Chile*

**Strategic framework, action plan and scope for procurement for innovation policy**

Currently, in Chile there is no strategic framework to manage innovation in public procurement. However, since 2014, the Dirección ChileCompra has been establishing a system for innovation management which focuses on promoting market integrity in public procurement.

Chile does not have an procurement for innovation action plan at the moment.

Currently, there is not an procurement for innovation policy in Chile. However, it seems evident the necessity to move forward in that direction. ChileCompra, is working in establishing capacities between its collaborators, generating networks with other public agencies in order to promote an innovation culture.

**Implementation**

As part of the general innovation management system for increased integrity, Dirección ChileCompra is developing two projects that are in the implementation phase. One of these projects consists of workshops with municipalities from different regions of the country. The workshops aim to improve the integrity of their procuring processes. This strategy is designed to work in co-ordination with the Regional Comptroller, responsible for auditing the public procurement processes at local level. The other project aims at creating indicators that decision makers in public entities can use to evaluate the procurement performance and make corrective actions as necessary.

**Challenges, risks and solutions to overcome obstacles**

In Chile’s experience, the most significant challenges have been:

1. Resistance to change.
2. Considering failures as an opportunity to learn.
3. Innovation and urgency are difficult to coexist. While innovation needs time to understand and investigate a problem, to share experiences and listen to the client’s opinions to create the best solution, institutional goals need to be urgently satisfied.

**Key lessons learned**

ChileCompra has experience with pursuing secondary policy objects of public procurement (for example sustainable green growth, the development of SMEs, local job creation, etc.). However, Chile has not yet focused on innovation, but is conscious that it would be important to include innovation as part of the secondary policy objects in the near future.

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