

ICT Professional Services Future procurement approach

Information Session

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On the agenda

Context

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Towards brokering services



Approach

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A new way to procure for professional services



Transition

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How the implementation of this approach is foreseen





Context

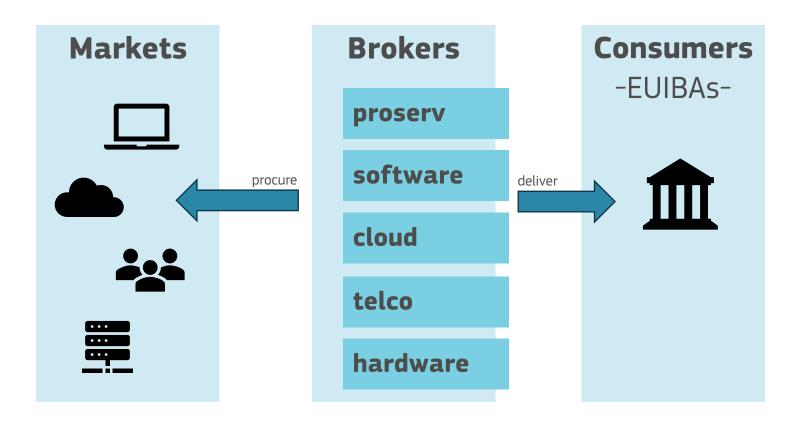
Towards a brokering services



Context: towards brokering services

Procurement efforts aim to be organised around several distinct ICT procurement markets, while establishing a dedicated **brokerage service** for each market.

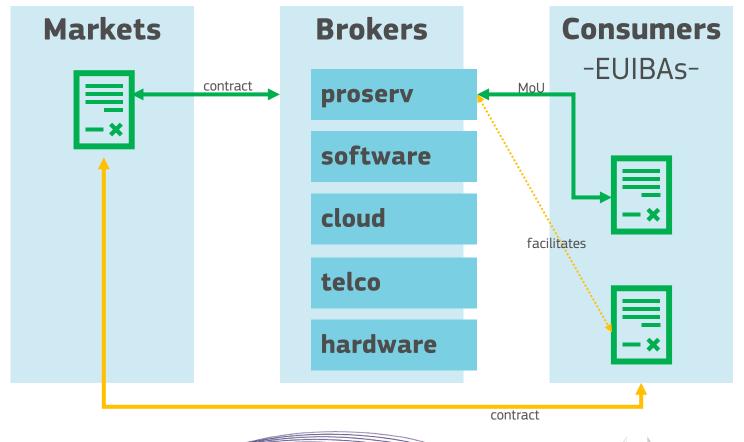
Several brokerage services have already been established: cloud, hardware, network, hardware.





Two ways of contracting

- 1. Brokers can purchase, in volume when beneficial for consumers: providers have a Single Point of Purchase.
- 2. Brokers can **facilitate purchases** (pre-award)
 for consumers, providers
 have a contract directly
 with consumers.





Approach



Approach: Rationale

With this approach, the contracting authority aims at solving specific pain points.

Follow the pace

Multi-year large framework contracts hardly follow the pace of evolution in the IT Market.

Focus on Quality



Being closer to the needs, the Contracting Authority aims at getting better value for money from the offers of the providers.

Leverage SMEs



Allowing the contracting authority to benefit from the expertise of smaller specialised operators, such as start-ups.

More Accurate



Being close to the consumers, better forecast volume of contracts, that are difficult to foresee in large framework contracts.



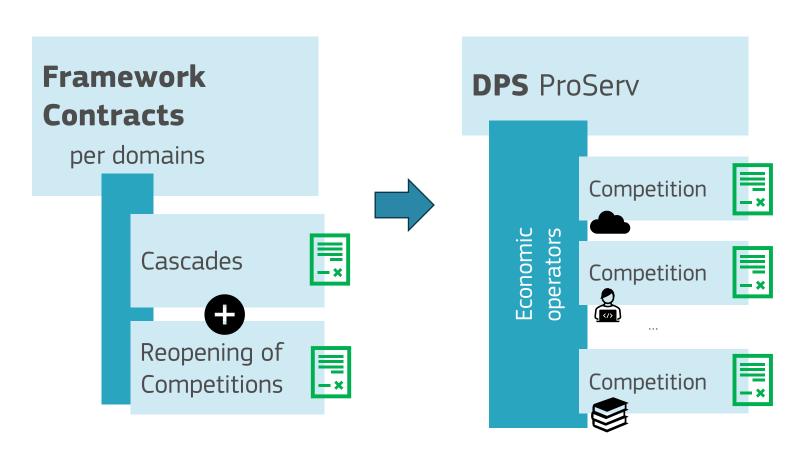
Approach: High Frequency Procurement

The contracting authority aims to **leverage competitions in DPS**s rather than large FWC:

Competitions will be specific to:

- A domain
- A nature of delivery (TM/QTM/FP/MS)
- A geography
- Any other criterion relevant

Focus on quality or price depending on the competition





Types of competitions

Two types of needs and process will be followed, corresponding to two types of **delegation to customers**.

Standard needs will benefit from standard broker process to cope with a large workload.

