



Risk Management Strategy in Public procurement in Tunisia



Public Procurement Principle: **Risk management, Efficiency, Capacity**



Procurement Stage: **Tendering**



Audience: **Procuring entity, Policy makers**

Description

In Tunisia, public procurement represents more than 15% of GDP. The efforts made over the past few years regarding the public procurement system have brought considerable improvements. However, some areas still need to be improved, especially since public procurement is a high-risk area both in terms of integrity as well as in other aspects that may affect the well-functioning of the public procurement system and thus the provision of public services.

Therefore, the High Authority for Public Procurement (HAICOP) with the support of the OECD developed a strategy on risk management in public procurement that was launched in March 2019. This strategy aims at:

1. Strengthening the principle of good governance in public procurement
2. Improving the efficiency and effectiveness of public procurement
3. Formalising and standardising risk management methodology and tools across Tunisian public entities
4. Optimising the public procurement control system by focusing on high-risk areas
5. Strengthening risk management capacities in public procurement in Tunisia

In terms of scope, this strategy foresees the implementation of a risk management approach at two levels:

1. At the level of each procurement project or programme. The risk management exercise must be performed for the following contracts:
 - All negotiated contracts
 - Large-volume contracts whose volume represents at least 20% of the total purchases of each public entity
2. At the level of procedural steps and sub-processes throughout the public procurement cycle (tendering and contract performance)

The implementation of the strategy is supported by different tools including a risk management tool tailored to the strategy, a manual on risk management in public procurement and a testing with five pilots. The intention of HAICOP is to integrate the risk management approach in the updated regulatory framework. The implementation of this strategy will be carried out in a phased approach to cover all contracting authorities from all levels of governments

Source: OECD (2019), [Public Procurement in Kazakhstan: Reforming for Efficiency](#), OECD Publishing, Paris

