

Public Procurement and Information Technology: EU and global perspectives

**16 September 2004
Half day from 10h00 to 13h30
Dorint Hotel, 11-19 Boulevard Charlemagne, B-1000 Brussels**

Introduction

With the publication of the recent "Legislative Package on Public Procurement", the EU finally completed a major overhaul of public procurement legislation. Existing procedures have been simplified and clarified with a view to providing greater certainty for entities hoping to sell their goods to services to the public sector. Essential principles, such as equality and non-discrimination, have been reaffirmed.

With transposition into national legislation due by January 2006 at the latest, businesses are watching closely to ensure that disparities in national implementation do not distort the single market for procurement in the EU. The advent of e-procurement also has the potential to erect additional barriers, so the clearest guidance is needed from policy makers to ensure that national legislators respect both the spirit and detail of procurement legislation.

On the international level, too, the question of local procurement preferences in support of local industries constitutes a risk for industry globally. The EU has a key role in encouraging our trading partners to follow best procurement practice in line with our own legislation.

About the workshop

As EU policymakers and businesses come to terms with an updated procurement environment, ISC is organizing this major roundtable discussion meeting to give all stakeholders a first opportunity to discuss issues arising from this important new legislation as it affects the ICT sector. In particular the workshop will consider the public procurement of software, being the most prominent example of technology procurement.

As well as giving participants a clearer understanding of HOW administrations can best manage IT procurement, the event will consider the impact of international procurement regimes on EU businesses, and the effects of discriminatory or market-distorting procurement legislation.

Following the presentations a roundtable discussion, with participants drawn from the Member States, business representatives and other key stakeholders, will allow all participants to share their views on issues which are crucial to the development of the European and global information society.

To register for the workshop, please send an email to mp@interel.be, indicating your name and organization. Alternatively complete the sections below and fax back to +32 (0)2 777 05.04

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Draft Agenda

INTRODUCTIONS

- 10.00 Welcome coffee
10.20 Opening remarks and introduction of attendees
- **Hugo Lueders**, Director European Public Policy, *CompTIA*

PRESENTATIONS

- 10.30 Introduction to the European Public Procurement Directives
- **Claudio Romanini**, Process Officer, Public Procurement
European Commission, DG Internal Market, Unit D/3
- Legal implications of the new EU Directives for government software procurement
- **Bastiaan Bruyndonckx**, lawyer
Linklaters De Bandt
- Public procurement of ICT in the Czech Republic
- **Hana Nevralova**, Director of Legislation Department
Ministry of Informatics, Czech Republic
- The international perspective: procurement practice and international trade
- **Miguel Ceballos Baron**, International aspects of public procurement
European Commission, DG Trade, Unit H/2

11.30 COFFEE BREAK

ROUNDTABLE

- 11.40 "Public Procurement and Information Technology: EU and global perspectives"
Mr Cathal Friel (Chairman), Irish Software Association Chairman
Also featuring:
- **Emilio Castrillejo**
DG Enterprise, IDA Unit, e-Procurement expert
 - **Robert Kramer**
CompTIA, Vice-President of Global Public Policy
 - **David Sweet**
DG Regional Policy, Procurement Expert in Poland
 - **Speaker (tbc)**
DG Information Society, Unit C6, "e-Government"
 - **EU Member State representatives (tbc)**
Czech Republic, Estonia

13.00 Conclusions and follow-up

13.15 BUFFET LUNCH

Road Map



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FROM THE AIRPORT:

- Taxi +/- 25.00 €
- Train Airport Express to Central Station, then take underground direction Stockel / Herman Debroux, get out at Schuman Station.
- Bus n°12 'Airport Express' get out at Rond Point Schuman

FROM GARE DU MIDI:

- Taxi +/- 10.00 €
- Direct Metro via Arts Loi to Schuman Station.