Custom needs will be tailored however based on standard patterns (e.g. CLOUD II DPS2)

Standard needs

~≤ 3M**€ on 4 years



TM/QTM FP MS(Agile & KPI)

Standard Templates
Standard Criteria

Custom needs

~≥ 3M**€ on 4 years



FP MS(Agile & KPI)

Customised Tender Customised Criteria

Broker: support the whole process

Short time to answer

Contract management by customer*

Custom time to answer

Contract management by broker

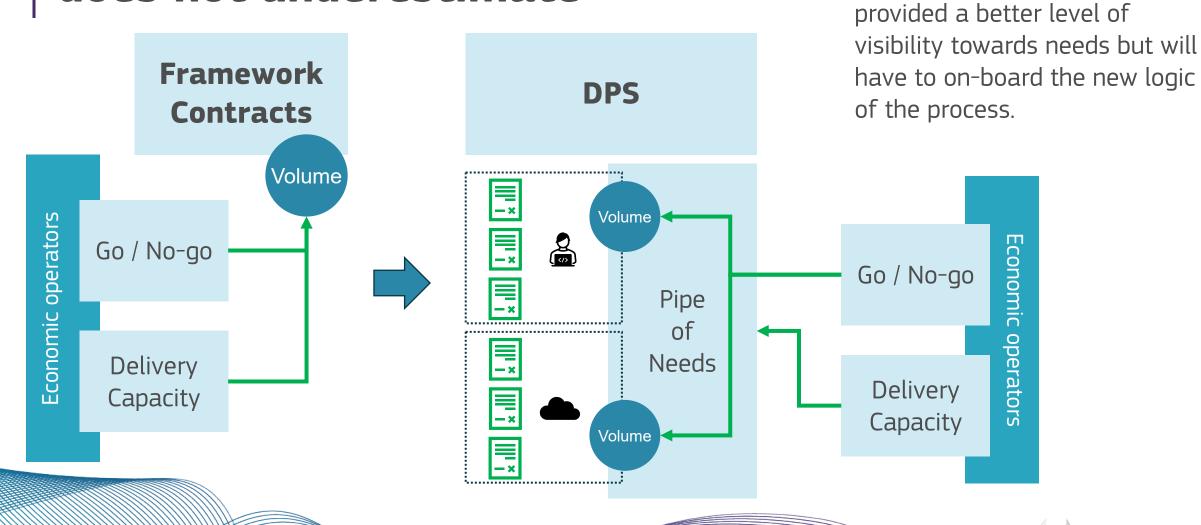
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** estimate ; not sole measure to define custom/standard





A change the contracting authority does not underestimate



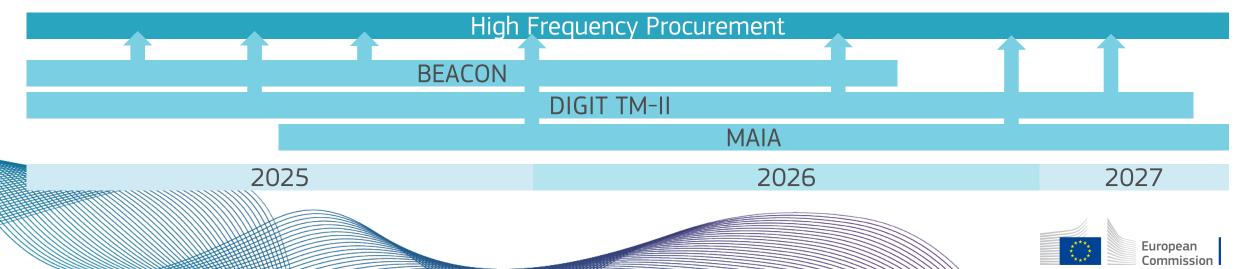
Economic operators will be

Agenda and Workloads



The workload that the broker will have to absorb progressively is significant and challenging. The volume per modality will match the frameworks been transferred.

Precise figures on domains/modalities will be provided after the first return of experience



Transition



Transition: Already started, proves of concepts



Quick iterations

TMC1

Times & Means competition 1

documents to submit standard criteria

Standard evaluation criteria

The DPS structure allows the Contracting Authority to quickly iterate; competition cancelled if not satisfactory.

2025 - Q1

Draft topics before publishing a pipeline of needs

TMx10

Over a dozen other TMs foreseen

4 weeks*

FP_{x2}

First tests for FP projects, if modality retained

MS_{x3}

Managed service for EC or other bodies

ESMA**

4-8 weeks*

* contract signature timespan target for standard needs ** custom need



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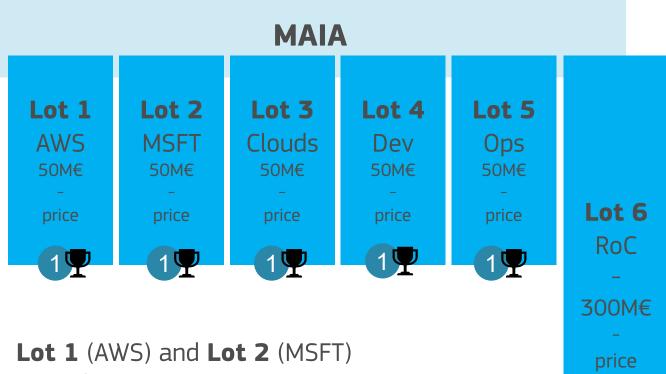


4-8 weeks*

Transition: MAIA

MAIA is considered a stop-gap solution before the new model is implemented.

Any lot can be discontinued at **any stage** of the procedure depending on the ability of the targeted process to deliver for the workload.



Lot 1 (AWS) and Lot 2 (MSFT) specifically at risk considering they evolve in a market with scarce resources





Transition: Other Tenders

To mitigate the risk that the target process does not deliver on time:

BEACON

The contracting authority started the preparation for the replacement of the FWC BEACON.

DIGIT-TM

The contracting authority started the preparation for the replacement of the FWC DIGIT-TM II. This procedure can lead to its own market consultation.



However,

can be
replaced,
partially or
entirely by the
new process or
existing
procedures.



Feedback



Feedback



Following this session, economic operators can provide their feedback via email:

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