



Applying user-centred approaches: Understanding women's needs (Belgium)



Public Procurement Principle: **Balance, Capacity**



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



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

Description

In Belgium, in order to support its constitutional obligations regarding gender equality, Belgium's Institute for the Equality of Women and Men released a manual and checklist in 2018 on gender-sensitive public procurement. This manual specifically mentions how entities should conduct a gender-based needs assessment. The document is aimed at federal staff managing public procurement contracts, as well as gender mainstreaming staff. The central focus of the manual is to explain how public institutions can ensure that differences between men and women are taken into account and equality is promoted during the planning and implementation of public procurement contracts. It highlights the importance of integrating gender dimensions into government contracts and provides guidance on how contractors fulfilling procurement calls can respond to potential gender differences in the process (OECD, 2015)

Source: OECD (2021) Promoting gender equality through public procurement: Challenges and good practices
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