



## Methodological assistance provided by the Public Procurement Office of Poland for public procurement for innovation



Public Procurement Principle: Accountability, Capacity

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Procurement Stage: Pre-tendering, Tendering

Audience: Policy makers, Procuring entity

## Description

The Public Procurement Office of Poland (PPO) provides methodological assistance to promote the use of public procurement in stimulating innovation in Poland.

Article 614 of the new Public Procurement Law (PPL) of 11 September 2019, which entered into force on 1 January 2021, refers to the possibility of the PPO to carry out an ex ante control of the procurement documents at the request of the contracting authority.

This option is applied to the public procurement procedures on procuring innovative products and solutions with a contract value equal to or exceeding the EU thresholds (Article 614 of the PPL). This ex ante control is supervised by the President of the Public Procurement Office. It does not cover the technical part of the contract documents, but it may cover the entire procedure or the stage of the call for proposals or tenders, the negotiation stage, or the tender evaluation stage. In addition, the PPO published a book: Public Procurement of Innovation. This publication describes the concept of public procurement for innovation, and demonstrates actual good practices from a wide range of contracting authorities in Poland:

- the central government administration: the National Center for Research and Development, GovTech Poland, the National Center for Agricultural Support
- the local government entity: Regional Water and Sewage Management Center S.A. in Tychy
- the academic sector: SOLARIS National Synchrotron Radiation Center of the Jagiellonian University.

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