



The Dutch advisory service for public procurement, PIANOo



Public Procurement Principle: **Capacity**



Procurement Stage: **All stages**



Audience: **Policy maker, Procuring entity**

Description

The Netherlands created the Dutch Professional and Innovative Tendering Network for Government Contracting Authorities (PIANOo) in 2005 as a network for public procurers with the goal of disseminating knowledge. Since then, the institution's role has expanded. PIANOo now serves as an expertise centre for public procurement, building on a network of 3 500 procurers and contracting authorities. As a demand-driven organisation, these practitioners provide input for PIANOo's work.

PIANOo's approach combines different activities. These activities include:

- Publications: Based on members' questions and concerns, PIANOo publishes guidance documents that can support procurers in their daily work.
- Meetings: PIANOo organises regular forums in which members come together to discuss current challenges and exchange good practices. These meetings are regional, for specific industries or procurement markets. PIANOo also holds one overarching annual PIANOo conference.
- Online portal: PIANOo collects tools, publications and guidance on its website. This compendium serves as an encyclopaedia for public procurement in the Netherlands.
- Training: PIANOo provides training on the legal framework for public procurement in the Netherlands.

Source: OECD (2019), [Public Procurement in Germany: Strategic Dimensions for Well-being and Growth](#), OECD Publishing, Paris

