

Country case: Engagement with SMEs to reduce Red Tape in Ireland

Description

The Office of Government Procurement (OGP) has analysed that in 2013, 75% of contracts awarded to Irish companies were to Irish SMEs. Despite this positive data, the Government is keen to ensure that SMEs are fully engaged in the public procurement reform process through the:

- direct engagement with SME representative bodies to ensure their views are considered in the future development of public procurement policy; and
- review of public procurement guidelines and procedures to reduce red tape and address any obstacles to SMEs participating as fully as possible in the public procurement process.

Source: OECD (2016), "[Corruption in Public Procurement](#)".

Public Procurement
Principle: **Access, Balance,
Participation**

Procurement Stage:
Tendering

Audience: **Policy Maker,
Procuring Entity, Private
Sector**