



## SME consultation to improve policy implementation – Netherlands.



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



Procurement Stage: **Pre-tendering, Tendering**



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

### Description

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During the implementation in 2016 of European directives (2014/14/EU) through amendment to the Dutch Public Procurement Act (“Aanbestedingswet 2012”), consultations were held with the branch organisation of SMEs (MKB Nederland). Furthermore, all SMEs had the opportunity to comment on the act through Internet consultation. SMEs had been asked about their experiences with the Dutch Public Procurement Act during its evaluation in 2015.

The evaluation concluded that the problems with the Act were mainly due to its practical application, as opposed to stemming from the act itself. To overcome these practical problems, the project Better Public Procurement (Beter Aanbesteden) was launched by the Dutch Government in 2016. In this project, SMEs work together with contracting authorities across different regions to identify constraints and develop concrete actions to improve public procurement practices. SME organisations were consulted also at the national level to discuss constraints and actions.

Source: OECD (2018), SMEs in Public Procurement: Practices and Strategies for Shared Benefits, OECD Public <https://doi.org/10.1787/9789264307476-en>

