



## Applying a gender lens to impact assessment of procurement operations



Public Procurement Principle: **Accountability, Balance**



Procurement Stage: **Post-award**



Audience: **Policy maker, Procuring entity**

### Description

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In Austria, since 2013, all new or amended laws and regulations as well as major investment or procurement contracts at the federal level must include a mandatory ex ante impact assessment on gender equality, along with other assessments of potential socio-economic and environmental impacts. Quantitative and qualitative thresholds ensure the proportionality of these efforts in relation to the respective law or regulation. The Ministry of Finance and the Federal Chancellery provide content-related and technical assistance. The impact assessments are disclosed for consultation and parliamentary discussions. Ministries are also required to perform ex post evaluations of the impacts within five years and report on them to parliament in the Annual Report on Impact Assessment (OECD, 2019).

OECD (2021), Promoting gender equality through public procurement Challenges and good practices, OECD Public Governance Policy Papers  
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