



## Establishing a certification framework and training programmes in Lithuania



Public Procurement Principle: **Integrity**



Procurement Stage: **All phases**



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

### Description

The OECD worked with the government of Lithuania under the Structural Reform and Support Services (SRSS) from the European Commission. In this project, the OECD proposed a detailed outline of the certification framework and professionalisation strategy tools, built upon a comprehensive assessment of the challenges with the key stakeholders and close discussion with the Ministry of the Economy and Innovation (MEI) and the Public Procurement Office (PPO) of Lithuania.

The certification framework consists of two levels: Basic and advanced. Candidates will be required to complete in total 60-hour courses (42 hours and 18 hours for each level) on 19 procurement topics such as the public procurement law, market analysis, technical specifications, award criteria, integrity in public procurement and strategic procurement (green public procurement, SMEs, innovation, and socially responsible public procurement). The OECD also proposed tools to promote the professionalisation strategy. These tools include e-learning, degree programmes, self-support tools (manuals, guidelines and standardised templates), a one-stop shop procurement portal for the community of practice, an award system exclusively for the public procurement professionals and practical trainings (On-the-job training, job-swapping, mentor and internship programmes).

As part of the key delivery of this project, the OECD provided two one-week Training of Trainers (ToT) programmes, in order to build capacities for the future trainers who will provide the training sessions required in the certification framework. In order to deliver the ToT programmes, the OECD developed training materials that cover 11 procurement courses out of the total 19 courses required in the certification framework. This corresponds to 31 hours, which accounts for approximately half of the total 60 hours required to complete both levels.

*Source:* OECD (2021), Public Procurement in the State of Mexico: Enhancing Efficiency and Competition, OECD Public Governance Reviews, OECD Publishing, Paris, <https://doi.org/10.1787/cc1da607-en>

