THE NEW PUBLIC PROCUREMENT STANDARD FORMS

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Summary

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What is TED?

- **TED (Tenders Electronic Daily)** is the online version of the [Supplement to the Official Journal (OJ S)](https://eur-lex.europa.eu) of the EU.

- **Scope**: must be published in the OJ S:
  - according to European Directives on public procurement, *notices for procurement procedures of public authorities*;
  - according to EU Financial Regulation, *notices of EU institutions*.

- TED provides free access to business opportunities from the **European Union, the European Economic Area and beyond**.

- Notices are published **5 times a week**, from Monday to Friday, at 9:00, in the **24 EU official languages**.

- TED publishes on average **2600 notices per edition**, more than 676 000 notices per year.
WHY publish in TED?

• Procurement means money!
  - Public procurement in Europe = € 2 trillion/year
  - Public procurement in TED = € 450 billion/year

• Publication contributes to transparency in public spending
  - Equal treatment => Competition => Efficient use of public money
  - Monitoring and control => Prevent fraud / corruption / waste
  - Promote business / Strategic investment

• Publication in TED contributes to EU’s policies
  - Internal market
  - Growth / Strategic investment
  - International trade / Cooperation and development
  - Research
WHICH DATA?

WHO  BUYS  WHAT  FROM  WHOM  FOR  HOW  MUCH

WHEN  WHERE  HOW (criteria)

Information that would otherwise have to be transmitted by the Member States.
WHICH DATA?

Buyers

As many as possible
As STRUCTURED as possible
Easy to feed

Suppliers

As meaningful as possible
As STANDARD as possible
Easy to consume

Policy makers

As meaningful as possible

Re-users

As many as possible
As STANDARD as possible
Easy to consume
WHY STANDARD FORMS?

- Easy to fill in (Only once principle)
- Easy to consult

HUMANS

- Automatic feed (Interoperability)
- Automatic retrieval

MACHINES

Common set of data
- Same place
- Same format
- Same meaning

24 official languages
- 27 national implementations

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Same set of data
Common set of data
LIMITATIONS of current standard forms

• Paper based
• Limited automation
• Free text information
• No unique way of identifying buyers and suppliers
• Customised XML exchange schema
WHY EFORMS?

• Data centered
• More accurate information
  - Predefined lists of values
  - Well established format of data
  - Identifiers
• Possibility to collect information on many political priorities:
  - data on green, social and innovative procurement
• Basis for the Public Procurement Data Space
WHY EFORMS?

• Efficiency gains: Once only principle
  - Automatically filled in
  - Automatically generated

• Flexibility /tailoring
  - Labels
  - Lots
  - Mandatory/optional fields

• More universal
  - use of an open standard for the eForms schema
    -> UBL (Universal Business Language)
  - eProcurement Ontology
Legal timeline

• 23 September 2019: adoption of eForms Regulation

• 14 November 2022: eForms Regulation applies
  - Publications Office must be able to receive, process and publish eForms AND current standard forms

• 25 October 2023: use of eForms is mandatory
  - Publications Office will only receive, process and publish eForms
Impact of eForms for national authorities

Reception

Preparation

Publication

Buyer

National senders interfaces (eSenders)

Buyer

Publications Office of the EU

Ted

Suppliers

Auditor

Reuser
How can we help?

- https://docs.ted.europa.eu/home/index.html
- https://github.com/OP-TED/eForms-SDK/
Public procurement DATA SPACE

- European Data Strategy (COM/2020/66) => Common European Data Spaces

THANK YOU

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