
Prevention of corruption in procurement

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Preface

- Public procurement is a tool to rationally distribute taxpayers' funds, therefore it is crucial to maintain transparency in this process.
- In recent years, the value of public procurement in Lithuania has been reaching 5-6bil euros annually. It accounts for a significant part of the country's gross domestic product (GDP) of about 11%.



The causes of corruption in procurement :



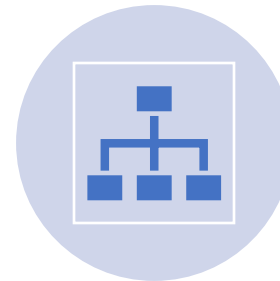
The use of large financial resources



Complex regulation of procedures



Unclear relationships between purchasing organizations and suppliers



Insufficient monitoring and control of public procurement processes within organizations



Key measures to prevent corruption in procurement

1. Strict legal framework
2. Interinstitutional cooperation
3. Effective use of electronic tools
4. Society's intolerance towards corruption



Legal framework

1. The set of principles of public procurement
2. Conditions for participation
3. Submission deadline and procedure type
4. Transparency and accessibility of information
5. Possibility to appeal decisions
6. Ensuring the reliability of individuals working in this field and managing internal conflicts



Interinstitutional cooperation

The Public Procurement Office is a state budgetary institution which implements and supervises public procurement policy, implementation of the Law on Public Procurement and related legislation.

The Special Investigation Service of the Republic of Lithuania is the main anti-corruption institution in Lithuania. Its activities covers the investigation of corruption crimes, the prevention of corruption, analytical anti-corruption intelligence and the raising of anti-corruption awareness.

These two institutions has established and signed an institutional data provision agreement according to which the Special Investigation Service has the right to get the public procurement data, necessary for its performance. They actively collaborate by implementing common projects, providing expert assistance and consultations, and sharing knowledge on public procurement and corruption prevention topics.



Electronic means of public procurement

The Central Public Procurement Information System is a state information system in which:

- the submission and management of public procurement notices and reports;
- public procurement procedures are carried out;
- publication of summaries of planned procurements, procurement documents, public contracts, framework agreements and other information on public procurement;
- archiving and storing procurement documents;
- other actions prescribed by law are performed.



The Scoreboard:

- ❑ Report on executed purchases

Information about the values of procurement indicators by procurement methods, types, procurement object groups, types of procedure completion, and contract publication

- ❑ Purchase executors' scoreboard

The indicators achieved by public buyers



Other means of preventing corruption

- Project on attracting suppliers to public procurement
- Ethics of public procurement.

Challenges

Creating a new procurement e-system

Increasing the number of suppliers participating in public procurement tenders by ensuring sufficient competition between suppliers

Promoting complete transparency in public procurement and encouraging public intolerance towards corruption.



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