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Introduction

<u>The TPPR Methodology</u> is envisioned to be a universal methodology for assessing public procurement legislations (PPLs) with the ultimate goal of identifying the strengths and weaknesses of legal frameworks and their enforcement around the globe.

Structure and Logic

<u>The Methodology</u> is composed of 64 indicators, each of which holds a similar degree of importance. A number of these indicators are further broken down into scoring components.

The Methodology covers all the major components of any public procurement system, from the nature of the legislation to the complaint review process, with focus on the transparency of public procurement systems.

The selection of indicators for the Methodology was largely based on international best practice, international standards and aspects of other existing methodologies in the sphere of public procurement, such as:

- EBRD Methodology and Standard
- GPA Standard (WTO)
- OECD Methodology and Principles
- EU Standard (Directive 2014/24/EU)
- Open Contracting Data Standard (OCDS)

Several indicators have been directly taken from one of the sources listed above as examples of best international practice. All of these indicators have been properly referenced.

During the indicator selection and elaboration process, an effort was made to ensure that the Methodology can be used to assess many different kinds of public procurement systems, but at the same time set high standards.

The indicators are separated into 5 groups (benchmark indicators) that represent the key characteristics (values) of a well-functioning, transparent and accountable public procurement system:

- 1. Uniformity of the Legislative Framework 14 indicators
- 2. Efficiency 10 indicators
- 3. **Transparency** 18 indicators
- 4. Accountability and Integrity 7 indicators
- 5. Competitiveness and Impartiality 10 indicators

The methodology also includes 5 indicators that are used to assess legal components **that are not directly part** of the public procurement legislation but are crucial in terms of creating a transparent environment necessary for a proper functioning of any public procurement system. These indicators are grouped separately under '**Transparency Environment**'.

Indicators are also arranged according to the procurement process:

- 1. **Pre-tendering Phase** procurement processes leading up to the publication of a notice of intended procurement.
- 2. **Tendering Phase** procurement processes between publication of a notice of intended procurement and selection of a tender winner.
- 3. **Post-tendering Phase** procurement processes after the selection of a tender winner.

These two arrangements allow for both process and value-based assessments of public procurement legislations.

Limitations

Public procurement systems vary significantly by country. The TPPR Methodology is intended to be applicable on a global scale, meaning that the indicators cannot be too specific and cannot cover all the possible variations and exceptions.

For the same reason, the TPPR Methodology can only be used to assess public procurement legislations on the national level, and it does not include indicators for any industry specific rules.

About the Project

The Methodology has been developed within the framework of the project <u>Transparent Public</u> <u>Procurement Rating (TPPR) – Assessing Public Procurement Legislation and the Enforcement Process</u> <u>in the Eurasian Region</u>.

The project was funded by Open Society Institute Budapest Foundation (OSI) and has been implemented by a Georgia-based civil society organization <u>Institute for Development of Freedom of</u> <u>Information (IDFI)</u> together with 5 partner organizations from each country in the Eurasian region covered by the project:

Armenia – <u>Freedom of Information Center of Armenia</u> Azerbaijan – <u>Transparency International (TI)</u> Belarus – <u>BIPART</u> Moldova – <u>Expert-Grup</u> Ukraine – <u>Transparency International (TI)</u> In its initial stage, the TPPR project only covers the Eastern Partnership (EaP) Region; however, it plans to scale the methodology up to larger regions in the future.

Scoring System

Each indicator included in the TPPR Methodology is granted equal weight and receives a maximum of 1 point. With a total of 64 indicators, public procurement legislations are rated on the scale of **0 to 64** (converted to percentages for easier understanding and visualization).

Indicators that are further broken down into scoring components are nevertheless worth 1 point. Each scoring component is evaluated separately.

The Methodology uses two ways to distribute points among scoring components of an indicator:

- 1. **'Scoring method'** is used when scoring components of an indicator overlap (meaning they do not add up as points) or have an unequal distribution of points.
- 2. **'Point distribution'** is used when each scoring component of an indicator is given an equal share of the overall point granted to that indicator.

