

Country case: Electronic workflow: Processing and tracking information on public procurement in Germany

Description

The Federal Procurement Agency in the Ministry of the Interior has set up an electronic workflow that helps centralise all information related to the procurement activities of the Agency and provide a record of the different stages of the procurement procedures that are being conducted. All files are stored in a document management system. The Federal Procurement Agency keeps records to maintain transparency and provide an audit trail of procurement decisions. In case of suspicion the contact person for the prevention of corruption may also have access to documents for inspection. This access is not visible for the official concerned. The department for quality management examines documents in the system, randomly as well as systematically, while the internal audits review transactions of the previous year that have been identified with a higher corruption risk such as negotiated contracts. These inspections are not exclusively used to prevent corruption, but also to ensure lawful and economically advantageous public procurement.

Public Procurement
Principle: **Transparency,**
Accountability

Procurement Stage:
All phases

Audience: **Policy Maker,**
Procuring Entity

Source: OECD (2014), [“Compendium of Good Practices for Integrity in Public Procurement: Meeting of the Leading Practitioners in Procurement”](#), OECD, Paris.