Methodological document for public procurement for innovation prepared by the Ministry of Economy in Slovakia

Public Procurement Principle: **Efficiency**

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

Audience: **Procuring entity**

Description

The methodological instrument for public procurement for innovation prepared by the Ministry of Economy provides a basic framework for understanding innovation-oriented public procurement. This document introduces innovative tools that can be incorporated into public procurement for innovation, including widely used open, restricted procurement procedures as well as alternative public procurement procedures such as negotiated procedure with competition, competitive dialogue, design contest, innovation partnership or the pre-commercial procurement approach. It also provides a list of award criteria (other than criteria commonly used in the standard public procurement) such as price, cost and quality (MEAT criteria). These criteria represent an important potential for innovation procurement. It also provides instructions on how the contract management phase should be carried out, including the contract clauses that should include:

- Contract performance criteria, measurable quality indicators and performance objectives
- Provisions on how to stop contract performance in case of insufficient performance or if the market offers a more suitable solution than the one currently being developed (bearing in mind fair conditions for the suppliers)
- Provisions on how to amend the contract in case of wide variations or high potential of other innovations identified during the contract performance.

Source: Ministry of Economy (2020).

OECD (2021), "Promoting research and innovation in the Slovak Republic through an effective use of European funds" www.oecd-ilibrary.org/docserver/f0e9d786-en.pdf?expires=1651507506&id=id&accname=ocid84004878&checksum=0F82562471970D78960F153895261F63