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Contract Registers Report

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Background

The Contract Registers (CR) Report was produced by the Multi-Stakeholders Expert Group on eProcurement (EXEP), in 2017, to give advice to European key stakeholders in the process of adopting electronic public procurement. It provides for experiences, best practices and useful recommendations to support an effective transition to public procurement digitalisation. This report should be relevant to all Member States (MS) and to key stakeholders including economic operators. The recommendations or lessons drawn from best practice can be assessed according to the specific needs of the MS.

Objectives

The report aims to create a common basis of understanding, to identify a set of guidelines based on existing solutions in Member States and proposes a set of non-mandatory recommendations for the development of a comprehensive CR solution.

Main Outputs

A CR is defined as a function, or module, of a public procurement system that gathers structured data and unstructured information throughout the lifecycle of the contract, at a level relevant for governance (e.g. country-level, regional level). This function, or module, is also used to disclose information. The degree of disclosure depends on national preferences.

The benefits of CR, at national level, would include:

- to enable public procurement stakeholders to be aware of:
 - what has been announced (intention);
 - what has been contracted (agreement);
 - what has been done (implementation).
- to act as an accountability instrument of the State. A transparency policy in Public Procurement will increase the citizen's trust in public institutions.

The Report contains ten recommendations designed to address common issues and can be summarised as follows:

- build a CR that meets the policies of the MS, is accessible and trustworthy;
- cover the full procurement lifecycle for all contracts;
- prevent the duplicate entry of key data/information: CR as eSender, data-exchange between existing systems, align with data/info from standard forms;
- communicate the benefits to potential users and make it easier to utilise the data;
- place ownership of CR within the Public sector.

Links

The full version of the Report is available at: <https://ec.europa.eu/docsroom/documents/26421>

Keywords

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