



## The National Public Procurement Strategy in Sweden



Public Procurement Principle: **Balance**



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



Audience: **Policy maker, Procuring entity**

### Description

September 2015 saw the establishment of the National Agency for Public Procurement (NAPP). The government chose to place support for public procurement with this independent authority to raise its profile and to provide organisational conditions that would make support from NAPP as effective as possible. NAPP has overall responsibility for developing, managing and supporting public procurement carried out by contracting authorities and entities. A National Public Procurement Strategy was developed to demonstrate the benefits that can be achieved through a strategic approach to purchasing. The objectives set for public procurement are that it is efficient, is legally certain, and takes advantage of the competition in the market. It also promotes innovative solutions and takes environmental and social concerns into account. Strategic implementation of public procurement is an effective means of achieving the objectives while at the same time bringing about positive effects for society. These include driving increased growth and employment, sustainable development and other social and ethical considerations. The government formulated seven policy objectives for its overall procurement strategy:

1. public procurement as a strategic tool for doing good business
2. effective public purchasing
3. a multiplicity of well-functioning supplier competition
4. legally certain public procurement
5. public procurement that drives innovation and promotes alternative solutions
6. public procurement that is environmentally responsible
7. public procurement that contributes to a socially sustainable society. The stated intent in the policy document is that it will be applied to all public purchases.

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