This scoring system and the structure of the Methodology allow for the results to be presented in three ways:

- 1. **Country Overall Results and Rating** country overall results on the scale of 0-64 are converted into and presented using percentages (0-100%). Countries are then ranked by their overall results.
- Results by Benchmark Indicators results for benchmark indicators are presented only through percentages, since benchmark indicators include an unequal number of indicators (and, therefore, unequal number of maximum points).
- 3. **Results by Procurement Process** results for different phases of the procurement process are presented only through percentages, due to unequal number of indicators included in each phase.

Countries are also ranked and compared by their results for each benchmark indicator.

Visualization

Visualizing the results of the assessment is crucial to the goal of the methodology. For this purpose, the overall points received by each country shall be shown graphically using the scale of 0-100%, divided into 4 quarters of a specific color:

- Low compliance with TPPR Standards 0% to 25% (red)
- Average compliance with TPPR Standards 26% to 50% (orange)
- Good compliance with TPPR Standards 51% to 75% (yellow)
- Excellent compliance with TPPR Standards 76% to 100% (green)

Visualizations will also include spider graphs depicting country results by benchmark indicators and the procurement process, and multi-colored bar graphs for comparing country results in these categories.

Terminology

This methodology uses universally accepted procurement terminology as well as a few terms of its own design, in order to make key distinctions easier.

Acceptance act – A document signed by parties through which they agree on the terms by which a bargain is concluded.

Bid – Price offered by a tender participant during the bidding procedure.

Bid Security – A refundable amount of money paid by tender candidates validating their participation in a tender.

Coordination – Providing assistance to economic operators and procuring entities to engage in procuring activities.

Day – In the context of this methodology a day implies a calendar day.

Economic Operator – business or other organization which supplies goods, works or services. **Legal entity of public law (LEPL)** (Public Legal Entity) – Organization created by the government or a government body, but separated from state management, and performing public authority independent of state control.

Machine-readable – A data format that can be processed (i.e. extract, transform and process) by a computer.

Monitoring – Data collection and analysis.

State non-commercial legal entity – A body governed by public law, having legal personality, not having an industrial or commercial character, and funded or managed, for the most part, by state entities.

Non-competitive procedure (direct procurement) – A type of public procurement procedure that does not involve prior publication of a notice of intended procurement.

Notice of intended procurement – A call for participation in an open tender issued by procuring entities.

Open tender – A type of tender, in which any economic operator can request participation.

Post-tendering phase – procurement processes after the selection of a tender winner.

Pre-tendering phase – procurement processes leading up to the publication of a notice of intended procurement.

Procurement regulatory body – a state body responsible for managing the public procurement system without necessarily incorporating lawmaking and law enforcement functions.

Procuring entity – A state budget and local government entity (including their respective LEPLs and state owned companies).

Public procurement annual plan – A document issued by procuring entities that contains information about all procurements planned within a fiscal year.

Tender – A type of public procurement procedure that involves bidding.

Tender application – An economic operator's official request to participate in a tender that includes all the documents requested by the procuring entity.

Tender candidate – An economic operator willing to participate in a tender.

Tender commission – A group of persons within a procuring entity responsible for conducting procurement (this function can also be performed by a single person).

Tender documentation – A collection of documents containing full information about the procurement, such as its subject-matter, technical requirements/specification, eligibility and evaluation criteria, draft contract conditions etc.

Tender participant – An economic operator that has been allowed to participate in a tender. **Tendering phase** – procurement processes between publication of a notice of intended procurement and selection of a tender winner.

TPPR Methodology Indicators

	Transparency Environment				
#	Indicator	Score	Relevant Article and Law (if applicable)		
1.	Business registry is publicly available. – [1 point]	1	Decree 1/2006, May 3 (Creates the Conservatories of legal entities) As well in the government portal https://www.portaldog overno.gov.mz/por/Em presas/Registos/Regist o-de-Sociedades		
2.	Budgets of all public procuring entities are publicly available. – [1 point]	0			
3.	Public officials are required by law to file asset declarations. – [1 point]	1	Public Probity Law 16/2012 According to the articles 20, 57, 58, 59 and 62,		

			the public officials listed in Article 58, are obliged to file declaration on annual basis.
4.	The country has adopted legal provisions ensuring the right to request public information. – [1 point]	1	Right of Access to Information Law 34/2014, 31 December
5.	Legislation includes provisions regulating whistleblower protection. – [1 point]	1	Mechanism to protect the rights and interests of victims, whistleblowers, witnesses, deponents or experts in criminal proceedings and creates the Central Office to fight corruption Law 15/2012

