

# Strategic Public Procurement to drive European Resilience, Innovation and Growth

30 November 2023, 13:30 - 17:00  
Norway House, Rue Archimède 17, 1000 Brussels

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Public Procurements are an ever more important tool to strengthen European resilience, enhance innovation and growth in sustainable ways. Used strategically, public procurement will contribute to solve our big societal challenges through public private partnership.

Norway's National Program for Suppliers Development (LUP) is set up to accelerate innovations and development of new solutions through the strategic use of public procurement, while at the same time contributing to new market opportunities for these innovations. The program is a joint collaboration by the public and private sectors and fosters public-private partnerships through innovative public procurements throughout the country.

LUP is currently focusing on new and more powerful ways of supporting both the public buyers and the suppliers through innovative public procurement by acting as a broker and facilitator in joint procurement initiatives and through Pre-Commercial Procurement (PCP) and Innovation Partnerships. We are eager to learn more from what is taking place within the EU on innovative public procurements, as well as share ideas and thoughts on how to ensure innovations move from pilots to scale.

## Issues we will address:

- To what extent can innovative public procurements accelerate new technologies and solutions to deal with larger challenges more effectively we are facing within health care and climate change?
- How to move beyond pilots and prototypes and move to innovation uptake at scale?
- To what extent are joint innovative procurements or innovation partnerships relevant tools, processes or procedures to this end?

# Programme

- 13:30 - 13:45 Welcoming remarks** -Anders H. Eide, Norwegian ambassador to the EU
- 13:45 - 14:00 Innovation procurement, challenges and possibilities for Europe; what's the status in Norway?** -Ingebjørg Harto, Programme Director, LUP
- 14:00 - 14:20 EC strategic objectives, initiatives and ongoing work on innovation procurement** -András G. Inotai, Head of Unit, Innovation Policy and Access to Finance, DG Research&Innovation, European Commission
- 14:20 - 14:35 The Belgian presidency of the Council of the EU objectives 2024 on innovation procurement** -Veerle Lories, Government of Flanders, Department Economy, Science and Innovation
- 14:35 - 14:50 New whitepaper on Innovation Partnerships in Norway** -Riche Vestby, Lead health care, LUP
- 14:50 - 15:10 Break**
- 15:10 - 15:40 Delivering better health and care, economic growth and resilient health systems. Joint IP/PCP in the Agder region in Norway**  
-Ann-Helen Moum, CDO Kristiansand municipality  
-Ståle Moe, CEO Tellu AS
- 15:40 - 16:10 Policy panel: Scaling Up the Solutions**  
**Moderated by** Ingebjørg Harto, LUP  
**Panellists:**  
-András G. Inotai, EC  
-Ståle Moe, Tellu AS  
-Massimo Busuoli, NTNU  
-Anne Romsaas, KS
- 16:10 - 16:15 Closing remarks** - Ingebjørg Harto
- 16:15 - 17:00 Drinks Reception**

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