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LEADER Programme – Public Procurement

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Overview



- What is public procurement?
- What we do
- Public Procurement in Ireland
- Available Resources
- Strategic Public Procurement
- Capital Works Management Framework



Public Procurement - Goods and Services

What is Public Procurement?



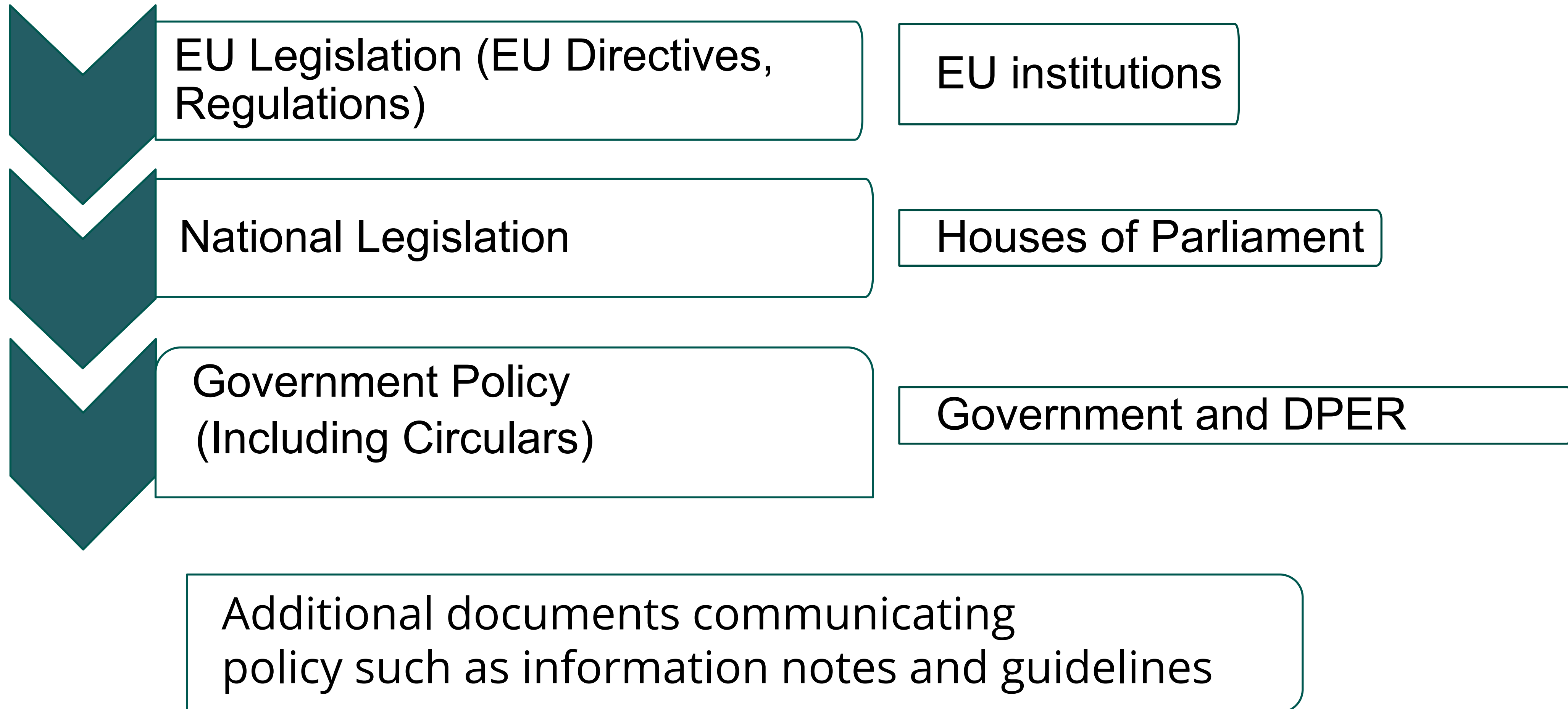
Public procurement refers to the process by which public bodies purchase works, goods or services from suppliers which they have selected for this purpose. It ranges from the purchase of routine goods or services to large scale contracts for infrastructural projects and involves a wide and diverse range of contracting authorities.

What does the OGP do?