Indicators by Procurement Process

	General Characteristics of the Procurement System					
#	Indicator	Score	Relevant Article and Law (if applicable)			
1.	Public Procurement Legislation (PPL), which may include primary and secondary legislation, lays out the basic principles and general framework of the procurement process, makes it operational and indicates how the law must be applied to specific circumstances. – [1 point] <i>Uniformity of the Legislative Framework</i>	1	Decree 5/2016 Decree of 8 March, Regulation for the contracting of public works, supply of goods and provision of services to the state. Articles 5, 12, 40			
2.	PPL (including primary and secondary legislation) is available in a single and accessible place. – [1 point] Scoring Method	1	<u>http://www.ufsa.gov.m</u> <u>z/decretos.php</u>			

	 Electronic, machine-readable, free of charge – [1] Electronic, machine-readable, not free of charge – [0.75] Electronic, non-machine-readable – [0.5] Only on paper – [0.25] None – [0] Uniformity of the Legislative Framework 		
3.	PPL applies to all state budget and local government entities (including their respective Legal Entities of Public Law (LEPLs), state owned companies and non-commercial legal entities) and all exempted entities are clearly indicated. – [1 point]	Overall: 0.8 Compo nents:	The Regulation on the Award of Public Contracts (RPC)), approved by Decree 5/2016 of 8 March
	 a) All state budget entities – [0.2] b) Local government entities – [0.2] c) Legal Entities of Public Law (LEPL) – [0.2] d) State owned companies – [0.2] e) State non-commercial legal entities – [0.2] Uniformity of the Legislative Framework 	a) 0.2 b) 0.2 c) 0.2 d) 0 e) 0.2	Article 2
4.	The scope of coverage of PPL includes all sectors of the economy where competition is possible and exemptions are clearly listed in the PPL. – [1 point] Point Distribution a) The scope of coverage of PPL includes all sectors of the economy where competition is possible. – [0.5] b) PPL clearly lists or refers to all exemptions. – [0.5] Uniformity of the Legislative Framework	Overall: 1 Compo nents: a) 0.5 b) 0.5	The Regulation on the Award of Public Contracts (RPC)), approved by Decree 5/2016 of 8 March Articles 2, 11, 21-22
5.	 PPL determines a separate state body (procurement regulatory body) responsible for managing public procurement or assigns this function to a subordinate public body(ies). – [1 point] Scoring Method PPL determines a separate state body responsible for managing public procurement which is authorized to have income in addition to state funding. – [1] 	0.5	The Regulation on the Award of Public Contracts (RPC)), approved by Decree 5/2016 of 8 March Article 12

	 PPL determines a separate state body responsible for managing public procurement. – [0.75] PPL assigns this function to a subordinated public body(ies). – [0.5] There is no responsible state body. – [0] Uniformity of the Legislative Framework 		
6.	PPL stipulates that the procurement regulatory body is responsible for at least coordination and monitoring (i.e. data collection and analysis as opposed to regulation and control) of public procurement activities. – [1 point] Uniformity of the Legislative Framework	1	The Regulation on the Award of Public Contracts (RPC)), approved by Decree 5/2016 of 8 March Article 19
7.	Legislation provides for a mechanism of consultation with the private and civil society sectors that is aimed at receiving feedback and identifying problems in the procurement system. PPL obligates the entity responsible for managing public procurement to use this mechanism on a regular basis. – [1 point]	Overall: 0 Compo nents:	
	Point Distribution	a) 0	
	 a) Legislation provides for a mechanism of consultation with the private sector [0.25] b) Legislation provides for a mechanism of consultation with the civil society sector [0.25] c) PPL obligates the entity responsible for managing public procurement to use this mechanism on a regular basis [0.5] 	b) 0 c) 0	
	Accountability and Integrity		
8.	PPL stipulates that electronic means is the primary method of conducting public procurement and of communication between procuring entities and tender participants. – [1 point] Point Distribution	Overall: 0 Compo nents:	
	 a) PPL stipulates that electronic means is the primary method of conducting public procurement. – [0.5] b) PPL stipulates that electronic means is the primary method of communication between procuring entities and tender participants. – [0.5] 	a) 0 b) 0	

