



1st European Conference on e-Public Procurement (ECPP)

1st Exhibition of European e-Platforms

**Organized by OPET
(Technical University of
Lisbon, IST)**



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1. Why a Conference on e-public procurement?

More than 17% of European GDP is due to public procurement and hence priority should be given to improve adopted practices and achieve results with the objective of meeting the new challenges of financial stability and sustainable growth of the European Union.

Fortunately, e-public procurement can play a strategic role:

- a) to generate public savings through improved sourcing and more effective competition between suppliers;
- b) to increase transparency and fair decision making to award public contracts;
- c) to help SMEs to participate in public markets;
- d) to stimulate innovation and the development of e-marketplaces;
- e) to promote a low-carbon society and more sustainable growth.

The European Commission proposed new Directives for Public Procurement on December 2011 introducing mandatory e-public procurement after 2016 (including e-tendering) and the approval of these new Directives is expected before this conference being held in Barcelona.

The dissemination of e-public procurement seems feasible due to the increasing market of e-platforms offering procurement services as SaaS (Software as a Service) supported by more robust and mature ICT and pursuing the “cloud computing” paradigm.

This explains the opportunity to organize, for the first time, a European conference on e-public procurement covering the wide range of problems and of disciplines required to understand and to master e-public procurement.

2. Objectives

The objectives of this 1st European Conference on e-Public Procurement and 1st Exhibition of European e-Platforms are:

- Discussing the implications of the single digital market on public procurement;
- Presenting the new advances of e-procurement available through Software as a Service (SaaS);
- Discussing the role of e-procurement to improve the management of each organization;
- Identifying major macro-economic benefits due to the dissemination of e-public procurement;
- Discussing alternative strategies to simplify and to overcome e-procurement obstacles;
- Analyzing the new European Directives for e-public procurement;
- Presenting e-procurement impacts on innovation and on SMEs access to public markets;
- Proposing new initiatives to increase cross-border public procurement;
- An exhibition of “best-of-breed” services of e-platforms is open during the whole day.

3. Program Chair

- Professor Luís Valadares Tavares
 - OPET and Technical University of Lisbon, IST
- Professor Gustavo Piga
 - University of Rome Tor Vergata

4. Organizing Committee

- Luís Valadares Tavares
- António Aguiar Costa
- Gonçalo Marques Mendes
- Tiago Tavares
- Vasco Borges Moreira

5. Preliminary Program

All sessions and documents will be in english.

9h30 – 10h-30	Opening Session: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Economics of e-Public Procurement• E-Public Procurement in Europe: Trends and Challenges
10h-30 – 11h00	Coffee Break
11h00 – 13h00	Parallel Sessions A on streams: I- Advanced services offered by e-platforms and cloud computing II- New Directives and e-public procurement III- E-public procurement and EU policies on innovation, SMEs, sustainability and growth IV- Security and e-signatures V- Supply chains and e-procurement networks
13h00 – 14h30	Lunch Break
14h30 – 15h30	Plenary Lecture on e-Public Procurement and the European Commission: New strategies for EU2020
15h30 – 17h00	Parallel Sessions B on streams: I- Advanced services offered by e-platforms and cloud computing II- Collaborative design and e-platforms for construction III- Procurement Business Intelligence tools IV- Multicriteria qualification of candidates and evaluation of tenders V- Performance-based contracting and alternative dispute resolution VI- E-catalogues and e-expert systems
17h00 – 17h30	Coffee-Break
17h30 – 18h30	Closing Session: Plenary Lecture on the future of e-Public Procurement

6. Submission of Abstracts

Abstracts (max 1 page) should be sent to opet@opet.pt until 30 November 2012 and authors will be notified about acceptance/ rejection until 30 December 2012. Full paper of accepted abstracts should be sent until 28 February 2013.

7. Registration

Registration should be completed through www.opet.pt and payment by bank transfer to BPI BANK (IBAN - PT50 0010 0000 3765 6350 0016 0 | SWIFT/BIC CODE – BBPIPTPL).

The registration costs are:

- 350€ - if payment until 30 January 2013
- 500€ - if later

Authors of accepted abstract should register until 30 January 2013 to have their presentation included in the program.

- Students can apply for a small number of scholarships to reduce registration cost to 50€.

8. Location

Barcelona, Spain.

9. Publication

A selected set of lectures and papers will be published after the conference as a book “on e-Public Procurement in EU: Challenges and Advances”.

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