

Big Buyers Initiative

What is the Big Buyers Initiative?

The Big Buyers Initiative, is a European Commission platform for promoting collaboration between big public buyers in implementing strategic public procurement.

Public procurement can be a key tool in driving the development of innovative goods and services on the European market. By working together, and pooling their resources, cities, central purchasing bodies, and other major public procurers can maximise their market power and impact.

ICLEI and EURO CITIES are currently running the Initiative on behalf of the European Commission, DG Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (DG GROW). The Initiative aims to work together with existing networks and organisations active in this area.

Getting involved

We are looking for ambitious and committed public authorities willing to work together to develop pioneering approaches to procurement, and develop strategic joint actions to help move the market.

We will be setting up a series of **working groups** by July 2019, involving 3-7 buying organisations to collaborate on a specific procurement sector for up to 1 year, through a series of face-to-face and virtual meetings. Activities could include, for example, developing joint statements of demand, organising market engagement activities, developing technical specifications/tender criteria, collecting and sharing best practice, and even joint procurement – the targeted outcomes for each group will be determined by the buyers involved.

ICLEI and EURO CITIES will provide:

- Logistical support to run the group
- Reimbursement of travel costs for meetings
- Organising external expertise as necessary
- Opportunities for peer to peer exchange and training on relevant topics

If you are interested in getting involved, or want to find out more, please contact us, using the details below.

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