



European Assistance for Innovation Procurement (*eafip*) Workshop for Water sector Procurers 9th February 2016, Leeuwarden (the Netherlands)

PROGRAMME

The European Commission (EC) is pleased to organise this one-day workshop which targets public procurers in the water sector.

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.

Don't miss the opportunity to hear first-hand from the European Commission services about the upcoming Horizon 2020 funding for 2016-17 that supports procurers to undertake innovation procurements jointly.

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



Venue: Water Campus Leeuwarden. Hogeschool Van Hall Larenstein. Auditorium (room F1.12). Agora 1, 8934 CJ, Leeuwarden. The Netherlands

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The *eafip* initiative

The *eafip* initiative focuses on the promotion of the benefits of innovation procurement, providing at the same time training based on a toolkit that is addressed to policy makers, procurement officers and procurement law firms. Assistance will also be offered to public procurers across the EU with a concrete interest in implementing innovation procurements.



For further information please visit our website: 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.



AGENDA

Tuesday 9th February 2016

09h00 – 09h30	Registrations and welcome coffee
09h30 – 09h45	Welcome by the eafip Team <i>Opening speech</i> Stephan Corvers , Director of Corvers Procurement Services, Netherlands Floris den Boer , PIANOo, Netherlands
09h45 – 10h30	Session 1: Introduction to Innovation Procurement, benefits and funding opportunities <i>Presentation of the PCP/PPI benefits along with an overview of the funding opportunities</i> Vasileios Tsanidis , Policy officer, Innovation Unit, DG CNECT, European Commission
10h30 – 11h00	Session 2: Innovation Procurement in the water sector – case examples and lessons learned <i>Presentations by public procurers about PCPs/PPIs that are implemented across Europe, followed by a discussion</i> Benedicte Kjørsvik , Project Leader, Water and Sewerage Authority, City of Oslo, Dig-free PCP, Norway Christian Tveitnes , Legal Procurement Adviser, Section Procurement and Logistics, Water and Sewerage Authority, City of Oslo, Dig-free PCP, Norway
11h00 – 11h30	Coffee break
11h30 – 12h30	Session 3: Innovation Procurement in the water sector – case examples and lessons learned (continued) <i>Presentations by public procurers about PCPs/PPIs that are implemented across Europe, followed by a discussion</i> Gilles Neveu , Office International de l'Eau, Water PiPP project Peter Jeppe Tolstrup , Project manager, Urban Development Department, City of Copenhagen, Climate adaption partnership PCP, Denmark
12h30 – 13h30	Lunch - provided (Wetsus building)

13h30 – 14h00	<p>Session 4: Innovation Procurement in the water sector – case examples and lessons learned (continued)</p> <p><i>Presentations by public procurers about PCPs/PPIs that are implemented across Europe, followed by a discussion</i></p> <p>Tommy Giertz, Project coordinator, 4S / Stockholm Water Co, New technologies for secure joining of PE-pipes, Sweden</p>
14h00 – 15h00	<p>Session 5: The eafip Innovation Procurement Toolkit</p> <p><i>Presentation of the eafip Toolkit, which aims to assist in the preparation of PCP and PPI procurements, followed by a discussion</i></p> <p>Stephan Corvers, Director of Corvers Procurement Services, Netherlands Ana Jaramillo, Legal Procurement Advisor, Corvers Procurement Services</p>
15h00 – 15h30	Coffee break and move into parallel session groups
15h30 – 16h45	<p>Session 6: Parallel sessions in groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group 1. Concrete scenarios for Innovation Procurement implementation (PCP tender preparation /PPI tender preparation/ Open market consultation) <i>Presentation and discussion</i> <p>Oana Pantilimon Voda, Legal Procurement Advisor, Corvers Procurement Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group 2. Potential areas for cross-border PCP/PPI cooperation – networking in preparation of Horizon 2020 calls for proposals that support innovation procurement in water-related domain (calls SC5-27, ICT-33a, ICT34, ICT-27(d)) <i>Presentation and discussion</i> <i>Opportunity for participants to present potential proposal ideas</i> <i>Exemplary case of joint procurement presented by Rene Kint (Waterschapshuis)</i> <p>Vasileios Tsanidis, Policy officer, Innovation Unit, DG CNECT, European Commission Stephan Corvers, Director of Corvers Procurement Services, Netherlands</p>
16h45 – 17h00	<p>Session 7: Conclusions in plenary</p> <p><i>Presentation of the two parallel sessions' conclusions</i></p> <p>Stephan Corvers, Director of Corvers Procurement Services, Netherlands</p>
17h00	End of the Workshop
17h00 – 19h00	Networking drinks (Wetsus building)