

France

Managing corruption risk in public procurement



TYPE OF TOOL
*Methodology/
Guidelines/
Requirements*



MAIN SECTOR
All sectors



INFRASTRUCTURE GOVERNANCE PILLARS
*Efficient and effective public procurement;
Management of threats to integrity*

In a nutshell



OBJECTIVE: The Public Procurement Guide provides practical guidance on managing corruption risk in the public procurement cycle.



Agency in charge
Department for Public Procurement; French Anti-Corruption Agency



Year of implementation
2020



Levels of government
National



Current status
Fully operational

Overview

Guidance on managing integrity risks for public officials, and procurement officials in particular, can raise awareness and develop knowledge of, and commitment to, the critical elements of a culture of integrity in public organisations. In France, a Public Procurement Guide was compiled by the Department for Public Procurement (DAE), the French Anti-Corruption Agency (AFA) and a multidisciplinary team of experts from all three branches of the French civil service. The guide provides practical guidance on preventing and detecting corruption for anyone involved in the public procurement cycle: buyers, specifiers, decision-makers and procurement officers. It also encourages all internal parties in the public procurement cycle to draw up an entity-specific anti-corruption framework and, in doing so, to help foster balanced relationships with their business partners. In that sense, the guide is not a list of do's and don'ts, but rather an important resource for raising standards and promoting professionalism in public procurement. The guide could also be used by anyone whose duties involve preventing corruption, including internal auditors and controllers, ethics officers, whistleblowing officers, senior leaders and human resources officers within contracting authorities. More broadly, the practical recommendations contained in the guide may be of interest to businesses tendering for public contracts, as well as to concerned citizens wishing to scrutinise the public procurement process. The guide deals specifically with public procurement as defined in and regulated by the French Public Procurement Code. It does not cover partnership contracts, delegated public service contracts, public property occupancy permits, and other types of public contract. It addresses every part of the cycle, from procurement planning through to contract performance.

REFERENCES:

- French Anti-Corruption Agency/Department for Public Procurement (2020), *Public Procurement Guide: Managing Corruption Risk in the Public Procurement Cycle*, https://www.economie.gouv.fr/files/files/directions_services/dae/doc/Guide_Risque_Corruption-English.pdf