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## The European Commission's main priorities and future plans

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#### The new role of Public Procurement

Administrative process

Strategic tool to shape our future



Market Integration and Competition



- Efficient internal market
- Fair competition



Sustainability and Resilience



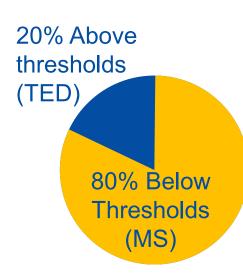
- Big Buyers
- Sectoral legislation
- Public Buyers Platform
- Public Procurement Data Space

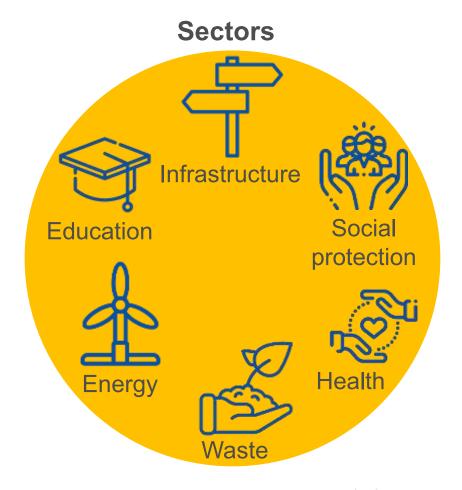


# Public Procurement as a driver for Twin Transition and Resilience



EUR 2 Trillion or 14% of GDP 250.000 Public buyers





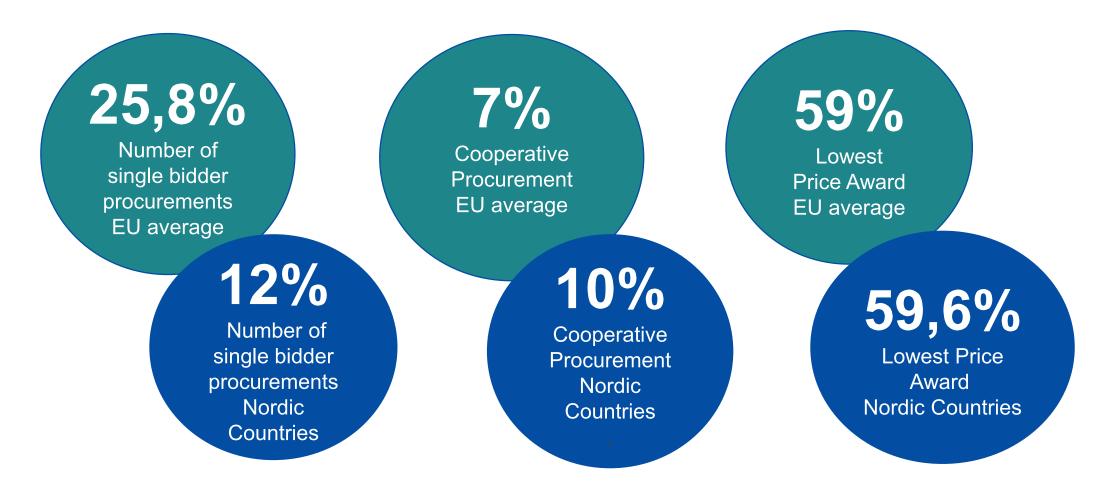




### I. Market Integration and Competition:

- 1. Building an efficient internal market
- 2. Promoting efficient and innovative procurement
  - 3. Ensuring fair competition

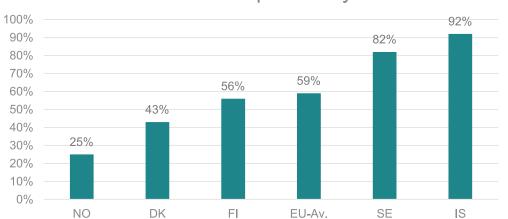
## Structural Deficiencies of Public Procurement Market



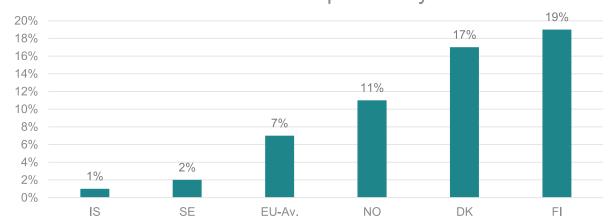


# Structural Features of Public Procurement Market

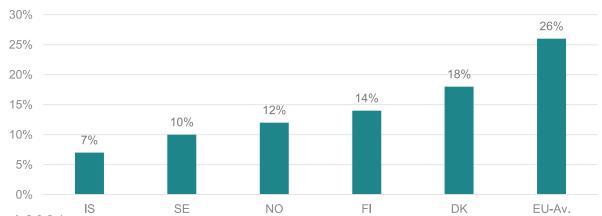
Numbers of procurements award based on lowest price only



