

iProcureNet Network+Community

Who ?

NETWORK

The Network of organisations consists of procurement organisations and departments active in the acquisition of security solutions in EU Member States.

COMMUNITY

The Community of experts consists of individual professionals and stakeholders in the procurement of security solutions from procurement agencies and departments, from academia, industry, policy and civil society.

Why ?

- The procurers, prescribers and legal advisors directly involved in the procurement processes of security solutions in their organisations, express a great willingness to get together, dialogue, share good practices and get inspired from the other countries' processes. The objective will be to: Build a Community of experts interested in innovation and involved in procurement, supported by both regular physical meetings and an online platform supporting the collaboration
- Enable and facilitate this cooperation by creating and maintaining a Network of EU organisations, represented by officials with a mandate to engage them (or their representatives).
- Ensure, through this Network+Community, that all stakeholders get complete information about the procurement processes and iProcureNet results but also contribute to the development of a methodology and tools for joint cross border public procurement and procurement of innovation, by participating in the online and physical activities, such as surveys, discussions, meetings, workshops, trainings and more.



What are the benefits?

EXPAND YOUR NETWORK

- Participate in webinars and workshops for free
- Be part of the ecosystem of a community of professionals with the same challenges and goals
- Join regular meetings on specific topics of interest
- Discuss common challenges and potential solutions
- Meet innovation solution providers or other relevant actors in the field of procurement – interact and maintain contact with them
- Access complimentary networks and projects
- Post content (invitations to events, news, etc)

LEARN TOGETHER

- Access documentation of the Knowledge Factory
- Share your knowledge, your (success) stories or opinions
- Access experiences and discuss ways to deal with common issues
- Pool existing resources
- Take advantage of peer-learning materials and events for professional development
- Ask question and receive feedback
- Access and participate in webinars and workshops for free

BUILD KNOWLEDGE

- Create knowledge together through interaction and cooperation
- Be part of evolution and improvement of knowledge in the field of innovation procurement
- Find out more about the innovation landscape and opportunities
- Contribute to policy recommendations
- Contribute to the creation of a tailored methodology for the procurement of innovative solutions

PAVE THE WAY

- Be part of evolution and improvement of knowledge in the field of innovation procurement
- Contribute to policy recommendations
- Propose improvements of the iProcureNet activities and results (e.g. Toolbox, Knowledge Factory)
- Pave the way towards joint procurement of innovation to access better solutions at better cost
- Share input related to your organisation's procurement strategy, trends or needs



PROCURERS GROUP

Lead: Norma Dauvin, MININT

What is it?

In many departments /organisations in charge of public procurement, there is generally an individual in charge of writing the procurement strategy before the actual tendering process can start.

iProcureNet needs the expertise of these individuals to be able to develop a tailored methodology. On the other hand, this group will offer to the procurers methods and tools to get a deeper understanding of the importance of **innovation procurement** and of its benefits.

The group will monitor procurement practices to build together better knowledge and guidance, by procurers for procurers.

Who is it for?

The procurement group is specially designed for: **Public buyers, Procurement professionals, prescribers** from Member State institutions such as Ministries of Interior, or other security practitioners from international organisations, such as NATO or OSCE.

Added value?

Through our discussion forum, secured private messages facility, portfolios and document libraries, the members of the Procurers group will:

- Get access to and discuss best practices in public procurement from our European members through a dynamic community.
- Get support and ideas when you face a specific challenge, that other European procurers may face.
- Liaise with ethics and legal advisors groups.
- Share needs trends and pave the way towards joint public procurement of innovation, to secure better solutions at better cost.
- Contribute to risk mapping and policy recommendations for a better future of the public procurement landscape.
- And much more.



LEGAL ADVISORS GROUP

Lead: Mari Ann Simovart, University of Tartu

What is it?

In order to overcome the difficulties caused by the transposition of the European directives, as well as by the varying national regulations and standards, iProcureNet connects with the legal advisors of the relevant procurement organisations. Creating a dialogue among the experts and being able to find assistance when needed, facilitates achieving the common objectives within the community and thus the overall European joint cross-border procurement.

Who is it for?

This group is primarily for **Legal professionals** who support procurers or are involved in the procurement process.

