41. Thailand

41.1. SMEs in the national economy

In 2013, the Office of SME Promotion analysed government purchasing data and found that SMEs are very active in public procurement. In terms of the number of vendors, SMEs account for 95%, and in terms of buying value, they account for 84%.

41.2. National policy framework to support SMEs in public procurement

Thailand does not have any measures to promote SME access to government procurement. Due to the high share of SME participation, the Office of SME Promotion does not consider SME promotion an urgent matter.

In the 4th SME Promotion Plan 2017-21, there is a strategy that addresses the importance of improving public procurement to support SME participation. However, it has not been implemented to date.