**Country case: *Argentina Compra* - Public procurement website of the Argentinian National Public Administration**

Public Procurement Principle: **Transparency,
E-procurement**

Procurement Stage:
**All phases**

Audience: **Policy Maker, Procuring Entity, Private Sector, Civil Society**

**Description**

The Public Procurement System of the National Public Administration of Argentina is based on the free public dissemination of all contracts made by central agencies through the Website of the National Procurement Office (ONC) “[*Argentina Compra*](http://www.argentinacompra.gov.ar)”. The website has two consultation platforms: one providing free access to the general public and a second one, exclusive for procurement authorities and registered suppliers.

“*Argentina Compra*” publishes the regulatory framework, the institutional information about the ONC, relevant statistics, news and improvements of the procurement system as well as a guide to common questions about how the public procurement system works. In addition, the website allows the following:

1. **Search by requirements**: Stakeholders interested in offering their goods and services can obtain information related to past and current requirements. For each of these requirements, the website provides information on the number of procedures carried out, the procurement procedure used, the goods and services procured as well as the date and places to consult the solicitation documents and the presentation and opening of the bids.
2. **Search by procurement unit**: It allows knowing what the government needs to procure by each procurement unit. It is possible to find information about the identification of the procurement unit, such address, phone and means of contact, as well as information about the public official carrying out the public procurement process in each unit.
3. **Search by goods and services procured**: the System of catalogue of goods and services was created to allow identifying the goods and services needed through an uniform and homogeneous criteria and specific codes. This allows suppliers and the public to know what goods and services the government needs to procure, its future requirements and ongoing processes as well as information on the procurement authority, the goods or services required, the type of contract and the deadlines for submission of bids and openings.
4. **Suppliers**: The website also provides information on potential and awarded suppliers of the National Public Administration. This allows all stakeholders to know who supplies the government. It is possible to access basic information on suppliers, if the supplier is debarred or suspended, its previous performances and the size of the company. It is also possible to find the reference prices offered by the suppliers.

*Source*: OECD (2016), “[*Corruption in Public Procurement*](http://www.oecd.org/gov/ethics/Corruption-in-Public-Procurement-Brochure.pdf)”.