THE ROLE OF JOINT PROCUREMENT: LESSONS FROM THE IPROCURENET PROJECT

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THE ONLINE SURVEY

The iProcureNet project conducted an online survey among European public procurers.

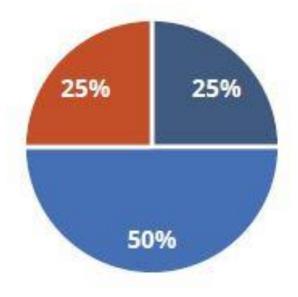
 The aim of the survey was to learn more about existing joint cross-border public procurement (JCBPP) initiatives throughout Europe

RESULT OF THE SURVEY

What we found out?

LACK OF EXPERIENCE BUT POSITIVE ATTITUDE

- Around 75% of the respondents had a positive attitude towards JCBPP
- 25% had experienced
- •50% were interested or even planned to engage in JCBPP



- Experienced JCBPP
- Consider JCBPP
- Not interested

DIFFICULTIES THAT HAD TO BE OVERCOME

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Different language and culture.

- A common language should be agreed upon in the beginning of the cooperation.
- In most cases, English is the first language (procurement of vaccines in Estonia)

Different processes.

- There can be differences in procurement practices in the beginning of the cooperation.
- Therefore, it is good idea to start by identifying different practices and harmonizing them.

DIFFICULTIES THAT HAD TO BE OVERCOME

- The coordination among public procurers from different countries can prove to be difficult.
 - Organize frequent (weekly) telco
- Agreeing on the assessment process and decision.
 - the evaluation part of the tender can present difficulties,
 - especially in the case of prescribing the subject of the tender using functional specifications,
 - In the case of the FABULOS project, this issue was approached by setting up an External Evaluation Panel in addition to the Technical Evaluation Committee.

BENEFITS OF JCBPP

Is it even worth it?

BENEFITS OF JOINT CROSS-BORDER PUBLIC PROCUREMENT

- The following main benefits of JCBPP have been chosen by the respondents from multiple-choice questions:
 - economies of scale;
 - possibility to negotiate better contract conditions;
 - promotion of innovation and R&D;
 - collaboration, sharing knowledge and exchanging good practice - professionalization
 - standardization of technical specifications.

BENEFITS OF JOINT CROSS-BORDER PUBLIC PROCUREMENT

- •JCBPP can be the solution to some of the problems specific to the health sector but also security
 - high level of confidentiality in the health sector
 - different kinds of agreements for confidentiality are typical here
 - •in the case of joint procurement for vaccines in Estonia, JCBPP had the effect of revealing prices and opening up the market.

WHAT DO WE DO?

Needs & Opportunities for Joint Security Procurement?

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The objectives set for WP2 of the iProcureNet project are to:

- Collect and analyse the investment trends included in in the investment plans from the procurers involved in the consortium and from the TGs;
- To process these data and produce the initial list of candidate segments for JP

WHAT DO WE DO?

- Input sources of information is also very important element for the success of the iProcureNet project.
- Mainly used sources are:
 - Investment Plans;
 - Internal Security Fund Borders and Visa, and Police;
 - H2020 programme Network of Practitioners and H2020 programme R&D projects;
 - International Trade Fairs/Exhibitions

INVESTMENT PLANS

- Investment plans are a very good basis for the initial analysis and identification of potential candidates and segments for JCBPP
- Our ambition is to go further and to collect more investment plans by attracting external partners
- in some MS there is more than one organisation/agency with an investment plan can be shared and analysed during next project cycles (as for example Romania).

INVESTMENT PLANS

 To do further analysis and identify potential and support for JP from participants dedicated questionnaire was developed and sent to all identified partners.

	Common requirements and interest for JP (product sub-category)				
	Drones (UAV)	Document scanners/detectors	3D Modelling Scanner	Cameras/Photo traps	AVT/SUV/Special vehicles (document checking, thermal vision)
Country					
1	Yes	No		No	
2				N/A	
3				N/A	
4	No	Yes	N/A		
5	N/A	No		No	Yes
6	Yes		No	No	No
Result:				Probably, needs	
Possible JP				additional	
candidate	Yes	No	No	information	No

DEDICATED WORKSHOPS

 several workshops with network of practitioners and H2020 programme R&D projects

ROBORDER, FOLDOUT project

- The goal of the workshops was to present the ROBORDER system and FODOUT to iProcureNet Partners, National iPNCs and other invited iProcureNet partners.
- Based on the presentation iProcureNet will identifies potential interest for joint procurement of the presented systems

SECURITY FAIRS

 Security fairs, trade shows and exhibitions as part of the prior market analysis

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