



Development of procurement guidelines in Ireland



Public Procurement Principle: **Capacity**



Procurement Stage: **All stages**



Audience: **Procuring entity, Policy makers**

Description

One of the primary objectives of establishing the Office of Government Procurement (OGP) in Ireland was to improve the professionalism of the staff involved in procurement. The Irish state spends approximately EUR 8.5 billion every year on goods and services. In this context, it is essential that the public service operates in a co-ordinated and efficient way. Procurement is a key element of the government's public service reform.

The OGP is currently finalising national guidelines for goods and services of low and high value in public procurement tendering competitions. These guidelines will be published as a dynamic document. This means that they will be available electronically. The document will contain links to relevant information, as well as policy and template documents.

The purpose of these guidelines is to promote best practices and consistency of application of the public procurement rules in relation to the purchase of goods and services. The guidelines have been written in plain language with the goal of providing a clear description of the rules. The guidelines form part of the OGP National Procurement Policy Framework, which consists of five branches:

- Legislation (directives, regulations)
- Government policy (circulars, etc.)
- General guidelines
- The Capital Works Management Framework
- Detailed technical guidelines, template documents and notes that are issued periodically



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Source: OECD (2019), [Public Procurement in Kazakhstan: Reforming for Efficiency](#), OECD Publishing, Paris

