

SPICE Common Buyers Group

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THE SPICE COMMON BUYERS GROUP – INITIATING COOPERATION IN PROCUREMENT

SPICE gives public authorities an invaluable opportunity to **share their experiences** of procuring innovative sustainable transportation solutions and to learn from each other. SPICE is encouraging public authorities to take the **next steps towards cooperating** to procure innovative mobility solutions. **SPICE supports the process of bringing potential partners together** to shape and initiate cooperation. SPICE can organise the first meetings or offer some advice on how and on which parts of the procurement process to cooperate on, or just provide a forum to discuss common issues and learn from one another.

Based on the information collected in previous phase of the SPICE project, **four different types of cooperation** in Public Procurement are identified:



A **SWOT analysis** has been carried out to identify all strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats of joint procurements. Strengths are found in the **innovative potential** of cooperation, the **reduced costs** and **higher quality** of the solutions. But due to the highly **complex contracts**, more time is needed and there is a risk of failing if mutual consent takes too long. Threats of joint procurement are ranging from an **inflexible administrative structure** with many rules and laws, **language barriers**, and a possible **lack of willingness and trust**.

SPICE OBJECTIVES



- Form a number of Common Buyers Groups to facilitate joint procurement during and after the project timeframe

- Initiate an support a number of Common Buyers Groups; within a group buyers work together towards a common procurement

- Identify the common needs, support the partnership building

- Provide framework to develop the practices and procedures by identifying best practices, creating recommendations and providing peer-to-peer support for procurers

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SPICE TASKS IN THE COMMON BUYERS GROUP

Collect and Analyse Good Examples of Common Procurements

Identify Potential Buyers for Common Buyers Groups

Initiate and Coordinate Common Buyers Groups

Reporting About The Experiences Gained

JOIN THE SPICE COMMON BUYERS GROUP

WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

- ❖ Good (or bad) experiences on the use of Common Buyers Groups, especially in the context of:
 - Alternatively fuelled vehicles
 - ITS solutions
 - Mobility services
 - Other services
- ❖ Existing Common Buyers Groups
- ❖ Procurers interested in working together in order to form a Common Buyers Group

YOUR BENEFITS:

- ❖ Share information on best practices for innovative procurement
- ❖ Learn from the experiences of others, thereby saving effort, time and financial resources
- ❖ Gather deep knowledge on EC Directives on public procurements
- ❖ Team up with other public procurers (peer-to-peer support) and share the workload of the tendering process and the preparations
- ❖ Receive support from SPICE through access to networks, information, and advice
- ❖ Get technical and legal supports in implementing innovative procurements
- ❖ Harmonisation – a common approach might lead to more harmonised solutions

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