



Country case: Common Knowledge Network (Portugal)



Public Procurement Principle: **Capacity, Participation**



Procurement Stage: **All stages**



Audience: **Procuring entity, Policy maker, Private sector, Civil society**

Description

The Common Knowledge Network is a collaborative network built by the Portuguese government to promote the sharing of best practice and information about modernisation, innovation and the simplification of public administration. Membership of the network is open to public bodies, central and local administrations, private entities and any citizen who wishes to participate. Participation involves presenting and describing a best practice and its results.

The network aims to become a central reference point for the dissemination of good practices and lessons learned. It currently hosts over 500 examples of best practice documented from all levels of government. The network also serves as a place to conduct debate on public policies and their implementation at local, regional and national levels, as well as for participatory decision making with interest groups or communities of practice. It works to strengthen relationships between the various stakeholders and coordinate information sharing.

Lastly, the network helps participating government organisations obtain a common perspective on the activities of public administration, with a view to standardising services and identifying similar quality standards in different services.

Source: OECD (2020), [System Change in Slovenia: Making Public Procurement More Effective](#), OECD Publishing, Paris

