



Public Procurement in European Territorial Cooperation Programmes

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INTERACT is going to organise a seminar on public procurement rules and practice in European Territorial Cooperation (ETC) programmes and projects. The workshop is intended for JTS and MA staff as well as First Level Controllers and all other professionals dealing with public procurement on a programme level.

The seminar will cover the principles and procedures of European public procurement policy with a specific focus on ETC programmes:

- What are the main principles of public procurement to be respected by ETC programmes and projects? What are some existing good practices? What unsolved issues exist?
- What are the most frequent errors and how can programmes manage the public procurement risk to reduce the error rate? What is feasible and useful for programme authorities, what is not?
- How are procurement errors detected and addressed and what financial cuts are appropriate?
- How to live with the inherent error risk in public procurement?

The aim of this seminar is to present and discuss procurement rules and practices in an accessible way and to help ETC programmes to improve their management of procurement risks. National public procurement rules will not be addressed specifically in the seminar.

The seminar will offer a platform for participants to exchange experiences and concerns in dealing with public procurement. Presentations by the European Commission and practitioners as well as discussions and ETC-specific cases will support learning in the seminar.

You will find below the preliminary agenda of this seminar.



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DRAFT Agenda

8.45 - 9.15	Registration
9.15 - 9.45	Welcome and expectations for the seminar
9.45 - 10.30	Overview on public procurement in ETC: Rules and principles (tbc)
10.30 - 11.00	Frequent public procurement errors (Willebrord Sluijters, European Commission, DG Regional Policy)
11.00 - 11.15	Short Break
11.15 - 11.45	Irregularities and financial cuts due to infringements of public procurement rules (tbc)
11.45 - 12.30	Questions and answer session
12.30 - 13.30	Lunch
13.30 - 14.00	Questions and answer session (continued)
14.00 - 15.00	Managing public procurement risks in ETC programmes <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Christina Bauer - Managing Authority Alpine Space Programme• Presentations by other ETC programmes and discussion
15.00 - 16.00	ETC public procurement cases <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Group work and discussions
16.00 - 16.30	Public procurement trends and developments relevant to ETC (EU COM tbc) (e.g., simplification, joint procurement, green procurement, etc.)
16.30 - 17.00	Wrapping up, Outlook