



## Certification frameworks in Croatia



Public Procurement Principle: **Integrity, Capacity**



Procurement Stage: **All phases**



Audience: **Procuring entity, private sector**

### Description

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Croatia has a comprehensive training system for procurement officers. The Directorate for the Public Procurement System (DPPS) within the Ministry of the Economy and Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Crafts (MOEEC) is in charge of implementing the public procurement policy through the following mechanisms:

- Developing, improving and coordinating the entire public procurement system; proposals, preparation and coordination of the development of draft proposals of laws and other regulations on public procurement.
- Operating a help desk and hotline.
- Publishing opinions and most frequent errors.
- Ensuring training in the field of public procurement. DPPS launched a nation-wide certification scheme for public procurement officers in order to address the challenges regarding limited capacity. In order to obtain a certificate, candidates in the certification programme must pass an examination after taking 52-hour courses on public procurement. However, completing 52-hour courses is not a prerequisite for taking an exam. Candidates need to accomplish 70% accuracy of the 50 questions in order to pass the exam; the pass rate is about 75%. The certificate is valid for three years after which a 32-hour programme must be completed for renewal. The main certification costs EUR 500, while the renewal course costs EUR 150. The certificate has been issued to more than 5 000 people.

Source: (OECD, 2019)

OECD (2021), Public Procurement in the State of Mexico: Enhancing Efficiency and Competition, OECD Public Governance Reviews, OECD Publishing, Paris, <https://doi.org/10.1787/cc1da607-en>.

