Background

The Governance and Capacity Building Report was produced by the EXEP multi-stakeholder group, in 2016, 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 effective transition to digitalised public procurement.. This report should be relevant to all the 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

This report has been developed to help the European Union (EU) MS and the European FreeTrade Area (EFTA) States, to manage their transition to eProcurement, provided for by the 2014 EU Directives on public procurement.

Main Outputs

The Report presents recommendations, guidelines and best practice tools for the transition to eProcurement. It is structured into 4 parts, starting from the fundamental definition of "Governance":

- Part 1 provides **background information** on the EXEP group and the scope of the Report;
- Part 2 "**Developing a Strategy for eProcurement**" briefly explores the concept of governance before giving an outline on the requirements for drawing together a strategy on eProcurement, based on the experience and research of the group;
- Part 3 "**Implementing a Strategy for eProcurement**" provides guidelines and best practice tools for the implementation of an eProcurement strategy. This includes the importance of action plans, business models, transformation management and training, as examples;
- Part 4 contains some **conclusions**.

The entire document is supported by: *6 recommendations* to assist in conducting an appropriate and effective transition to eProcurement; *9* country examples and best practices; several tables and pictures to support the description of some processes and models. A *useful table* overview listing all critical success actions to be undertaken, models, processes and recommendations is also provided.

Links

The full version of the Report is available at: https://ec.europa.eu/docsroom/documents/20844

Keywords

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