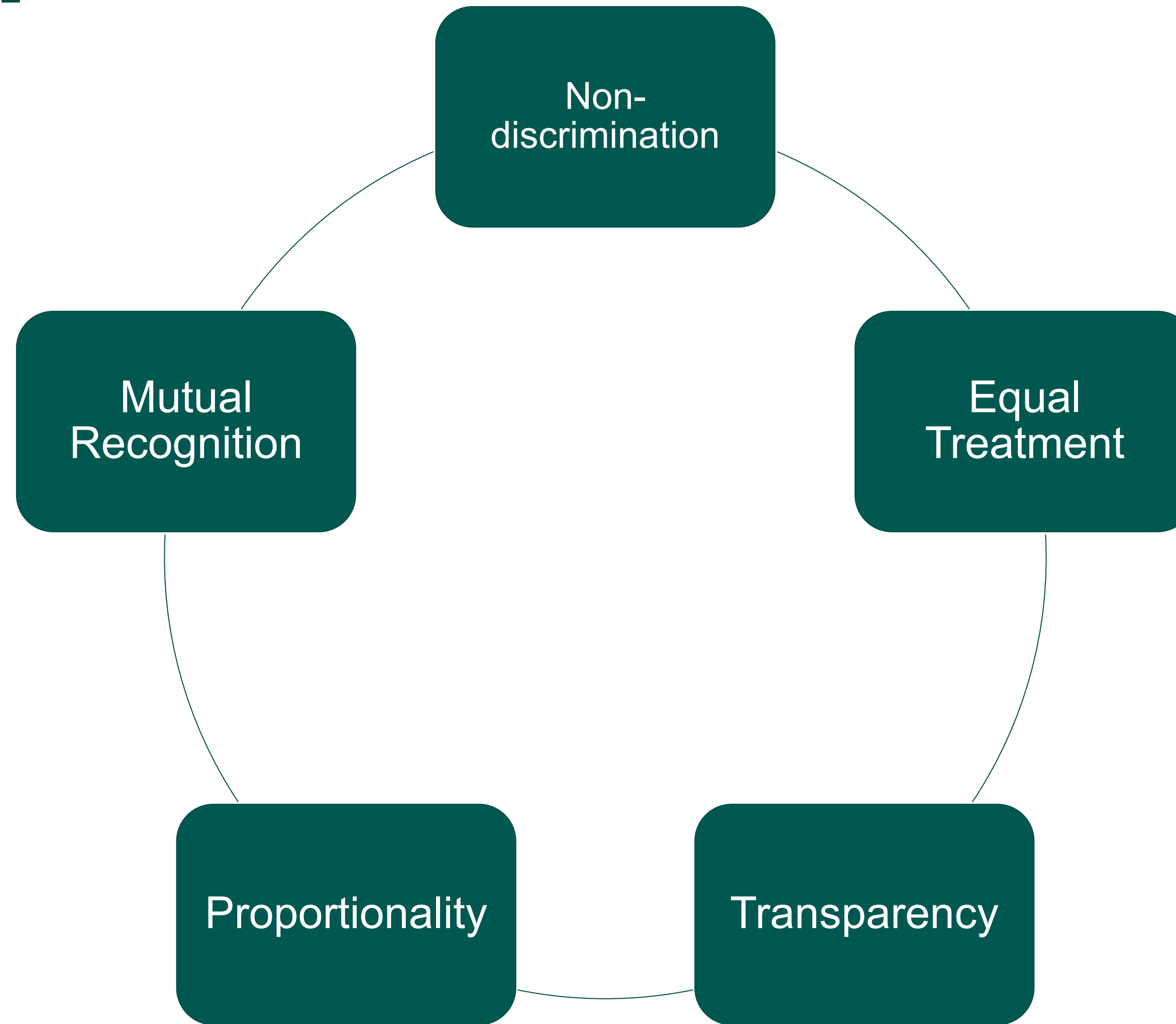


- Two divisions of the Department of Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation
- Strategic Objectives
- Over 200 Staff across 5 locations
- A central purchasing body with over 100 frameworks in place
- Policy responsibility
- Support desk