Lawyers working in the procurement sector, especially but not limited to security procurement, academics researching legal issues of security procurement are all very relevant group members.

The group gathers experts for peer-learning and support, and also liaises with the other iProcureNet Groups where topics of interest raise legal observations. A synergy with the Ethics group is already identified.

Added value?

Through our dynamic discussion forum, secured private messages facility, portfolios and document libraries, the members of the Legal group will cooperate and can better support cross-border security procurement on legal aspects, come up with legal solutions for a smooth procurement practice, monitor legal provisions and JCBPP practices in member states.



ETHICS GROUP

Lead: Jorge Garzon, MININT

What is it?

The Ethics groups aims to ensure more responsible, honest and transparent public procurement practices, to provide best guidance to procurers and open discussion on the necessary actions to enhance the integrity of their own organisations.

Specifically for procurement in the security sector, we want to create a higher awareness about ethics as it relates to have a direct impact on society and civilians.

Specific objectives of the group include:

- To identify adapted tools to encourage ethical procurement in the security sector.
- To offer a framework within which contracting authorities may identify and prevent risky situations in internal procurement procedures.
- To map risks and opportunities of unethical situations when procuring.
- To analyse and compare ethics regulations and laws at a European level as well as national level.

Who is it for?

This group will benefit from a wide range of professional representation.

To achieve the desired results, this group welcomes representatives from:

- Practitioners (procurers)
- Ethics and deontology experts
- Representatives from the security forces (technical prescribers when needed)
- Legal experts

Added value?

Through our discussion forum, secured private messages facility, portfolios, and document libraries, the members of the Ethics group get access to and discuss best practices to ensure ethical procurement, from our European members through a dynamic community.



BORDER AND EXTERNAL SECURITY

Lead: Hannes Jarvine, PPA

What is it?

Border and External Security is at the core of safety and security of the European Union. The aim of this group is to find together and implement appropriate solutions and a platform for action in this area. As countries face common challenges and needs to improve infrastructure and responses to evolving threats, this group will allow its members to react in real time to particular problems, such as but not limited to border management, cross-border crimes, human smuggling, migration and rescue at sea.

Who is it for?

The border and external security group gathers prescribers from the organisations procuring products and services related to border management, cross-border crime, human smuggling, migration and rescue at sea, and customs security.

The group aims to make connections also with other local, regional, national and international organisations related of Border and External Security such as FRONTEX, JRC, EMSA, EU-LISA, but also in running or finished EU projects, such as EWISA, CLOSEYE, RANGER, FOLDOUT, TRESSPASS, BODEGA, SMILE, SAFESHORE and the relevant networks of practitioners such as MEDEA and PEN-CP.

Added value?

Through our dynamic discussion forum, secured private messages facility, portfolios and document libraries, the members of the Disaster Resilience group will:

- Get access to and discuss best practices in border and external security area from our European members.
- Get support and ideas when you face a specific challenge, that other European responders may face.
- Liaise with other topical groups.
- Share needs trends and pave the way towards joint activities (including public procurement of innovation, to secure better solutions at better cost).
- Contribute to risk mapping and policy recommendations to increase border and external security.



DISASTER RESILIENT SOCIETIES

Lead: Martin Kostolny, ISEMI

What is it?

The scope of the Disaster Resilient Societies (DRS) group is to get together prescribers from all EU countries. This group focuses on the impact and EU's preparedness for crisis or extraordinary events resulting from natural forces related climate change, man-made accidents, catastrophes. This live group reacts to particular problems in real time. Nowadays, disasters such as the increasing number of extreme dry and large fires as well as storms, wind shrinking, snow calamities and floods are more common. Solving such disasters requires deployment of large capacities not only in terms of human resources, but also technical, technological and others, often on an international collaborative level.

Who is it for?