9.	PPL establishes a single official point of access (i.e. an online portal) for all procedures and information related to public procurement. – [1 point] <i>Efficiency</i>	1	www.ufsa.gov.mz
10.	Legislation requires that software used for electronic procurement and related communication shall be non-discriminatory, free to use and interoperable with the ICT products in general use and shall not restrict economic operators' access to the procurement procedure. – [1 point]	0	
	Competitiveness and Impartiality Source: EU Standard		
11.	PPL ensures that tender candidates must be given equal treatment, without regard to nationality, residency or political affiliation: – [1 point] Point Distribution	Overall: 1 Compo	Award of Public Contracts (RPC)), approved by Decree 5/2016 of 8 March
	 a) PPL should not allow domestic preferences [1/5] b) Participation of any candidate or group of candidates is based on qualification [1/5] c) Ensures that registration if required does not constitute a barrier to participation in tenders [1/5] d) State owned companies are not given any preference [1/5] e) Time-periods, including any extension of the time-periods, shall be the same for all interested or participating candidates [1/5] <i>Competitiveness and Impartiality</i> Source: GPA Standard 	nents: a) 1/5 b) 1/5 c) 1/5 d) 1/5 e) 1/5	Articles 21, 29 and 30
	Source: GPA Standard	1	Award of Public
12.	PPL stipulates that a procuring entity shall, consistent with its own reasonable needs, provide sufficient time (based on the GPA standard - Article XI) for candidates to prepare and submit tender application. – [1 point]		Contracts (RPC)), approved by Decree 5/2016 of 8 March
	Competitiveness and Impartiality		Article 51
13.	PPL stipulates that each procuring entity has a staff member(s) responsible for conducting procurement activities. – [1 point] Uniformity of the Legislative Framework	1	Award of Public Contracts (RPC)), approved by Decree 5/2016 of 8 March
			Article 12 (2)

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14.	PPL references sanctions for violations of the PPL. – [1 point] Accountability and Integrity	1	Award of Public Contracts (RPC)), approved by Decree 5/2016 of 8 March Articles 279-281
15.	Legislation explicitly defines fraud and corruption / abuse of public office and spells out the individual responsibilities and consequences for government employees and private firms or individuals found guilty of fraud or corruption. – [1 point] Accountability and Integrity Source: OECD Methodology	1	Award of Public Contracts (RPC)), approved by Decree 5/2016 of 8 March Articles 254, 279-281
16.	 PPL ensures the right to review (complaints), for all interested parties, including general public, tender participants and potential suppliers. – [1 point] Scoring Method PPL ensures the right to review, for general public, tender participants and potential suppliers. – [1] PPL ensures the right to review, for tender participants and potential suppliers. – [0.75] PPL ensures the right to review, for tender participants. – [0.25] No one has the right to review. – [0] 	0.25	Award of Public Contracts (RPC)), approved by Decree 5/2016 of 8 March Article 275
17.	 PPL ensures the right to review throughout the procurement process. – [1 point] Point Distribution a) Complaints can be filed at any time during the procurement process up until the signing of the contract. – [1/3] b) A procurement contract cannot be awarded with a pending complaint. – [1/3] c) A reasonable amount of time should be left between publication of the contract award decision and the signing of the contract, in order to give any stakeholder the opportunity to challenge the award decision. – [1/3] 	Overall: 0.66 Compo nents: a) 0 b) 1/3 c) 1/3	Award of Public Contracts (RPC)), approved by Decree 5/2016 of 8 March Article 275

18.	 PPL ensures the existence of an independent (from parties involved in a procurement dispute) review body with the authority to review complaints and grant remedies. – [1 point] Point Distribution a) PPL ensures the existence of an independent review body. – [0.7] b) The review body includes civil society members. – [0.3] 	Overall: 0.7 Compo nents: a) 0.7 b) 0	Award of Public Contracts (RPC)), approved by Decree 5/2016 of 8 March Articles 146 (7), 275- 276, 278
	Uniformity of the Legislative Framework		
19.	PPL ensures electronic, machine-readable and free of charge access to submitted complaints, either the full text or key information contained in these documents. – [1 point]	0.25	Award of Public Contracts (RPC)), approved by Decree 5/2016 of 8 March
	Scoring Method		Article 275
	 Electronic, machine-readable, free of charge – [1] Electronic, machine-readable, not free of charge – [0.75] Electronic, non-machine-readable – [0.5] Only on paper – [0.25] None – [0] 		
20.	PPL ensures electronic, machine-readable and free of charge access to dispute resolutions (of the independent review body), either the full text or key information contained in these documents. – [1 point] Scoring Method Electronic, machine-readable, free of charge – [1] Electronic, machine-readable, not free of charge – [0.75] Electronic, non-machine-readable – [0.5] Only on paper – [0.25] 	0.25	Organic statutes of public institutions Law no. 34/2014, 31 December- Access to information
	• None – [0]		
	Transparency		
	Pre-tendering Phase	•	

