

Seminar

# Introductory and Practitioners' Seminar: European Public Procurement Rules, Policy and Practice

Maastricht (NL), 18 - 21 February 2020



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# Description

## About this course

This comprehensive seminar will provide you with an understanding of the principles and procedures of European public procurement policy, focusing on the Public Procurement Directives and relevant case law. You will be guided through the Public Procurement Directive 2014/24/EU, the Utilities Directive 2014/25/EU and the Directive 2014/23/EU on the award of concession contracts. During the seminar you will receive insights into the application of professional procurement practices.

The four-day programme will begin with an 'Introductory Seminar: European Public Procurement for Newcomers to Procurement', which will be held on 18 February 2020. The three-day 'Practitioners' Seminar: European Public Procurement Rules, Policy and Practice' will commence on the following day.

## Who will benefit most?

This seminar is intended for officials from national, sub-national and local authorities and other public bodies from the EU Member States, candidate countries and European bodies and organisations, who wish to familiarise themselves with European public procurement rules, policy and practice, as well as for other interested persons working in this field, for example representatives from industry and academia.

This four-day programme will begin with an introductory for newcomers to procurement. If you are confident of all the basics, and do not feel that you need any further training on it, you can also register for the Practitioners' Seminar only.

## After the four-day seminar you should have:

- a good understanding of the European rules and principles on public procurement, including case law and green procurement
- awareness of the various phases in the procurement cycle and its practical implications
- insights into professional procurement practices
- an exchange of experiences with professionals from other countries and organisations in dealing with public procurement



# Programme

## TUESDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2020

### Introductory Seminar: European Public Procurement for Newcomers to Procurement

- 09.30 **Welcome; objectives of the seminar**  
*Rita Beuter*, Senior Expert, European Policies, EIPA, Maastricht (NL)
- 09.45 **European public procurement and multiple choice questions (MCQ)**  
*Rita Beuter*
- 11.00 Coffee break
- 11.30 **European public procurement and quiz**  
*Rita Beuter*
- 13.00 Lunch
- 14.15 **Public procurement rules and practice in the EU**  
*Bonnie Epema*, Lawyer, The Drone BV, Leur (NL)
- 15.45 Coffee break
- 16.15 **Public procurement rules and practice in the EU (continued) and practical exercise**  
*Bonnie Epema*
- 17.45 End of the day

## WEDNESDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2020

### Practitioners' Seminar: European Public Procurement Rules, Policy and Practice

- 09.15 **Welcome; objectives of the seminar**  
*Rita Beuter*, Senior Expert, European Policies, EIPA, Maastricht (NL)
- 09.45 **The procurement directive: Directive 2014/24/EU**  
*Rita Beuter*
- 11.00 Coffee break
- 11.30 **The procurement directive: Directive 2014/24/EU (continued)**  
*Rita Beuter*
- 12.45 Lunch
- 14.15 **The utilities directive: Directive 2014/25/EU**  
*Nicolas Pourbaix*, Senior Counsel, Legal Director, International Legal Group, AMGEN, Brussels (BE)
- 15.30 Coffee break

- 16.00 **The directive on the award of concessions: Directive 2014/23/EU**  
*Michael Burnett*, Expert, European Public Management, EIPA, Maastricht (NL)
- 17.30 Guided tour of Maastricht
- 20.00 Dinner at restaurant "Petit Bonheur", Achter de Molens 2, Maastricht, tel : +31 433215109

## THURSDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2020

- 09.15 **Landmark case law of the Court of Justice of the EU in procurement**  
*Dr Peter Braun*, Partner, Dentons Law Firm, Frankfurt (DE)
- 11.00 Coffee break
- 11.30 **Recent case law of the Court of Justice of the EU in procurement**  
*Dr Peter Braun*
- 13.00 Lunch
- 14.30 **Environmental provisions in the procurement directives**  
*Martin Unfried*, Expert, ITEM Institute, Faculty of Law, Maastricht University, Maastricht (NL)
- 15.45 Coffee break
- 16.00 **The procurement process: the practice**  
*Gareth Jones*, former Director, Sardis Consulting Ltd., Pontypridd (UK)
- 17.30 End of the day

## FRIDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2020

- 09.15 **The procurement process: the practice (including exercises)**  
*Gareth Jones*
- 10.45 Coffee break
- 11.15 **The procurement process: the practice (including exercises) (continued)**  
*Gareth Jones*
- 13.00 **Evaluation of the seminar**
- 13.15 Lunch
- 14.30 End of the seminar

# Practical Information

## Programme

The Introductory seminar: European Public Procurement for Newcomers to Procurement will commence on Tuesday 18 February 2020 at 09.30.

The Practitioners' seminar: European Public Procurement Rules, Policy and Practice will commence on Wednesday 19 February 2020 at 09.15 and will finish on Friday 21 February 2020 at 14.30.

## Course venue

European Institute of Public Administration (EIPA)  
O.L. Vrouweplein 22  
6211 HE, Maastricht  
the Netherlands

## Programme Organiser

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## Working language

The seminar will be conducted in English.

## Fee

Participation in the seminar (four days)  
18-21 February 2020  
EIPA members' fee\*: €1890 (regular fee: €2100)

Participation in the seminar (three days)  
19-21 February 2020  
EIPA members' fee\*: €1410 (regular fee: €1570)

The fee includes documentation and refreshments. Lunches, a reception or dinner are included if mentioned in the programme. Accommodation and travel costs are at the expense of the participants or their administration.

## Discounts

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## Who are the supporting countries?

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## Meals

Lunches and the reception will be served at a restaurant in town. Special dietary requirements (e.g. vegetarian, diabetic) can be indicated once you receive the confirmation of the seminar.

## Hotel reservations

EIPA has special price arrangements with a number of hotels. All hotels are within 10 minutes walking distance from EIPA. Should you wish to make use of this possibility, please book directly via the links below. Payment is to be made directly and personally to the hotel upon checking out. At the time of booking, please mention in the requested field the EIPA project number for your course **2030801**.

- **Hotel Derlon**  
[www.derlon.com/eipa](http://www.derlon.com/eipa)
- **Designhotel Maastricht**  
[www.edenhotels.nl/en/promotions/eipa-maastricht/](http://www.edenhotels.nl/en/promotions/eipa-maastricht/)
- **Bastion Hotel**  
[www.bastionhotels.com/en-gb/eipa](http://www.bastionhotels.com/en-gb/eipa)

## Registration

Kindly complete the online registration form which can be found on EIPA's website <https://www.eipa.eu/courses/> before **03 February 2020**.

## Confirmation

Confirmation of registration will be forwarded to participants on receipt of the completed online registration form.

## Payment

Prior payment is a condition for participation.

## Cancellation policy

For administrative reasons you will be charged €150 for cancellations received within 15 days before the activity begins. There is no charge for qualified substitute participants.

EIPA reserves the right to cancel the activity up to 2 weeks before the starting date. In that case, registration fees received will be fully reimbursed. EIPA accepts no responsibility for any costs incurred (travel, accommodation, etc.).

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