PROMOTING BETTER PROCUREMENT: AUTHORITIES' CO-OPERATION

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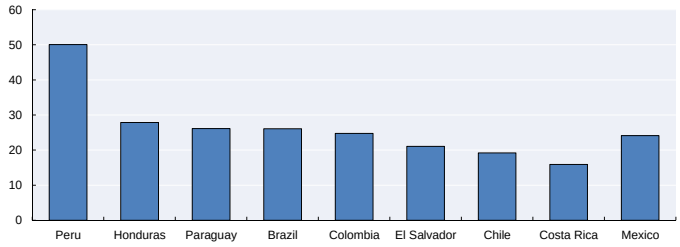
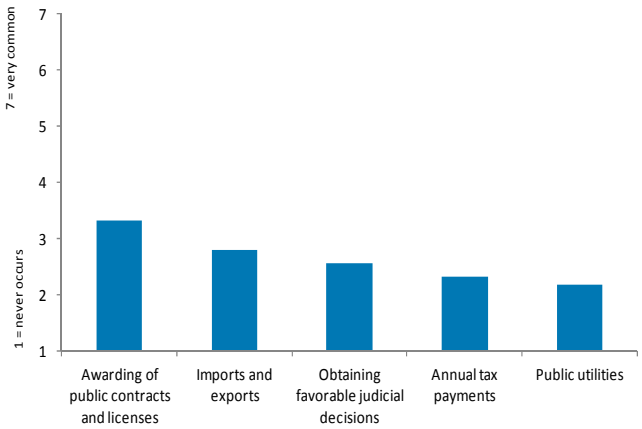
In Latin America, public procurement represents 26% of government expenditure

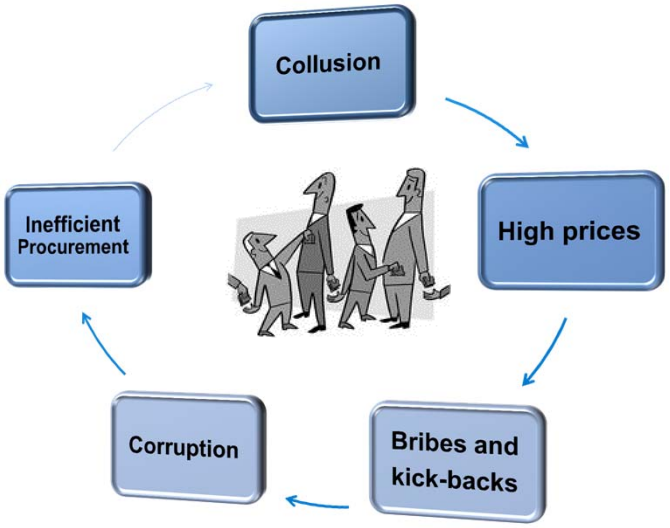


Public procurement is the government activity with the highest perception of bribery risk

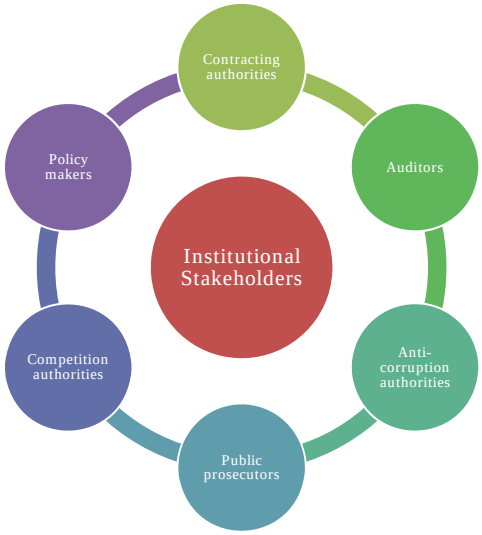


Source: 2012-2013 Executive Opinion Survey from the World Economic Forum for the Global Competitiveness Report

A Vicious Circle



Who can help improve this?



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What would be the steps?

Rules	• Reflecting best practices
Advocacy	• Education of officials, business, media • Advocacy to government and legislators
Enforcement	• Strong sanctions • **Inter-agency co-operation**

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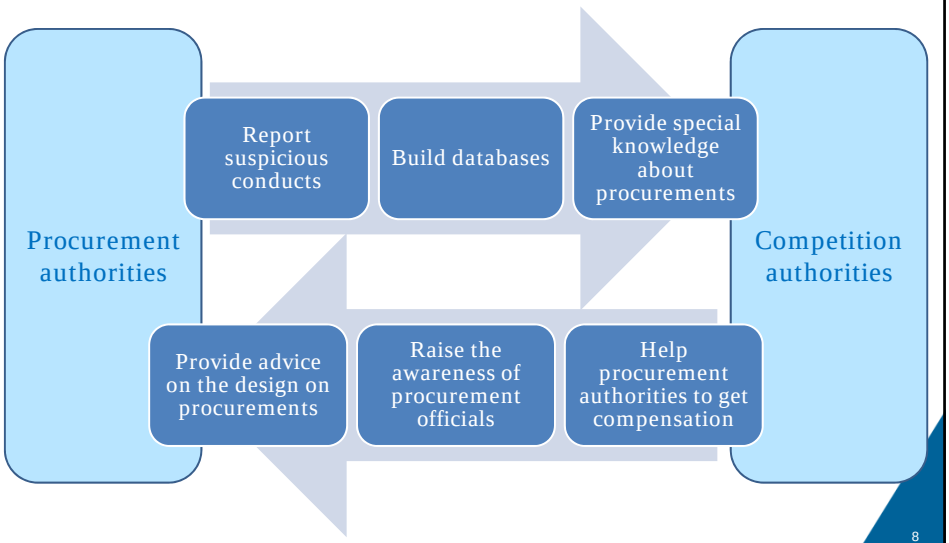
Forms of co-operation

- MoUs/ co-operation agreements
- Interagency committees, exchange of staff
- Informal co-operation
- Contact points & reporting lines
- Requests for advice

Relationship between procurement and competition authorities



A common solution?

Angel Gurría (SG, OECD)

"Higher priority must be given to the fight against bid rigging and corruption.

By working together competition authorities and anti-corruption officials can maximise their impact."

(OECD Global Forum on Competition 2010)

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Areas of future OECD work?

- Good practices of co-operation between competition, procurement and anti-corruption agencies (access to databases, joint investigations, staff exchanges...)
- Incentives, and protection, for procurement officials to report bid rigging.
- Shared strategies?

Thank you!

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