



MODULE	Emerging Issues in Procurement
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LECTURE TITLE	Public Procurement Standards Session 1 - State of Play and conditions for sound procurement systems Session 2 - Efficiency enablers
OBJECTIVES	The objective of this course is to discuss with students new international public procurement standards, including the strategic use of public procurement, the role of key efficiency enablers and methodologies for assessing procurement systems.
DESCRIPTION	<p>Public procurement is a crucial pillar of services delivery for governments. Because of the sheer volume of spending it represents (12% of GDP in OECD countries, 16% in the EU) it is a key economic and social activity: well governed public procurement can and must play a major role in fostering public sector efficiency and establishing citizens' trust. Well-designed public procurement systems also contribute to achieving pressing policy goals such as environmental protection, innovation, job creation and the development of small and medium enterprises, the so called strategic procurement. In recent past, many international organisations and development banks have addressed the critical dimensions of public procurement, developing new standards and assessment tools and moving the debate further.</p> <p>This module will address the state of play about recent international trends. It will also address the conditions to develop sound procurement systems and the way countries are using procurement to achieve broader policy objectives than just cost-effectiveness. It will also present the most recent assessment techniques and debate the role of centralization and e-Procurement as efficiency enablers.</p>
CLASS MATERIAL	Slides, OECD Website on public procurement: http://www.oecd.org/governance/public-procurement/ MAPS Initiative site: http://www.mapsinitiative.org