Proportion of procurement procedures with more than one public buyer

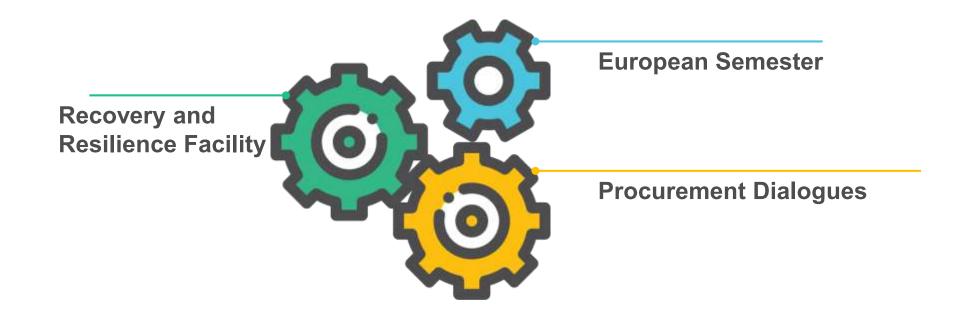


Number of single bidder procurement procedures





### Promoting Efficient and Innovative Procurement through Cooperation with Member States





### **Ensuring Fair Competition Globally**



### **Ensuring a level playing field** within the Single Market

- Addresses distortions caused by foreign subsidies
- <u>Notification-based</u> tool and possibility of <u>ex-officio</u> investigations



#### **Opening procurement markets globally**

- <u>Drop barriers</u> to access procurement markets in third countries
- Provide the EU with <u>negotiating leverage</u>
  vis-à-vis third countries









# II. Promotion of Innovation, Sustainability, and Resilience

- 1. Big Buyers
- 2. Sectoral Legislation
- 3. Public Buyers Platform
- 4. Public Procurement Data Space

### Fostering Innovation Procurement



- Big Buyers Working Together
- Public Buyers Community Platform
- Funding of PPI Projects



- Guidance and Tools
- Webinars
- Training Programs (for CPBs)
- Closing gap between innovation ecosystem and Public Demand



### Big Buyers Working Together for bigger impact

- Collaboration of public buyers around unmet needs
- Engage collectively a dialogue with the market
- Shaping the EU market through public demand

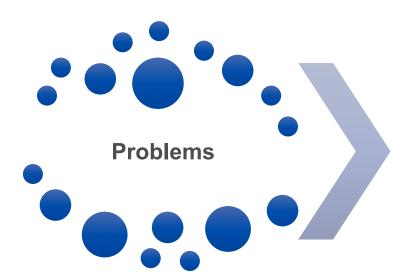
### 10 Working Groups

- Focus: ICT, Green, Health & Social Procurement
- Facilitated collaborations between buyers and suppliers
- Webinars, Hackathons, etc.





# Transform problems into opportunities for Buyers







- Old solutions
- Working alone
- Tough challenges

- Keep up with the pace
- Innovative solutions
- Connect with the market

- Drive market for new solutions
- Joint market studies and preparation
- Build collective intelligence
- Connection with innovators





Big Buyers on Zero Emission Construction Sites: an example from Oslo

#### The working group on Zero Emission Construction Site:

- 21 Members
- Shared knowledge
- Joint Statement of Demand

2022 World's first zero emission Barcelona construction started its pilot site in Oslo in construction sites 2019

 Target of at least 50% emission free machinery constructions

2030



Open and joint Statement of demand signed by Barcelona, Oslo, Copenhagen, Helsinki, Vantaa and Bodø





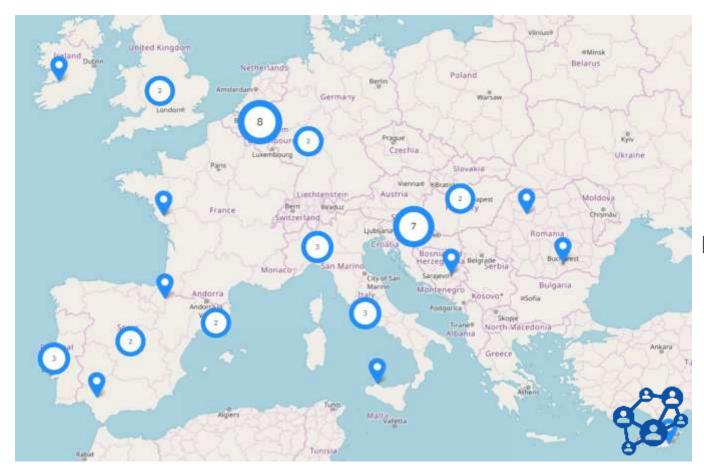
### Sectoral Legislation



- Proposal for a Net Zero Industry Act
- > Award criteria to include the sustainability and resilience contribution
  - 1. Environmental sustainability
  - 2. Innovation
  - 3. Energy System Integration
  - 4. Resilience
- In compliance with the EU's international obligations
- ➤ Mandatory **weighting range**: 15% to 30% of the award criteria and possibility to go beyond for environmental/innovation criteria



#### Public Buyers Community Platform



Not shown members from Sweden, Estonia, Norway, United States, Mexico, South Africa



https://public-buyers-community.ec.europa.eu/

An open digital space for **Public Buyers**, **Suppliers**, and **Researchers** to collaborate and exchange knowledge.

- More than 70 members from Governments and Public sector
- Others from large companies, SMEs and research institutes

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### Public Procurement Data Space (PPDS)



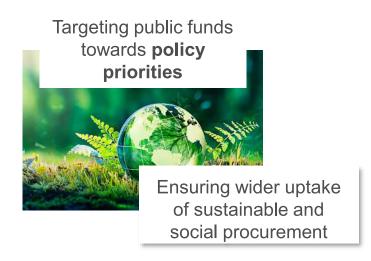
Connection between European databases, including TED data on public procurement, and national procurement data sets available in national portals



A data space to improve public spending, boost data-driven policy-making and improve access to tenders for SMEs



#### Harnessing the power of procurement data















### Conclusion – Turning to the future

- A paradigm shift for public procurement?
- Tool to drive the market and foster innovation, to the benefit of all.
- This is a collective responsibility



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