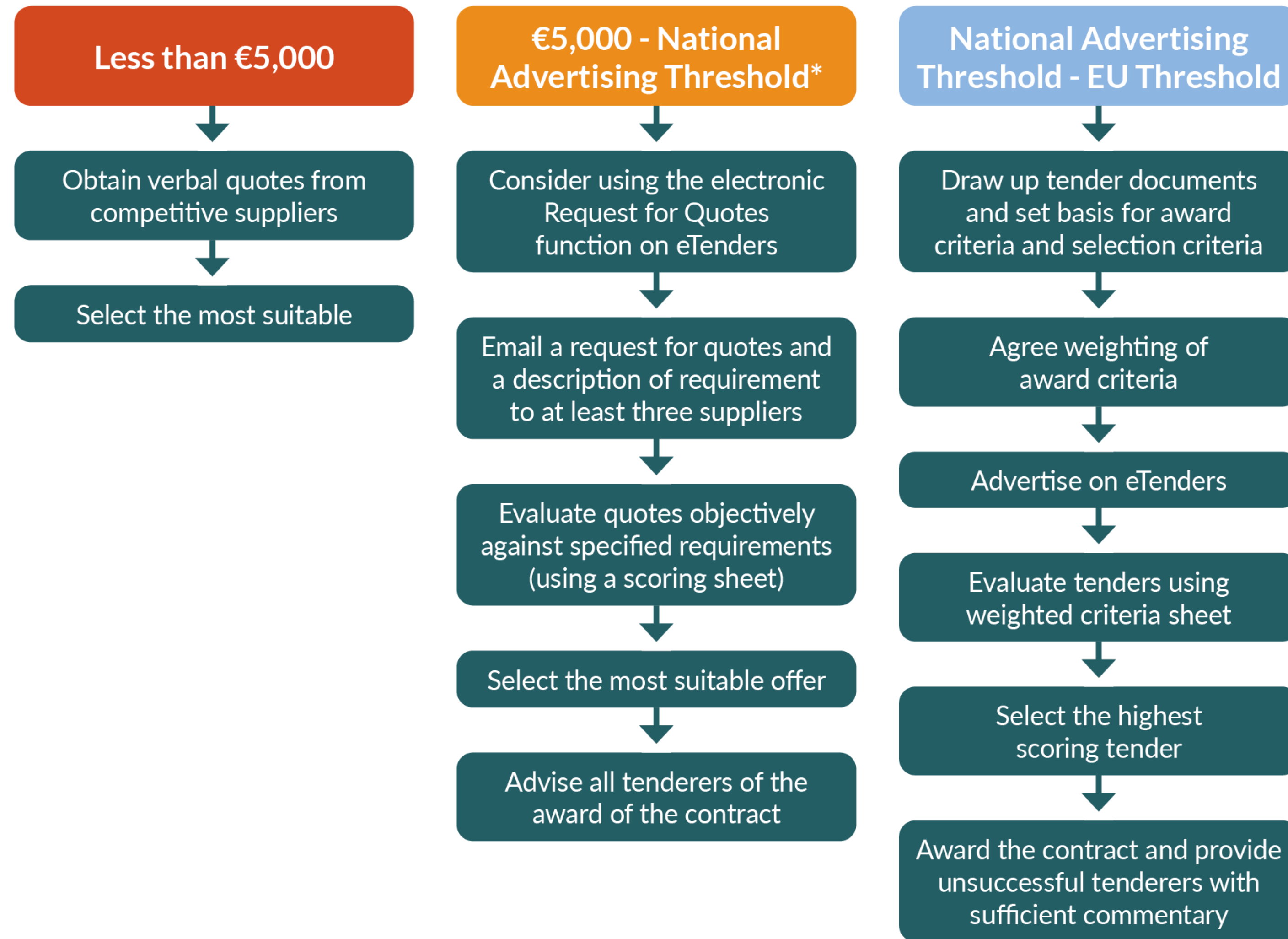
Public Procurement Policy in Ireland



EU Principles



Public Procurement Thresholds for Goods & Services



Register on eTenders – Contracting Authority



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Log in

eTenders

Ireland's National Tendering Website

eTenders connects public sector buyers with suppliers who want to sell to Government

Register a Contracting Authority

Register a Supplier

IMPORTANT NEWS

23 DEC 24

IMPORTANT UPDATE ON EFORMS - Software updated to the latest version

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IMPORTANT NEWS - UPDATE TO ETENDERS USER INTERFACE - 11 Nov 2024

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GPP Criteria Search

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Tenders Advisory Service (TAS)

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Notice in relation to the eTenders Legacy Platform

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IMPORTANT NOTE: Revised EU Thresholds will take effect from 1st January 2024

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Publication of Opportunities and approaches for Sustainable Public Procurement

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Resources for Buyers



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The Aviva Stadium, November 11

