



EU-Support: European Commission promotion of Best Value Procurement

EU activities to support best value procurement: The goal of the European Commission is to promote sustainable public procurement practices that go beyond the cost of a service, as per the [European Public Procurement Directives](#) (2014) and the [European Public Procurement Strategy](#). The objectives are to foster fair competition among operators, enable public buyers to make the most efficient use of public funds, and to support them in reaching European societal policy goals.

About Socially Responsible Procurement: Socially Responsible Public Procurement promotes social and professional integration, compliance with labour law, due diligence and equality. In private security, this also translates in compliance with Collective Agreements and recognising qualitative working conditions and training of workers. It stimulates a responsible and sustainable market.

European Commission guidance and support: To support these objectives, the European Commission has published several guidance documents for Member State authorities, including:

- A [Guide on Socially Responsible Procurement](#)
- An [Innovation Procurement Guide](#)

With the help of EU-funding, CoESS and UNI Europa published a [guidance document](#) for public procurers of private security services, explaining quality criteria for procurers to follow when drafting tenders and awarding contracts to security companies. The guide is referenced in the aforementioned publications of the European Commission. Similar guides were also developed at national level, for example in [the Netherlands](#) and [Spain](#).

UNI Europa also an EU-level [campaign on public procurement](#), raising support from more than 100 Members of European Parliament.

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