



Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions (SALAR): Checklist for local contracting authorities on gender impacts



Public Procurement Principle: **Balance, Capacity**



Procurement Stage: **Pre-tendering, tendering**



Audience: **Policymakers, procuring entity**

Description

Within the framework of its Program for Sustainable Gender Equality, SALAR has published a guide on “Procurement for gender equality”. The guide has primarily been elaborated for politicians who wish to increase their knowledge on gender equality issues and to improve quality of services. It provides concrete examples of how requirements on public procurement can be carried out, and aims to encourage local authorities to start using this as an instrument to advance gender equality. The guide also include a checklist with questions to assess the potential impacts on gender equality of the planned procurement.

The suggested questions include:

- Is gender equality perspective relevant for the public service in question? Is it possible to integrate a gender equality perspective in this particular service?
- Does the public service concern women and men, girls and boys?
- Can this particular service have consequences that make it essential to do a gender analysis?
- Are the presented statistics related to the public service gender disaggregated? (This question is important when evaluating the background information)
- What impact will the procurement have on women and men, girls and boys? (This question can arise when it comes to the treatment, service or distribution of power and resources)
- Is there a connection between this public service and the gender equality objectives that the municipality or county has set up? (A feasibility study should include an examination of how the procurement can help the organization to achieve their gender equality objectives.)
- Are there any criteria for evaluation and is there a plan for follow-up?

Source: <https://webbutik.skr.se/bilder/artiklar/pdf/7164-809-9.pdf?issuusi=ignore>

OECD (2021) *Promoting gender equality through public procurement: Challenges and good practices*
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