Greece*

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

Greece does not yet have an procurement for innovation action plan. However, Greece is taking first measures addressing this issue. Greece’s smart specialisation strategy (RIS 3) 2014-20 includes a programme on Pre-commercial Procurement, conducted by the General Secretariat for Research and Technology (GSRT) and the Ministry of Education, Research and Religious affairs. The programme has a budget of EUR 40 million. A pilot is under preparation.

Greek law defines PCP as follows: “Pre commercial procurement: Buying research services in case the contracting authority or entity does not assume all risks, the results and use benefits in the conduct of its activities, but shares them with the providers under market conditions. The object of the contract falls within one or more categories of research and development defined in the present context. The contract is of limited duration. With the exception of a prototype or a limited set of first test / validation data, the purchase of goods or services, which are developed within the framework of a pre commercial procurement, should not be the subject of the same contract.”

(It is noted that this definition maybe amended during the preparation of the first PCP pilot taking into account best practices of other countries as well as the results of the incoming consultation.)

**Implementation**

There are no specific actions to support procurement for innovation at the national/central/federal level.

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

Greece identified the following challenges, which have yet to be overcome:

- achieving co-ordination among ministries
- overcoming administrative and training obstacles
- identifying appropriate personnel who will undertake the execution of Public Innovation Strategy at different levels.

**Measurement and impact assessment**

There is no system in place to measure the impact of actions related to procurement for innovation and there are no quantified targets for procurement for innovation in Greece. Impact assessments, evaluation studies and/or studies of state of play regarding procurement for innovation do exist.

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