

Country case: Principles and code of conduct for procurement in Spain

Description

With the aim of contributing to excellence in administrative activities within the area of procurement, the Office for Supervision and Evaluation of Public Procurement has compiled in this code the basic principles and good practice that have already been integrated into the day-to-day activities of the ministries of the Administration of the Generalitat of Catalonia and the entities that form part of its public sector. New content for establishing the code of conduct and recommendations is also contained, contributed by the Working Group for the Promotion and Improvement of Procurement Processes, constituted within the Consultative Board on Administrative Procurement of the Generalitat of Catalonia, the Anti-Fraud Office of Catalonia, the Catalan Competition Authority, the Association of Secretaries, Mediators and Treasurers of the Catalan Local Administration, as well as business and trade union organisations. The aim of the Code is to consolidate the code of ethics in procurement as part of the culture and values of procurement bodies. The good procurement practice included in the Code is structured in the following sections:

1. the specifying of the basic principles and ethical values that must govern the procurement process
2. the identification of specific conduct of interest with a view to drawing up the guidelines to follow in a variety of possible real specific circumstances
3. the specifying of especially interesting contractual practices
4. the raising of awareness, training and the monitoring of the ethical commitment.

With the creation of the Ethics Committee in Procurement of the Generalitat of Catalonia, made up of representatives from the ministries and entities of the Generalitat of Catalonia and belonging to the Presidency Department, a follow up and a continuous updating of the Code in the Administration of the Generalitat and the entities of its public sector will be carried out.

Source: OECD (2015), [Effective Delivery of Large Infrastructure Projects: The Case of the New International Airport of Mexico City](#), OECD Publishing, Paris.

Public Procurement
Principle: **Integrity,
Capacity**

Procurement Stage:
All phases

Audience: **Policy Maker,
Procuring Entity, Private
Sector, Civil Society**