

# European Assistance for Innovation Procurement (*eafip*) Workshop for innovation procurement in public construction 14<sup>th</sup> November 2017, Prague (Czech Republic)

## PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME



**Venue:** Architects' auditorium,  
Old Town Hall,  
Prague,  
Czech Republic  
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The European Commission is pleased to organise this one-day workshop targeting public procurers in the **transport and mobility** sector (e.g., ministries, regional and local authorities, agencies, public bodies, etc..).

The workshop is part of the European Assistance for Innovation Procurement (*eafip*) initiative launched by the EC to mainstream, promote and assist the implementation of innovation procurements in Europe.

The aim of the workshop is to provide procurers with access to good practices and hands-on support, through presentations of case examples and lessons learned, funding opportunities and discussion sessions.

The event offers the opportunity for networking and will ensure broad debate and lively discussion between public procurers, policy makers and other stakeholders.

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## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

### The *eafip* initiative

The *eafip* initiative focuses on the promotion of the benefits of innovation procurement, providing a toolkit that is addressed to policy makers, procurement officers and procurement law firms and Assistance to selected public procurers across the EU with a concrete interest in implementing innovation procurements.

For further information please visit the *eafip* website: [eafip.eu](http://eafip.eu).



### What can innovation procurement do for you?

Innovation procurement empowers public authorities to obtain pioneering, innovative solutions customised to their specific needs. It helps local and central governments to provide tax payers with the best possible quality services, while at the same time saving costs.



The European public sector faces significant societal challenges in areas such as health and ageing, climate change, public transport, energy, security and resource scarcity. The public sector is also under pressure to modernise its internal operations while delivering high quality public services. Innovation procurement can deliver solutions to these challenges through a smart combination of Pre-Commercial Procurement (PCP) and Public Procurement of Innovative solutions (PPI).

Public procurers have a lot to gain from innovation procurement. It enables the public sector to modernise its services in a cost effective manner, creating at the same time market opportunities for companies in Europe.

Impact studies show that innovation procurement creates on average 20% cost savings on public procurement expenditure (which constitutes about one fifth of Gross domestic product (GDP) in Europe – or around € 2,400 billion a year). Innovation procurement is also a way to foster growth and create new jobs, not in the least for the smaller innovative companies that are the backbone of the European economy and which are ideally placed to supply these new innovative products and services.



## WORKSHOP AGENDA

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

09h00 – 09h30	<b>Registrations and welcome coffee</b>
09h30 – 09h50	<b>Welcome speech</b> <i>Opening speech</i>  <b>Representative, European Commission</b>
09h50 – 10h20	<b>Session 1: Introduction to innovation procurement - state of play around Europe</b> <i>Presentation of the benefits of PCP/PPI</i>  <b>Representative, European Commission</b>
10h20 – 11h10	<b>Session 2: Innovation Procurement in the transport and mobility sector – PCP case examples and lessons learned</b> <i>Presentations by public procurers about PCPs implemented across Europe, followed by discussion</i>  <b>Representatives of national and European PCP projects, including:</b> <b>Benno Koehorst, Rijkswaterstaat, V-CON project</b>
11h10 – 11h40	<b>Coffee break</b>
11h40 – 12h30	<b>Session 3: Innovation procurement in the transport and mobility sector – PPI case examples and lessons learned</b> <i>Presentations by public procurers about PPIs implemented across Europe, followed by a discussion</i>  <b>Representatives of national and European PPI projects</b>
12h30 – 13h15	<b>Session 4: Funding opportunities in Horizon 2020</b> <i>Presentation and discussion</i>  <b>Representative, European Commission</b>
13h15 – 14h30	<b>Lunch (provided)</b>
14h30 – 15h00	<b>Session 5: The eafip initiative</b> <i>Presentation of the initiative and the eafip Innovation Procurement Toolkit</i>  <b>Representative, eafip</b>

15h00 – 15h45	<p><b>Session 6: Main steps in an innovation procurement (including steps <i>before</i> the procurement)</b> <i>Presentation and discussion</i></p> <p><b>Representative, eafip</b></p>
15h45 – 16h15	<b>Coffee break and move into parallel session groups</b>
16h15 – 17h45	<p><b>Session 7: Hands-on guidance roundtables and open discussions (parallel sessions)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Group 1. Steps <i>during</i> and <i>after</i> PCP procurements (45 min)</b></li> <li>• <b>Group 2. Steps <i>during</i> and <i>after</i> PPI procurements (45 min)</b></li> </ul> <p><i>Two parallel presentation and interactive discussion sessions</i> <i>Possibility for participants to attend both sessions</i></p> <p><b>Representative, eafip</b></p>
17h45 – 18h00	<p><b>Session 8: Conclusions</b> <i>Presentation</i></p> <p><b>Representative, European Commission</b></p>
18h00	<b>End of the Workshop</b>