

FINAL REPORT ACTION PLAN 2022-2024

URBAN AGENDA PARTNERSHIP ON INNOVATIVE AND RESPONSIBLE
PUBLIC PROCUREMENT FOR THE EU



INTRODUCTION - WHAT HAS THE PARTNERSHIP ACHIEVED?

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The 'Pact of Amsterdam' of May 2016 has established the Urban Agenda of the EU: a new working method of thematic Partnerships seeking to optimise the utilisation of the growth potential of cities and to address the social challenges. The Partnership on Innovative and Responsible Public Procurement was formally established in May 2017.

What has the Partnership achieved?

The [Action Plan 2022-2024](#) proposed 3 actions to implement:

All 3 actions including 11 sub actions are delivered:

Action 1: Develop a reflection board supported by a sustainable platform where cities, regions, member states and the European Commission/institutions exchange ideas and experiences on strategic public procurement.

Sub-action 1.1 Survey of learning needs, priorities and obstacles

Sub-action 1.2 Build a platform

Sub-action 1.3 Strengthen the community of procurers and develop a learning network

Sub-action 1.4 Develop existing Partnership learning resources

Sub-action 1.5 Develop advocacy role and capacity

Action 2: Achieve EU Green Deal goals by using public procurement and innovation as a strategic tool.

Sub-action 2.1 Develop EU Green Deal related public procurement and innovation trainings

Sub-action 2.2 Design and organise expert briefings

Sub-action 2.3 Signpost resources helping users access the right resources for their needs

Action 3: Enable Sustainable Economic Recovery through public procurement

3.1 Prepare guidance

3.2 Promote the advisory and guidance paper

3.3 Collect and disseminate additional case study examples

The Action Plan and the final action deliverables were delivered in 2024; please see the sum-up at the next page. You can also find more information [here](#)

Why is the partnership on public procurement so important?

Cities buy goods, works and services to fulfill their needs, based on decisions about price and quality: Public Procurement. Every year, the EU public sector spends 2000 billion euros on procurement. It is important to spend the money responsibly as a means to tackle social, economical and environmental challenges, such as energy transition, circular economy, climate adaptation, gender equality, economy grow. A short video about the partnership deliverables can be found through the following link: [UA Partnership on Innovative and Responsible Public Procurement - YouTube video](#)

Next steps

In the last 8 years the Urban Agenda Partnership on Innovative and Responsible Public Procurement has grown into a large and meaningful European network. There are many new developments the Partnership wants to embed in the new action plan for the upcoming years, for example contributing to the revision of EU legislation and regulation. In addition, there are many challenges that the Partnership would like to anticipate, such as artificial intelligence, climate adaptation, sustainability etc.



Overview of deliverables

Sub-action 1.1 Survey of learning needs, priorities and obstacles delivered in collaboration with EU funded PROCEDIN project:

[Deliverable 2.1](#)

Sub-action 1.2 Platform has been developed and built: www.uapublicprocurement.eu

Sub-action 1.3 Community of procurers

established as a learning network through Platform (sub action 1.2): [Become a Community Member](#)



Sub-action 1.4 Update of existing Partnerships' learning resources has been done in collaboration with EU funded PROCEDIN project:

www.uapp.maester.com, in particular 'Legal framework of Innovation Procurement'

Sub-action 1.5 Advocacy Paper is developed by the partners of the Urban Agenda Partnership and published: [UAPP Position Paper](#)

All action 2 sub actions are developed in collaboration with EU funded PROCEDIN project.

Sub-action 2.1 EU Green Deal related public procurement and innovation trainings: [Legal Frameworks and Training Sessions – PROCEDIN](#)

Sub-action 2.2 Expert briefings: [Project Results & Outputs – PROCEDIN](#)

Sub-action 2.3 Signpost resources helping users access the right resources for their needs: [Resources for Buyers and Suppliers – PROCEDIN](#)

Sub-action 3.1 Guidance with 10 activities is developed; regions and cities can undertake across the Cycle of Public Procurement to realise Economic Regeneration

Sub-action 3.2 Promote guidance through article:

[Cities must rethink procurement for a healthier economic recovery | urbact.eu](#)

Sub-action 3.3 Additional case study examples are collected and included in Partnerships' E-Learning module: www.uapp.maester.com



Other important successes of the Partnership:

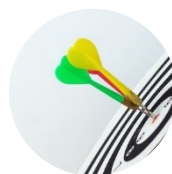
- E-learning module has attracted over 2,500 individual users across Europe
- Newsletters with updates about the partnership: range up to 400 readers
- Partnership keeps on growing: in the period 2022-2024 our Partnership increased with 4 new partners
- Over 80 buyers received training and improved their knowledge on procurement
- The Urban Agenda Partnership on Innovative and Responsible Public Procurement was presented at relevant events and sessions online and in-person on over 40 occasions
- And, most importantly: the Partnership continues! 3 New actions are being developed, aiming to further knowledge exchange and how to use public procurement as a strategic tool.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION ON THE PARTNERSHIP



1.) DEVELOPED OUTCOMES

Various practical materials, trainings, briefings, articles, updated legal framework on Innovation Procurement roadmaps, tools, outputs have been developed. All outcomes of the Action Plan 2022-2024 can be found on the Platform: www.uapublicprocurement.eu



2.) ADDED VALUE

The added value of the actions is the increase of knowledge and experience on different aspects of Strategic Public Procurement, such as Innovation, Social Responsibility, Circularity, Sustainability, Climate Adaptation, Economic Recovery. Next to this, various co-productions have arisen from the Partnership, for example collaboration with EU funded projects PROCEDIN, PROTECT, Life Scale-Up.



3.) TARGET AUDIENCE

The target organisations of the Urban Agenda Partnership on Innovative and Public Procurement for the EU are first and foremost: the cities! Next to this, knowledge institutions such as Universities, as well as Regions, EU member states and the European networks and knowledge organisations. The target audience includes everyone who is interested in Public Procurement as a Strategic tool!