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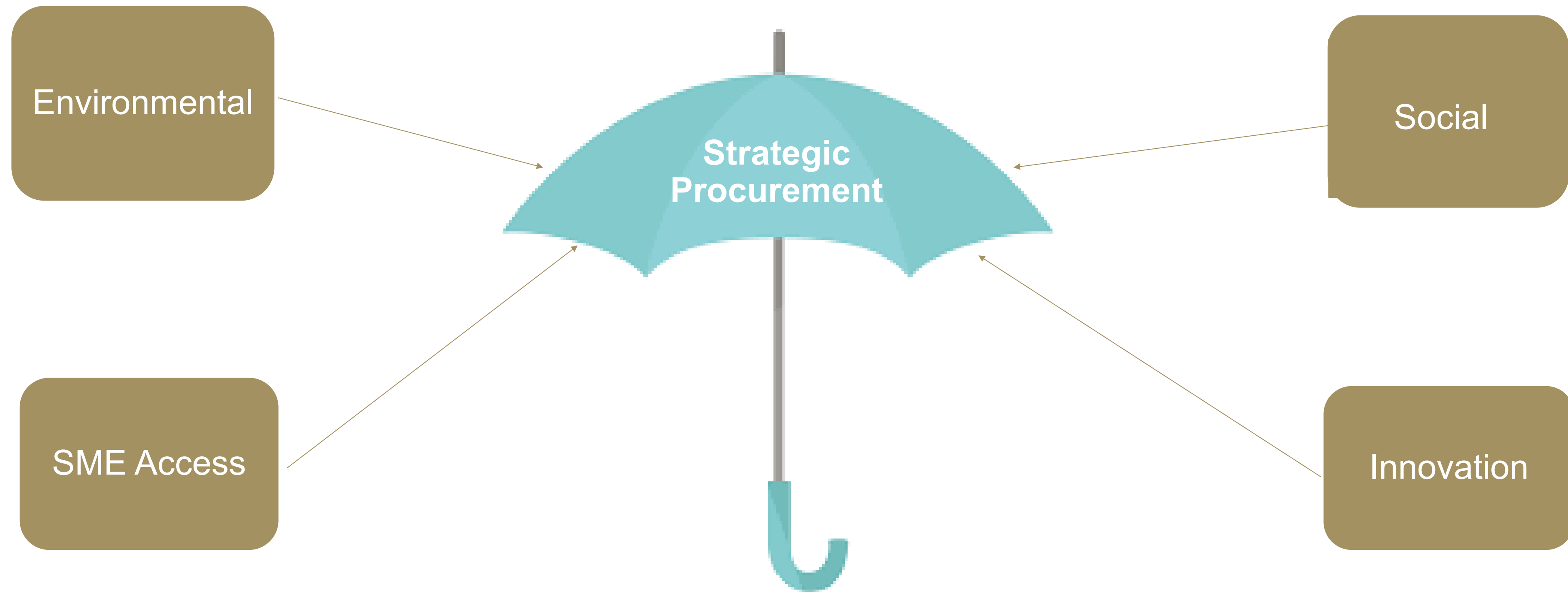
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Strategic Public Procurement



SME Access



Publication

Small Medium Enterprises (SMEs)

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What are SMEs?

