Athens Urban Transport Organisation (OASA) – Procurement of electric buses

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 Athens Urban Transport Organisation (OASA) in Greece submitted an application. This application for support relates to the procurement of part of its bus fleet.

The overall tender concerns the supply of new urban buses with modern anti-pollution technology. The new buses should be of low floor, modern aesthetics and construction, with a high degree of comfort and safety for passengers. The objective is to procure buses that have the smallest possible environmental footprint and are in line with European legislation. In particular, as regards the type and technology of vehicles, the supply concerns:

- Twenty (20) diesel-powered vehicles, 12-meter, EURO VII technology
- Sixty (60) diesel engines, 18-meter (articulated), EURO VII technology
- Twelve (12) EURO-electric, low-power electric buses with low-power, self-propelled, which are necessary to support their operation.

This pilot aims at supporting OASA in the preparation of tender documentation as it pertains to the 12 electric buses through targeted tools that enhance the objective evaluation of bids while allowing to compare total costs of ownership.

Fast facts

Country: Greece, Athens

Timeframe: January 2018 – December 2021

Main Counterparts:

- Chief Executive Officer of OASA
- Procurement Department
- Managing Authority of the Regional Operational Programme

Areas of focus

- Efficiency
- Evaluation
- Balance
- Capacity

List of deliverables

- Tailored comments on the scope and structure of the draft tender documentation and award criteria based on a benchmark of technical specifications of similar procurement
- Development on an assessment grid of selection and award criteria
- Workshops and interventions
Content of the project

The objective of the technical assistance for the procurement of electric buses is to provide comments on the draft tender documentation with the view to maximise transparency and foster competition on the total cost of ownership of proposed solutions. It includes:

- Comments on the scope of the planned tender
- Support in the definition of selection and award criteria
- An assessment grid based on the final list of award criteria to maximise transparency and ensure equal treatment of bidders.

Timeline

- July 2018: Selection of the procurement initiative
- August 2018: Letter of agreement defining the scope of OECD’s support signed by both parties
- November 2018: Review of the first draft tender documentation
- 22 January 2019: Fact-finding mission
- May 2019: Review of the second draft tender documentation and development of an assessment grid of selection and award criteria

Resources

OECD Recommendations on Public Procurement