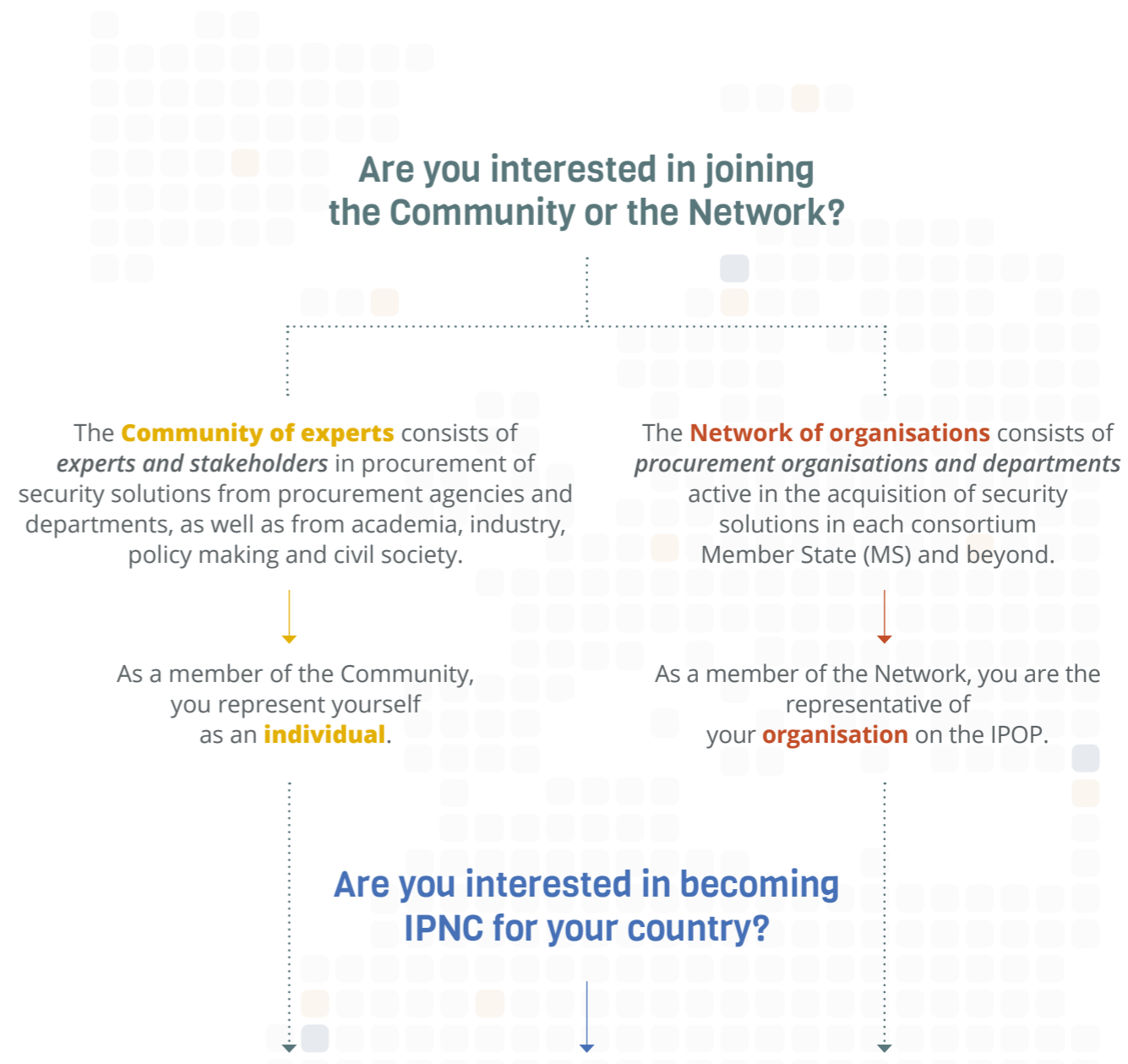
Representatives of civil protection, fire and rescue services, emergency medical services as well as other responding units will all be relevant for this group. Effective management of disasters requires cooperation of many subjects and bodies such as departments and sectors of Environment and Health, Industry and Transport, Medical rescuers, expert bodies in the field of safety, hygiene, natural resource management and other specific authorities. Police services play an important role also. The Group has planned to make connection with other projects and practitioner networks.

Added value?

Through our dynamic discussion forum, secured private messages facility, portfolios and document libraries, the members of the DRS group will get access to and discuss best.

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HOW TO JOIN THE IPROCURENET NETWORK+COMMUNITY



Contact
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 giving background on your motivation and profile.