

## WHEN IS MEAT BETTER FOR PUBLIC PROCUREMENT?

20. April 2017 | Hotel Bôrik, Bratislava

08:00 09:00	<b>Registration of participants</b>   Welcome Coffee
09:00 09:45	<p><b>Opening speech</b></p> <p>Peter Pellegrini   Deputy Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic for Investments and Informatization</p> <p>Zita Táborská   Head of Office for Public Procurement (SK)</p> <p>Irmfried Schwimann   Deputy Director-General, Directorate General Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, European Commission</p> <p>DG REGIO   European Commission</p>
09:45 11:00	<p><b>Policy: Why and when is MEAT important for policy objectives?</b></p> <p><b>Policy considerations justifying the use of MEAT in order to achieve better results in selected sectors (transport, health, environment, IT).</b></p> <p>Presentations dedicated to demonstrate in which cases public procurement should be designed in terms of MEAT criteria. Policy officers should explain the benefits of using MEAT criteria in terms of increased quality, better cost efficiency, improved reliability, reduced maintenance cost and improved flexibility. Cases justifying the use of lowest price shall be also mentioned. The specific link with strategic objectives such as innovation, green and social aspects shall be highlighted based on general examples.</p> <p><i>International Speakers, based on examples, can explain why setting a specific MEAT policy in public procurement is important, what are the achievements, what it takes to set it up and what alternatives have been identified.</i></p> <p><i>Slovak speakers can explain whether in some sectors these discussions have started or where they are being contemplated.</i></p>
11:00 11:15	<b>Coffee break</b>
11:15 12:15	<p><b>Theory: How can be MEAT used?</b></p> <p><b>Explanation of the legal framework based on the modernised directives 2014 and national transposition.</b></p> <p>Speaker from the European Commission shall define the concept of MEAT and list all the possibilities allowed by the current european legal framework.</p> <p>Speaker from the Slovakia shall define the concept of MEAT and list all the possibilities allowed by the current slovak legal framework.</p>
12:15 13:15	<b>Lunch Break</b>

<p>13:15 14:10</p>	<p><b>Best practice</b> <b>Presentations: Examples of conducted public procurements applying the MEAT criteria.</b></p> <p>Foreign and Slovak speakers (contracting authorities) examples of projects using MEAT criteria, including one on lifecycle costing, should be presented.</p>
<p>14:10 14:50</p>	<p><b>Best practice</b> <b>Discussion: How to set the MEAT criteria?</b></p> <p>Discussion with the speakers from the previous block aimed at defining theoretical and generally applicable features on how to design MEAT criteria in public procurement.</p> <p>With specific focus at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>objectivity and measurability of different types of criteria</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- types of criteria – e.g. delivery and performance time-frame, life cycle costing, quality of experts, etc.;</li> <li>- how to deal with misrepresentations from tenderers concerning e.g. how to verify quality and life cycle costing parameters;</li> <li>- how to deal with contract breaches, e.g. contractual penalty, etc.;</li> <li>- restrictions to setting criteria, e.g. impossibility to amend parts of contracts related to the application of criteria.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ <b>weighing criteria (principles)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- philosophy for setting weights,</li> <li>- basic principles/formulas,</li> <li>- proportionality,</li> <li>- attributing specific number of points.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>14:50 15:00</p>	<p><b>Coffee break</b></p>
<p>15:00 16:30</p>	<p><b>Specific Topic: Possibilities of using Negotiated Procedure without prior Publication („Lock In“ problem in IT sector)</b></p> <p><b>Part 1 – Presentation</b></p> <p>What is "Lock-In" problem? How to set technical specifications and draft contract in order to prevent lock-in? How to set IPRs (Intellectual Property Rights)? How to get out of a lock-in situation? Possibilities of contract modifications.</p> <p><b>Part 2 – Roundtable discussion</b></p> <p>The above speaker discuss the possibility of setting the national policy designed to terminate currently locked-in contracts and to prevent future lock-in. Suggestions to optimise IT procurement can be also presented.</p>
<p>16:30 17:00</p>	<p><b>Closing session</b>   Recalling in a structured manner the main takeaways from the day</p>