#	Indicator	Score	Relevant Article and Law (if applicable)
1.	PPL obligates procuring entities to publish as early as possible in each fiscal year a notice regarding their future procurement plans - "public procurement annual plan". The annual plan must include at least: – [1 point] Point Distribution	Overall: 0 Compo nents:	
	 a) Subject-matters (CPV- or other similar classificatory system) of planned procurements [0.25] b) Planned dates (a range of week/month/quarter) of publication of the notices of intended procurement [0.25] c) Estimated value of procurements [0.25] d) Source of funding [0.25] 	a) 0 b) 0 c) 0 d) 0	
2.	PPL ensures electronic, machine-readable and free of charge access to public procurement annual plans of all procuring entities or key information included in these documents. – [1 point] Scoring Method Electronic, machine-readable, free of charge – [1] Electronic, machine-readable, not free of charge – [0.75] Electronic, non-machine-readable – [0.5] Only on paper – [0.25] None – [0] 	0	
	Transparency		
3.	Legislation stipulates that the planning of procurement and estimation of associated expenditures are part of the state budget formulation process in a fiscal year. – [1 point] <i>Efficiency</i> Source: OECD Methodology	1	Award of Public Contracts (RPC)), approved by Decree 5/2016 of 8 March Article 9
4.	PPL stipulates that procurement process should not normally be initiated until the appropriate financial resources have been identified. – [1 point]	1	Award of Public Contracts (RPC)),

	Accountability and Integrity		approved by Decree 5/2016 of 8 March Article 9
5.	PPL defines the composition, powers, responsibilities and decision-making procedures of the body (tender commission or a person) responsible for conducting tender within the procuring entity. – [1 point] Uniformity of the Legislative Framework	1	Award of Public Contracts (RPC)), approved by Decree 5/2016 of 8 March Articles 12, 14-16
6.	Minimum monetary thresholds exist for different types of procurement. – [1 point] <i>Efficiency</i>	1	Award of Public Contracts (RPC)), approved by Decree 5/2016 of 8 March Articles 69 ,73,78, 90
7.	 PPL stipulates that open tender is the default procedure for any public procurement, and all exceptions are clearly listed by the PPL. – [1 point] Point Distribution a) Open tender is the default procedure for any public procurement. – [0.5] b) All exceptions are clearly listed by the PPL. – [0.5] 	Overall: 1 Compo nents: a) 0.5 b) 0.5	Award of Public Contracts (RPC)), approved by Decree 5/2016 of 8 March Articles 6-8
8.	PPL stipulates that justification for using a non-competitive procedure must be made public by the procuring entity. – [1 point] <i>Accountability and Integrity</i>	1	Award of Public Contracts (RPC)), approved by Decree 5/2016 of 8 March Articles 94 and 96
9.	PPL stipulates that provided that it does not use this provision for the purpose of avoiding competition among suppliers or in a manner that discriminates against foreign suppliers or protects domestic suppliers, a procuring entity may use non-competitive procedure (direct procurement) when: – [1 point]	1	Award of Public Contracts (RPC)), approved by Decree 5/2016 of 8 March Article 94

