



## The approach to responsible business conduct in Norway



Public Procurement Principle: **Balance**



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



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

### Description

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The Norwegian legal framework allows human rights considerations to be taken into account in public procurement processes as award criteria, and in technical specifications. There are several guidance documents and other information on responsible business conduct available on the website of the Agency for Public and Financial Management (DFØ).

In Norway, measures including new procurement rules have been put in place to prevent work-related crime, which has a negative effect on competition in markets. Norway has identified that one way to prevent work-related crime and social dumping is to impose more stringent requirements on public officials who order, as well as on suppliers. DFØ has prepared a guide to best practice for compliance with the regulations concerning pay and working conditions in public contracts.

Also now in place are new provisions for contracting authorities requiring that there be a maximum of three subcontractor levels in the supply chain, i.e. a main contractor with a maximum of two subcontractor levels in contracts for construction works and cleaning services. Furthermore, contracting authorities must require the use of apprentices in contracts over a certain size and duration. Guidelines are available for these provisions.

Source: OECD (2019), [Reforming Public Procurement: Progress in Implementing the 2015 OECD Recommendation](#), OECD Publishing, Paris

