



Development of national procurement guidelines in Ireland



Public Procurement Principle: **Capacity**



Procurement Stage: **All stages**



Audience: **Policy makers, Procuring entity**

Description

Ireland's Office of Government Procurement (OGP) is responsible for drafting public procurement policies, and regulating and coordinating the national public procurement system. In addition, the OGP is in charge of the preparation of standardised tender documents, as well as guidance materials. The OGP has created a standard suite of template tender documents to guide best practices, and to reflect the new EU procurement directives that came into force in 2016. The OGP's website offers a section that serves as a repository of knowledge. The section provides an extensive amount of template documents and guidance materials. There are currently six model documents available, and more are planned. These templates cover the tender process and the contract phase of procedures.

To date, the government has asked that this suite of documents be used across the public service sector for procurement of low-to-medium risk goods and services. The popularity of these template documents is primarily due to their ease of use and clarity. These documents provide a further opportunity to help professionalise, streamline and standardise the procurement function of contracting authorities in the Irish state.

Source: OECD (2018), Public Procurement in Nuevo León, Mexico: Promoting Efficiency through Centralisation and Professionalisation, OECD Public Governance Reviews, OECD Publishing, Paris. <https://doi.org/10.1787/9789264288225-en>