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	a)	Where the goods or services can be supplied only by a particular		
		supplier and no reasonable alternative or substitute goods or services		
		exist.		
	b)	For additional deliveries by the original supplier of goods or services		
		that were not included in the initial procurement where a change of		
		supplier for such additional goods or services cannot be made for		
		economic or technical reasons such as requirements of		
		interchangeability or interoperability with existing equipment,		
		software, services or installations procured under the initial		
		procurement; or would cause significant inconvenience or substantial		
		duplication of costs for the procuring entity.		
	c)	Insofar as is strictly necessary where, for reasons of extreme urgency		
		brought about by events unforeseeable by the procuring entity, the		
		goods or services could not be obtained in time using open tendering		
		or selective tendering.		
	d)	Where a procuring entity procures a prototype or a first good or		
		service that is developed at its request in the course of, and for, a		
		particular contract for research, experiment, study or original		
		development.		
	e)	For purchases made under exceptionally advantageous conditions that		
		only arise in the very short term in the case of unusual disposals such		
		as those arising from liquidation, receivership or bankruptcy, but not		
		for routine purchases from regular suppliers. – [1]		
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	In case	of any additional exceptions – [0.5]		
		Uniformity of the Legislative Framework		
		Source: GPA Standard		
		Tendering Phase		
		renuering rhase		
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#		Indicator	Score	Relevant Article and
				Law (if applicable)
1.		pulates that the notice of intended procurement / tender	Overall:	Award of Public
	docum	entation must include at least: – [1 point]	0.75	Contracts (RPC)), approved by Decree
	Deint	Nistribution	Comme	approved by Decree 5/2016 of 8 March
		Distribution	Compo	
			nents:	

	a)	Name and address of the procuring entity and other information necessary to contact the procuring entity and obtain all relevant	a) 1/8	Article 47
		documents relating to the procurement, and their cost and terms of payment, if any. – [1/8]	b) 1/8	
	b)	A description of the procurement, including the nature and the quantity of the goods or services (including construction) to be	c) 0	
		procured or, where the quantity is not known, the estimated quantity. – [1/8]	d) 0	
	c)	CPV codes (or other classificatory system of a similar nature). – [1/8]	e) 1/8	
	d)	Estimated value of the goods or services to be procured. – [1/8]		
	e)	The time-frame for delivery of goods or services or the duration of the	f) 1/8	
	f)	contract. – [1/8] The procurement method that will be used. – [1/8]	g) 1/8	
	g)	The address (where applicable) and any final date for the submission	h) 1/8	
		of requests for participation in the procurement. – [1/8]		
	h)	A list and brief description of any conditions (eligibility criteria) for		
		participation of candidates, including any requirements for specific		
		documents or certifications to be provided by candidates in		
		connection therewith. – [1/8]		
		Competitiveness and Impartiality		
		Source: GPA Standard		
2.	PPL stip	oulates that the notice of intended procurement / tender	Overall:	Award of Public
	docum	entation must include: – [1 point]	1	Contracts (RPC)),
	Doint D	istribution	Compo	approved by Decree 5/2016 of 8 March
	Point D		nents:	0,2020 01 0 1101 011
	a)	Payment conditions – [0.2]	nents.	Article 47 and specific
	b)	Information about bid security (if required) – [0.2]	a) 0.2	tender documents
	c)	Source of funding – [0.2]		
	d)	Payment information for multi-year contracts – [0.2]	b) 0.2	
	e)	Draft of contract – [0.2]	c) 0.2	
		Competitiveness and Impartiality	d) 0.2	
			e) 0.2	
3.		ines all eligibility criteria for participation in tender that must include at	Overall:	Award of Public
	least: –	[1 point]	1	Contracts (RPC)), approved by Decree
	Doint D	istribution	Compo	5/2016 of 8 March
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	Point D		nents:	

	 a) Capabilities with the respect to personnel, equipment, and construction or manufacturing facilities. – [1/3] b) Financial position. – [1/3] c) Grounds of restriction for participation. – [1/3] <i>Competitiveness and Impartiality</i> Source: EBRD Methodology 	a) 1/3 b) 1/3 c) 1/3	Articles 21- 26 and specific tender documents
4.	 PPL stipulates that procuring entities may seek consultations for the purpose of planning procurement (drafting of tender documentation) from independent experts or market participants. In such cases, these experts or market participants may not take part or benefit from tenders they helped plan unless it can be demonstrated that there is no conflict of interest (as defined by the national legislation). – [1 point] Point Distribution a) PPL stipulates that procuring entities may seek consultations for the purpose of planning procurement from independent experts or market participants. – [0.5] b) PPL prohibits these experts or market participants from taking part or benefiting from tenders they helped plan, unless it can be demonstrated that there is no conflict of interest (as defined by the national legislation). – [0.5] 	Overall: 1 Compo nents: a) 0.5 b) 0.5	Award of Public Contracts (RPC)), approved by Decree 5/2016 of 8 March Articles 13, 20 (e), 22 (2. a,b), 22 (3).
	Source: EU Standard	0.25	
5.	PPL ensures electronic, machine-readable and free of charge access to notices of intended procurement (including tender documentation), either the full text or key information contained in these documents. – [1 point] Scoring Method Electronic, machine-readable, free of charge – [1] Electronic, machine-readable, not free of charge – [0.75] Electronic, non-machine-readable – [0.5] Only on paper – [0.25] None – [0] 	0.25	Award of Public Contracts (RPC)), approved by Decree 5/2016 of 8 March Article 33
	Transparency		

