



UK Digital Buying Guide



Public Procurement Principle: **Capacity, Integrity, Transparency, Risk management**



Procurement Stage: **All stages**



Audience: **Procuring entity, Policy maker**

Description

In October 2020, the UK Government Digital Service (GDS) launched its Digital Buying Guide, to support buying digitally with social purpose by presenting modern approaches to public procurement that are fair, open, transparent, effective, multidisciplinary, and focused on users' needs. This work is part of the GDS Global Digital Marketplace Programme, which was set up to help tackle global corruption.

The Digital Buying Guide provides practical step-by-step guidance and illustrative case studies on the different stages of the public procurement cycle. The guide aligns with the SDGs, as well as with standards and guidelines on corruption prevention and gender-responsive procurement. The guide is sponsored by the UK's Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) Global Anti-Corruption Programme, the OECD Working Party of Senior Digital Government Officials, and the United for Smart Sustainable Cities (U4SSC) initiative from the United Nations' International Telecommunication Union (ITU).

At the time of its launch, the Digital Buying Guide was available in English, Bahasa Indonesia and Spanish, including draft guidance to specifically support public procurement in an emergency. In addition, the guide included case studies from national and local governments in Mexico, UK, Ecuador, Colombia, Dominican Republic and New Zealand.

Source: OECD (2020), [Integrating Responsible Business Conduct in Public Procurement](#), OECD Publishing, Paris

