

# GREECE – Ministry of Development and Investments / General Directorate for Public Procurements (GDPP)

## Brief description of what the competence centre does and the target group(s).

The General Directorate for Public Procurements (GDPP) is the National Central Purchasing Body for goods and general services in Greece and it is part of the General Secretariat of Commerce and Consumer Protection in the Ministry of Development and Investments.

GDPP holds the political mandate to set up within its structural organisation a National Competence Centre on Innovation Procurement in Greece.

The main goals to be achieved by the Competence Centre for Innovation procurement are:

- Promotion and mainstreaming of innovation procurement throughout Greek Public authorities.
- Increasing familiarisation of Greek contracting authorities and entities with innovation procurement procedures facilitating also networking with relevant contracting authorities from other EU countries. In this manner, they will increase knowledge for their sector innovation needs and as a result their participation in EU PCP/PPI procedures.
- Enhancing capacity building of procurers in the field of innovation procurement by designing educational courses in PCP/PPI procedures as well as in IPR.
- Enable procurers in Greece to identify public needs that could be tackled through innovative solutions
- Increasing the percentage of contracting authorities implementing PCP/PPI procedures.
- Boosting the participation of economic operators in PCP/PPI procedures and as a result raising their economic activities in procurement markets.
- Using innovation procurement as a springboard for achieving strategic goals in a national or regional economy level by setting horizontal policies in the areas of entrepreneurship, economic, financial and competition policy.
- Facilitate the rapprochement between the demand and the supply (of innovative solutions) sides in Greece.
- Connecting innovation procurement with the Green Public Procurement network (circular economy, green economy) and thus enhancing the achievement of environmental targets.
- Promotion of sectoral policies in the area of health, smart cities, defence sector etc.
- Preparation of the next programming period for securing financing from structural funds in order to promote innovation procurement in Greece.
- Connection with universities in order to include courses regarding innovation procurement.
- Opening opportunities to create new calls from EU projects (for innovative goods and services) through demand of contracting authorities due to the development of sectoral clusters of procurers specialised in production of innovative goods or services.



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## Training offered:

- Training courses in cooperation with the National Training School for Public Administration will be delivered to public officers in Greece. The target is to establish a common body of knowledge on public procurement on innovation amongst the public procurers.
- Training courses for economic operators, research centres and the academic community are planned to take place in the Competence Centre. The target is to establish a common body of knowledge on public procurement on innovation amongst economic operators.

## Funding assistance/opportunities

- Opening opportunities to create new calls from EU projects (for innovative goods and services) through demand of contracting authorities due to the development of sectoral clusters of procurers specialised in production of innovative goods or services.

## Sustainability advice

- Technical assistance on the implementation of green and sustainable criteria through GDPP website and helpdesk.

## Circular procurement

- Technical assistance on the implementation of circular procurement criteria through GDPP website and helpdesk.

## Assistance with pre-commercial procurement

- Assistance on the Network managed at national level in Greece.

### THE EUROPEAN NETWORK OF COMPETENCE CENTRES FOR INNOVATION PROCUREMENT

Procure2Innovate aims to improve institutional support for public procurers implementing innovation procurement in a range of sectors. It will do this by both establishing new innovation procurement competence centres, and enlarging the scope of support offered by existing competence centres in 10 European countries.

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