



## Country case: Mechanism to enhance SME participation in public procurement in the DPPL



Public Procurement Principle: **Access, Balance**



Procurement Stage: **Pre-tendering, Tendering**



Audience: **Policy makers, Procuring entity, Private sector**

### Description

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- Consortium and participation as subcontractors are permitted (Articles 48 & 49).
- SMEs are allowed to submit bonds issued by the Special Fund for the Development of Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (Fondo Especial para el Desarrollo de la Micro, Pequeña y Mediana Empresa: FODEMIPYME, funds created to facilitate SME development) or by the financial instruments created under the Law of the Development Banking System (No. 8634, Ley del Sistema de Banca para el Desarrollo). (Article 23)
- Contracting authorities are allowed to apply advanced payment. (Article 11)
- Requiring the performance bonds for SMEs will be optional for the contracts carried out under the threshold of procurement for smaller amount (licitación menor) (Article 44)

Source: OECD (2020), [Towards a new vision for Costa Rica's Public Procurement System: Assessment of key challenges for the establishment of an action plan](#), OECD Publishing, Paris

