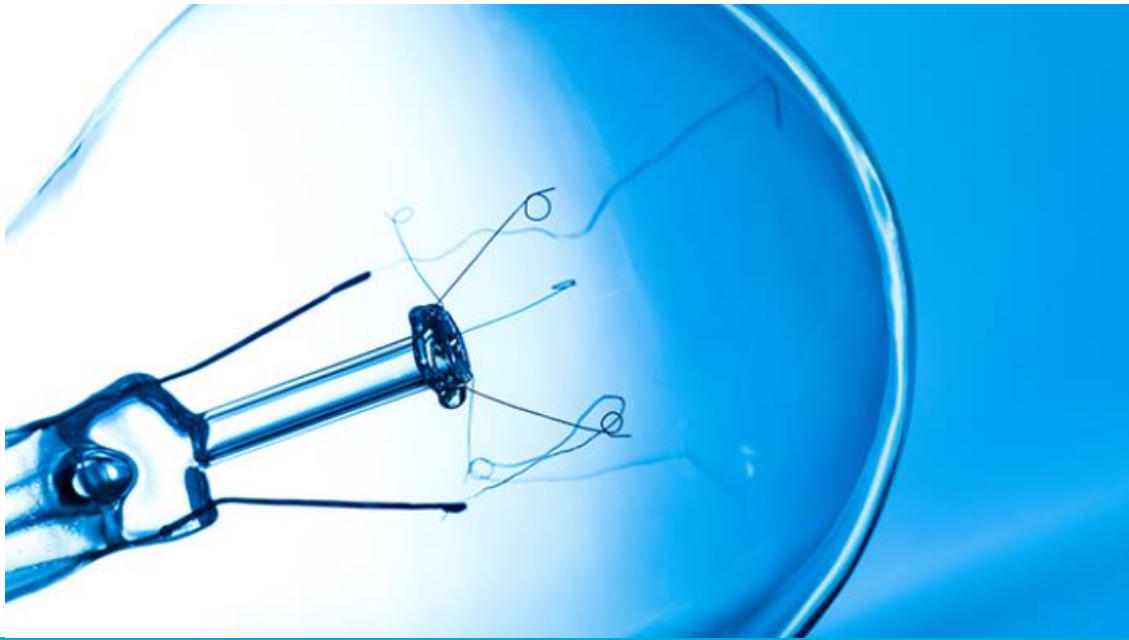




Public Procurement | R&I Innovation Procurement

Research and innovation is often related to the idea of greater spending and, perhaps for this reason, we instinctively tend to think that in an economy with limited resources, the promotion of innovation should not and cannot be a priority. However, the promotion of innovation procurement is precisely linked to the objective and the need to optimize costs. Innovation makes it possible to intercept new or inadequately met social needs, helping to effectively support the development and social changes. Another objective that can usefully be achieved through innovation procurement is the promotion of innovative SMEs and start-ups, which often find it difficult to make their innovative products penetrate the market. Public procurement constitutes a policy tool in the field of innovation and sustainable development. Buying innovative products and services creates economic, environmental and social benefits because of the development of new ideas and their transformation into innovative products aiming simultaneously at enhancement of citizens' everyday life and economic development. In this respect, the promotion of innovation procurement has mainly been achieved until now with the development of public procurement tools, such as Pre-Commercial Procurement (PCP) and Public Procurement of Innovation (PPI). Eventually, the lever of public demand can make the entire system evolve towards innovation, actively contrasting the absence of high quality products on the reference market.



By developing a forward-looking innovation procurement strategy that uses Pre-Commercial Procurement (PCP) and Public Procurement of Innovative solutions (PPI) in a complementary way, public procurers can drive innovation from the demand side. This enables the public sector to modernize public services faster while creating opportunities for companies to gain leadership in new markets. Innovation procurement opens the door to higher quality and more efficient solutions that value environmental and social benefits, better cost-effectiveness; and new business opportunities for enterprises. Public procurement can further play an important role as a strategic policy lever to advance diverse policy objectives – such as protecting the environment, promoting sustainable development, achieving more inclusive growth, and promoting ethical behaviour and responsible business conduct.

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INNOVATION PROCUREMENT BROKER: CREATING LINKS FOR THE FACILITATION OF PUBLIC PROCUREMENT OF INNOVATION

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RYCO: INVITATION TO TENDER FOR PROCUREMENT MANUAL

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- **INNOVATION PROCUREMENT - THE POWER OF THE PUBLIC PURSE**

This brochure provides an overview of projects that are focusing on innovation procurement in the ICT domain funded by the EU's research and innovation funding programs FP7, CIP and Horizon 2020. This...

- **PROCURCOMPEU – STUDY ON PROFESSIONALISATION OF PUBLIC PROCUREMENT IN THE EU AND SELECTED THIRD COUNTRIES**

The objective of this study is to provide the background for the ProcurCompEU competency framework. It gives an overview of the state of play in public procurement professionalisation in the EU and internationally...

- **MAKING PUBLIC PROCUREMENT WORK IN AND FOR EUROPE**

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- March 1-5, 2021 | online, OTHER
2ND EU MACRO-REGIONAL STRATEGIES WEEK (EU MRS WEEK)
From 1 to 5 March 2021, DG REGIO will host the 2nd EU Macro-Regional Strategies Week (EU MRS Week) that will take place digitally.
- March 20, 2021 | online, OTHER
WB ALUMNI ASSOCIATION'S GENERAL ASSEMBLY
The WBAA General Assembly is the annual gathering of its members from across the region – this year the event will be held virtually.
- March 22, 2021 | Vienna, Austria
EUREKA 35 YEARS CELEBRATION
This Austrian Chair event will take place on 22 March 2021 at the Hofburg in Vienna.
- April 22-23, 2021 | virtual, OTHER
2021 EUA ANNUAL CONFERENCE
The 2021 EUA Annual Conference “Universities 2030: From vision to reality” will take place online on 22-23 April. Against the backdrop of the ongoing climate crisis, fundamental technological advances...
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CREATIVE BODIES—CREATIVE MINDS
Theoretical discussions around creativity in the last two decades have turned around addressing existing dichotomies in its conceptualisation, such as professional/everyday and public/private.
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European Center of Sustainable Development in collaboration with Canadian Institute of Technology will organize the 9th ICSD 2021 International Conference on Sustainable Development...
- November 18-19, 2021 | Vienna, Austria
EUROPEAN R&I POLICY EVALUATION CONFERENCE
The REvaluation 2021 Conference is jointly organised by Fraunhofer ISI, IFRIS and the Austrian Platform for Research and Technology Policy Evaluation. It will take place as live as possible, 18-19 November...

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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: 9 EARLY STAGE RESEARCHERS POSITIONS IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE 6I DIRS COFUND, MANAGED BY UNIVERSITY OF DEUSTO IN SPAIN
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EU GREEN WEEK 2021 PARTNER EVENTS
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 The Western Balkans Fund is looking for a responsible Program Coordinator to administer and organize all types of projects, from simple activities to more complex plans and activities within four specific...
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