



Factsheet

Multi-Stakeholder Expert Group (EXEP)

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Background

The Multi-Stakeholders Expert Group on eProcurement (EXEP) is an informal permanent consultative group set up in 2014 by DG Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs to provide it with sound advice and expertise on the implementation of eProcurement, ESPD, transparency, accessibility, interoperability, data usage and associated eProcurement policy areas. Experts are drawn from both the public and private sector.

Objectives

The objective of the group is to assist and advise Member States (MS), stakeholders (service providers, standards bodies and potential suppliers) and the Commission on implementing the provisions of the 2014 EU Directives relating to electronic procurement and associated governance and technical issues. This enables MS to implement eProcurement in a consistent manner that provides the necessary scope to MS given the diverse nature of legal regimes that operate across the European Union (EU).

The group does this by contributing to the examination and monitoring of implementation of eProcurement across the EU, sharing best practices and following new developments in this policy area.

The group also examines interoperability issues in this area with a view to further promoting the uptake of end-to-end eProcurement across the EU. In this regard, the EXEP liaises closely with the European Multi-Stakeholder Forum on eInvoicing (EMSFEI) to ensure that the recommendations arising from the EMSFEI and broader policies on end-to-end eProcurement are consistent.

Main Outputs

The group meets on average three times per annum. The meetings are arranged to provide members with updates on policy and developments in related areas and to inform the group on future funding arrangements designed to foster better use of technology and end-to-end eProcurement. These meetings are also a platform to initiate discussion of specific topics, which are pertinent to eProcurement. These topics are examined by subgroups comprised of a cross section of members of the EXEP who draft reports on these issues.

Links

- EXEP's reports are available on the European Commission website: http://ec.europa.eu/growth/single-market/public-procurement/e-procurement/transition_en

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eProcurement; Digital; Open Government; Transparency; Transformation; Standardisation; Best practice; European Single Procurement Document; ESPD; Public Procurement; European Union; Internal Market; Governance