

THE ROLE OF COMPETENCE CENTRES AND NETWORKING TO LEVERAGE THE EU SINGLE MARKET

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A truly European network

12 EUROPEAN COMPETENCE CENTRES:

Austria, Estonia, Germany, Greece, Ireland,
Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Finland, Portugal,
Spain and Sweden

9 CANDIDATES:

Belgium, Czechia, France, Hungary, Lithuania,
Latvia, Poland, Ukraine, United Kingdom



What is a competence centre?

A national institution to support public buyers and suppliers that want to carry out innovation procurement.

To be eligible for membership, organisations must meet the following requirements:

- Have an official mandate from their national government to run a competence centre for innovation procurement;
- Have a dedicated budget and other resources (such as staff, a website and offices) for the competence centre;
- Be able and willing to invest time and budget into the participation in the Procure2Innovate network;
- Be committed at an institutional level to future participation in the Procure2Innovate Network.

Expansion of the network

Guidance and implementation support for new competence centres

Peer-to-peer working groups

Joint awareness raising

Peer evaluation & benchmarking

Establish innovation procurement

Training materials

E-learning

Support and direct consultancy for buyers and suppliers

Service list & marketing brochure

Network & market

Guidance document

Joint events

Common challenges

Proposals and cross-border consortia

Funding instruments & NCPs

Once voice

Procura+ Award

Opinion papers

Joint declaration

Institutionalisation of network

Joint policy statements



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JOINT MARKET ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES



- **National open innovation platforms:**

- <https://www.ioeb-innovationsplattform.at/>
- <https://www.agid.gov.it/it/software-riusabile/piattaforma-open-innovation>
- https://www.cdti.es/index.asp?MP=100&MS=898&MN=1&r=1920*1080
- <https://app.koinnovationsplatz.de/>

- **Joint and shared open innovation challenges:**

- <https://public-buyers-community.ec.europa.eu/communities/network-competence-centres/news/suppliers-wanted-procurement-solar-modules-without>
- <https://public-buyers-community.ec.europa.eu/communities/network-competence-centres/news/3-new-market-dialogues-safety-construction-and>

- **Joint pitch events with EIC:**

Healthcare Hackathon - suppliers wanted! pre-market consultation, 13 Nov 2025 Malmö | Public Buyers Community



More suppliers, more (diverse) offers

Delivering fairness in a single market

Better prices

Ensuring a robust market overview

More innovation

Stimulating the local and European economy



THANK YOU.

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