Open Contracting & the EU

What is happening in the EU?

DG CONNECT defining a list of datasets that will mandate governments to publish certain datasets as open data under the [PSI/Open Data Directive](#).

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DG GROW working to make sure countries implement eForms to the fullest scope possible.

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DG REGIO considering use of open data in monitoring Cohesion spending

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Parliament started paying attention to transparency in procurement post-COVID19

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Countries in action: Finland, France, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Slovenia

EU & Citizen engagement

European Commission piloting Integrity Pacts approach (that received an award for excellence in public administration)

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DG REGIO organized a large discussion conference in 2020 to generate ideas, now developing clarifying discussion papers, piloting a few ideas with OECD, etc.

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Supporting projects, such as Digiwhist (on digital whistleblowing on corrupt contracts), TheyBuyForYou, RECORD, etc.

Recovery will be about:

1. Revitalizing single market

2. Economic stimulus, unprecedented investment effort

3. Repositioning EU in global markets, new leadership

4. Promoting EU Integrity & trust

Open contracting has a crucial role to play.

So we are:

- Advocating for public procurement to be a "high-value dataset" and else
- Working to align data standards and open data to increase re-use and comparability.
- Supporting EU civil society. We'll support cross-regional exchanges and support DG REGIO in showcasing civil society engagement in procurement projects, potentially in Portugal (to be confirmed)
- Directly supporting the implementation of the OCDS and open contracting strategies to increase data quality at the country level.

If you want to dive deeper into the EU context, join the EU-specific webinar with EU countries, the EC, and others on the 14 July (link, email kgranickas@open-contracting.org).