



Horizontal system integration with the national finance system in Colombia



Public Procurement Principle: **E-procurement**



Procurement Stage: **All stages**



Audience: **Policy maker, procuring entity**

Description

In 2015, Colombia upgraded its e-procurement platform. During the second phase of this upgrade, officials expanded the Electronic System for Public Procurement (Sistema Electrónico para la Contratación Pública, SECOP II) and integrated it with the Integrated System of Financial Information (Sistema Integrado de Información Financiera, SIIF). This direct connection between the e-procurement system and the financial reporting system greatly increased data accuracy and transparency on spending by procurement entities.

Integrating procurement and budget data eliminated risks of corruption, including the separation of financial duties, examples of false accounting and cost misallocation, and late payment of invoices. In Colombia, some government entities are required to use the system, and some are merely encouraged to do so.

To attract government bodies (such as state-owned entities) that are not mandated by law to use the system, Colombia's public procurement authority Colombia Compra Eficiente has developed a series of key performance indicators that measure the performance of the national procurement system in a number of categories. Each measure uses a baseline result from the preceding year to develop targets in the following areas:

- value for money: including metrics on the time required for procurement processes and savings achieved through procurement

- integrity and transparency in competition: including measures on the number of contracts awarded to new suppliers and the percentage of contracts awarded through non-competitive processes
- accountability: including measures of public entities using SECOP and the percentage of awarded contracts published on SECOP
- risk management: features one single measure of the percentage of contracts with modifications of time or value

Source: OECD (2019), [Public Procurement in Germany: Strategic Dimensions for Well-being and Growth](#), OECD Public Governance Reviews, OECD Publishing, Paris

