

SWEDEN – The National Agency for Public Procurement and Kammarkollegiet

The Swedish competence centre in Procure2Innovate consists of the National Agency of Public Procurement and the National Procurement Services at Kammarkollegiet.



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The National Agency for Public Procurement

The National Agency for Public Procurement is commissioned by the government to work for a legally secure, efficient and sustainable public procurement. In the field of innovation procurement, the agency is assigned to promote innovative solutions in public procurement and to increase knowledge and skills in innovation procurement. The agency provides support by developing and disseminating knowledge, tools and methods for public procurement to contracting authorities and suppliers.

Support on innovation procurement

In order to promote innovative solutions and increase knowledge and skills in innovation procurement, the agency provides the following support:

- Support materials - website, guidance documents, brochures, films
- Dissemination of experiences through lectures, trainings, workshops and seminars
- Support to and co-operation with innovation procurement projects
- Support to and co-operation with buyers' networks
- Q&A portal: Our target groups are welcome to contact us with questions on public procurement by telephone or email. Most of the questions and answers are published on our web site in the Q&A portal.

The National Procurement Services at Kammarkollegiet

The task of the National Procurement Services is to offer central government authorities coordinated framework agreements for goods and services of general use. In the field of ICT local and regional authorities as well as central government authorities can use these framework agreements. The aim for the focus on innovation in procurement at Kammarkollegiet is to supply authorities with innovative solutions that increase quality and effectiveness in the public sector.

Support on innovation procurement

A feasibility study has been carried out to broadly map the public sector's need for public procurement of innovative solutions, such as goods and services based on innovative technology. The study finds that the research and development carried out by the public sector also leads to implementation of various pilot projects to evaluate the usefulness and benefits of different innovative solutions. The need for innovative solutions can be identified in virtually all areas where the public sector is active and is prominent within Healthcare, IT and education. IT and digitalization are prerequisites for innovation in most areas.

The feasibility study also concludes that there is a distinct and growing need to procure innovative solutions. The public sector has specially expressed their demand of information about innovative solutions that have been tested in, for example, pilot projects at relevant organizations. The public sector also wants to have an easy access to test or implement such solutions in their own corresponding operations.

The study identifies a need for competence and support services in order to develop the innovation capacity in the public sector. Examples of competence and services are innovation management, assessment of demand and implementation strategies. These competencies and support services should be included in future procurements of national framework agreements to support the development of the innovation capacity in the public sector.

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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