion and social integration. The overarching goals of this project are to improve the living standards of the residents, create opportunities for growth and creation of jobs, thus motivating people and especially young people to settle in this area and ultimately increase area's population density in a highly sensitive and important region for Greece.

More specifically, the region is looking for the implementation of framework agreement(s) to support construction activities of municipalities and public organisations to be funded in the Rodopi mountain area under the Integrated Territorial Investment, or to cover any additional relevant need from public entities across the region.

Fast facts

Country: Greece, Region of Eastern Macedonia and Thrace

Timeframe: January 2018 – December 2021

Main Counterparts:

- Governor of Eastern Macedonia and Thrace
- Directorate of Technical Works, Region of Eastern Macedonia and Thrace

Areas of focus

- Efficiency
- Evaluation
- Balance
- Capacity

List of deliverables

- Practical handbook on two critical steps for the implementation of framework agreements, namely needs analysis and market
- Development of associated data collection template
- Workshops and interventions
**Content of the project**

The objective of the technical assistance is to support the creation of the capacity to implement framework agreements that takes into account the specificities of such procurement tools and product categories. In terms of outputs, the assistance consists in:

- Developing a practical handbook on needs analysis and market research for the implementation of framework agreements
- Designing data collection templates

**Timeline**

- **July 2018**: Selection of the procurement initiative
- **24 January 2019**: Fact-finding mission
- **July 2019**: Letter of agreement defining the scope of OECD’s support signed by both parties
- **November 2019**: Provision of the first draft handbook on needs analysis and market consultation along with data collection templates
- **February 2020**: Field mission to discuss the draft handbook and its application to current needs of the Region

**Resources**

OECD Recommendations on Public Procurement