

EU Procurement: What's Next?

Trilemma of regulation



Evaluation of EU Public Procurement Directives – Key Findings



Increased transparency and public procurement scope

The report shows that the total value of public procurement contracts has grown significantly and transparency has improved.



Shortcomings in legal clarity and flexibility

The directives did not provide sufficient clarity, and procedures are often assessed as complex – especially issues related to cooperation between public bodies, subcontracting, and concessions.



Competition and access – mixed trends

The average number of offers per tender has decreased; although large public contracts remain competitive, cross-border participation in state procurement remains limited.



Green, social, and innovation orientation – progress, but uneven

GPP (green) / social / innovative procurement is growing rapidly in some Member States/national contexts, but implementation remains very uneven across the EU.

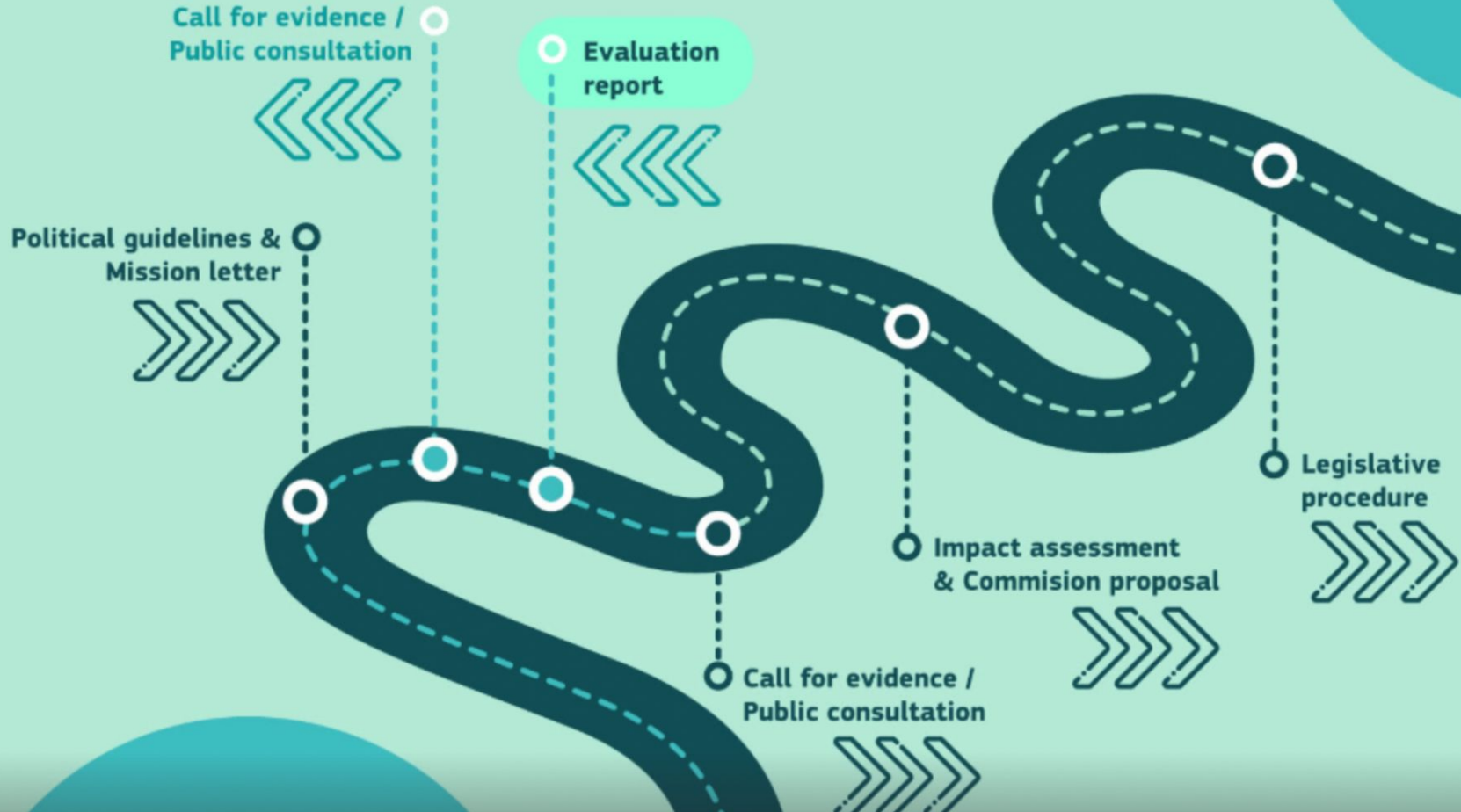
EU Public Procurement Directives Review – In Brief

The European Commission is conducting a review of the public procurement directives (2014/24/EU, 2014/25/EU, 2014/23/EU) from 2023-2025. The process involves an implementation assessment, impact analysis, and consultations with Member States, contracting authorities, and the market.

Main Objectives:

- Simplify procurement procedures and reduce administrative burden
- Promote strategic procurement (green, innovation, social)
- Increase competition and SME participation
- Strengthen transparency, data collection, and digitalization (e-forms, e-procurement, data standards)

The review is also linked to EU priorities: the Green Deal, digital transformation, strengthening resilience and fair competition in the single market. Legislative proposals may be presented after the completion of the assessment (expected 2025-2026).





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