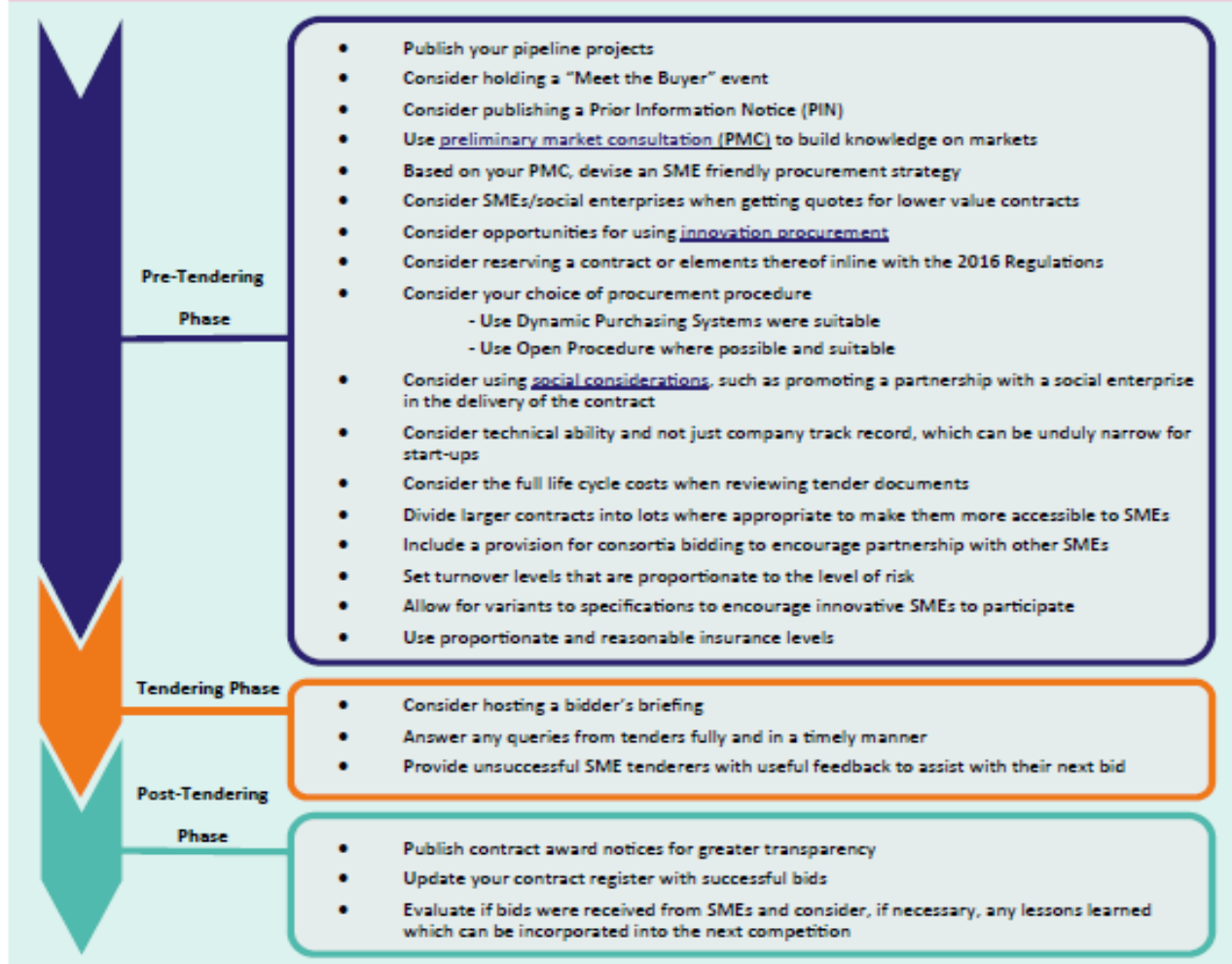
As defined in [EU Recommendation 2003/361](#), Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) are:

1. "The category of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) is made up of enterprises which employ fewer than 250 persons and which have an annual turnover not exceeding EUR 50 million, and/or an annual balance sheet total not exceeding EUR 43 million.
2. Within the SME category, a small enterprise is defined as an enterprise which employs fewer than 50 persons and whose annual turnover and/or annual balance

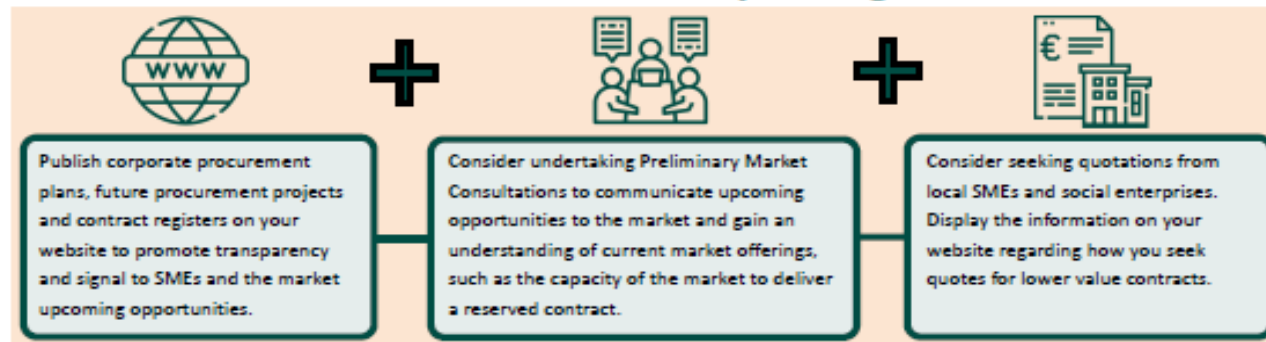
SME-Friendly Practices in Public Procurement

Small-to-medium enterprises (SMEs) can offer huge value to your procurements. Inclusion of SMEs in public procurement makes for a more competitive market, driving quality and value for money. SMEs often offer innovative solutions delivered by highly skilled workers. Social enterprises also fall under SMEs, which can be particularly valuable in reaching your social and environmental goals.

To ensure that SMEs have the opportunity to engage with your tenders, it is important to be mindful of the various obstacles that SMEs may face against a larger company. This can be challenging, so to assist you we have compiled some tips to consider during each phase of the tendering process. These are the SME-Friendly Practices in Public Procurement.



General Considerations for your Organisation



[For more information please click here to visit our page on SMEs](#)

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