

OECD Review of Mexico's e-Procurement System

Review of the federal e-procurement system CompraNet, managed by the
Ministry of Public Administration of Mexico

The review of Mexico's Federal e-Procurement System, CompraNet, assesses its ability to ensure that public procurement in Mexico is efficient, effective, transparent and accountable. It promotes the reform of CompraNet to develop a transactional system for the complete procurement cycle, from planning and budgeting to contract management and payments. The review analyses CompraNet's scope, functionality, and use against global trends in e-procurement in order to guide its future development. The review includes input from key stakeholder groups such as contracting authorities, suppliers, and civil society organisations, both for the phase of development of the recommendations as well as for the implementation phase (the *follow up* report). It also identifies the supporting mechanisms such as legislation, policy, training, and infrastructure that are required for the system to be successful.

In February 2017, the Ministry of Public Administration and OECD established an agreement to work together on the reform of Mexico's e-procurement tool and advance an inclusive approach to such reform. The agreement was extended in April 2018 to produce a follow up report on the implementation of the recommendations for CompraNet.

Fast Facts

Country: Mexico

Timeframe: February 2017 – January 2019

Counterparts:

- **Ministry of Public Administration** (*Secretaría de la Función Pública, SFP*)
- **Public procurement stakeholders** (Purchasing units, business chambers, CSOs, public autonomous bodies)

Areas of focus:

- E-procurement
- Efficiency
- Transparency and integrity
- Stakeholder engagement

List of Deliverables

- *Review Mexico's e-Procurement System: Redesigning CompraNet through Stakeholder Engagement*
- *Follow up report on Mexico's CompraNet Reform: Improving e-Procurement through Stakeholder Engagement*
- Management of the Plural Working Group on Public Procurement

Timeline

- **February 2017** Signature of the Agreement between the Ministry of Public Administration and the OECD
- **28 February 2017** Launching of the Plural Working Group on Public Procurement
- **9 January 2018** Launching of the OECD Review *Mexico's e-Procurement System: Redesigning CompraNet through Stakeholder Engagement*
- **6 April 2018** Signature of the Agreement between the Ministry of Public Administration and the OECD for the follow up report on Mexico's CompraNet Reform
- **January 2019** Launching of the *Follow up Report on Mexico's CompraNet Reform: Improving e-Procurement through Stakeholder Engagement*

Content of the project

The project supports the implementation of good practices in the electronic public procurement system of Mexico's federal government, CompraNet. The OECD worked closely with relevant stakeholders, including public sector, suppliers, and local and international CSOs —convened into the Plural Working Group on Public Procurement—to present a series of conclusions, international comparisons, recommendations, and proposals for improvement, including concrete actions that the Ministry of Public Administration could carry out to address the opportunity areas identified in the analysis. All recommendations were included in a *Road Map* for the reform and expansion of the CompraNet system. Alongside, the Plural Working Group developed a Vision Statement to guide future reforms of Mexico's e-procurement system. This Vision Statement reflects a collaborative and inclusive outlook that all relevant stakeholders agreed on.

Because of the complexity and reach of the recommendations included in the *Road Map*, a phased implementation considering recommendations for the long, medium, and short terms was designed. The *Follow up Report on Mexico's CompraNet Reform* focuses on the short-term recommendations (implemented from February to November 2018).

The work by the OECD consisted in carrying out a review and providing support to the Ministry of Public Administration authorities for the review of CompraNet and co-ordinating the Plural Working Group on Public Procurement. The project comprises three components as follows:

Component 1 – Mexico's e-Procurement System: Redesigning CompraNet through Stakeholder Engagement

The review assessed the current use and function of CompraNet by contracting authorities in Mexico, vis-à-vis the objectives set for the system in the existing legal and regulatory framework. It included a benchmark against best practices and experiences of leading countries using recent integrated digital technologies to cover the entire procurement cycle and develop its full potential. Finally, it includes recommendations concerning functionalities, governance, management structures and information to increase its efficiency and effectiveness. It also identifies the gaps between the current use of the system and the overarching objectives underlying the announced reforms: increasing transparency and visibility over public spending as a major contribution to the country's initiatives towards open government and open contracting.

Component 2 – Follow up Report on Mexico's CompraNet Reform: Improving e-Procurement through Stakeholder Engagement

This report follows up on the implementation of the 14 short-term recommendations included in the Roadmap of the OECD Review *Mexico's e-Procurement System: Redesigning CompraNet through*

stakeholder engagement. It evaluates the actions undertaken until November 2018 by the Ministry of Public Administration to guide the upgrade of the CompraNet system towards the objectives set out in the vision statement for the tool. The follow-up report includes inputs from stakeholders such as contracting authorities, the business sector, and civil society. Likewise, it identifies actions that can be undertaken in the medium and long-terms to reform CompraNet towards a more effective tool to achieve value in the use of public funds and enable the migration towards a fully transactional system.

Component 3 – Co-ordinating a Plural Working Group on Public Procurement

Co-ordinating a working group of the different stakeholders of public procurement reform in Mexico leading, after a benchmark analysis of best international practices, to recommendations aimed at increasing CompraNet's efficiency and effectiveness.

Outputs and resources

- [*Mexico's e-Procurement System: Redesigning CompraNet through Stakeholder Engagement*](#)
- [*Follow up Report on Mexico's CompraNet Reform: Improving e-Procurement through Stakeholder Engagement*](#)
- [*OECD Recommendation of the Council on Public Procurement*](#)