6.	PPL ensures electronic, machine-readable and free of charge access to tender documentation amendments, either the full text or key information contained in these documents. – [1 point] Scoring Method Electronic, machine-readable, free of charge – [1] Electronic, machine-readable, not free of charge – [0.75] Electronic, non-machine-readable – [0.5] Only on paper – [0.25] None – [0] 	0.25	Award of Public Contracts (RPC)), approved by Decree 5/2016 of 8 March Article 33
7.	PPL ensures electronic, machine-readable and free of charge access to tender candidate applications (all documents needed for the request to participate in a tender), either the full text or key information contained in these documents. – [1 point] Scoring Method Electronic, machine-readable, free of charge – [1] Electronic, machine-readable, not free of charge – [0.75] Electronic, non-machine-readable – [0.5] Only on paper – [0.25] None – [0] 	0.25	Award of Public Contracts (RPC)), approved by Decree 5/2016 of 8 March Article 33
8.	PPL ensures electronic, machine-readable and free of charge access to information about the bids offered by tender participant. – [1 point] Scoring Method Electronic, machine-readable, free of charge – [1] Electronic, machine-readable, not free of charge – [0.75] Electronic, non-machine-readable – [0.5] Only on paper – [0.25] None – [0] PPL ensures electronic, machine-readable and free of charge access to	0.25	Award of Public Contracts (RPC)), approved by Decree 5/2016 of 8 March Article 33 Award of Public Contracts (RPC)),
9.	PPL ensures electronic, machine-readable and free of charge access to decisions of the tender commission, either the full text or key information contained in these documents. – [1 point]		Contracts (RPC)), approved by Decree 5/2016 of 8 March

	Scoring Method		Article 33
	 Electronic, machine-readable, free of charge – [1] Electronic, machine-readable, not free of charge – [0.75] Electronic, non-machine-readable – [0.5] Only on paper – [0.25] None – [0] 		
10.	Unless justified by the subject-matter of the contract, technical specifications shall not refer to a specific make or source, or a particular process which characterizes the products or services provided by a specific economic operator, or to trade marks, patents, types or a specific origin or production with the effect of favoring or eliminating certain undertakings or certain products. – [1 point] <i>Competitiveness and Impartiality</i>	1	Award of Public Contracts (RPC)), approved by Decree 5/2016 of 8 March Article 11 (d)
	Source: EU Standard		
11.	PPL stipulates that procuring entities may require tender candidates to confirm the validity of their bid with a bid security that is refunded once the procedure is completed. – [1 point] <i>Efficiency</i>	1	Award of Public Contracts (RPC)), approved by Decree 5/2016 of 8 March Article 47
12.	 Legislation explicitly defines conflict of interest and includes mechanisms for its prevention: – [1 point] Point Distribution a) The concept of conflicts of interest covers at least any situation where staff members of the procuring entity or of a procurement service provider acting on behalf of the procuring entity who are involved in the conduct of the procurement procedure or may influence the outcome of that procedure, have, directly or indirectly, a financial, economic or other personal interest which might be perceived to compromise their impartiality and independence in the context of the procurement procedure. – [1/3] b) PPL stipulates that persons responsible for procurement decision-making in procuring entities must declare in writing any conflict of interest with tender participants. – [1/3] 	Overall: 1 Compo nents: a) 1/3 b) 1/3 c) 1/3	Award of Public Contracts (RPC)), approved by Decree 5/2016 of 8 March Articles 13, 18, 21-22, 254

	c) The legislative framework prohibits the participation of active public officials and former public officials for a reasonable period of time after leaving office in public procurement procedures in ways that benefit them, their relatives, and business or political associates financially or otherwise. – [1/3] Accountability and Integrity Source for a): EU Standard Source for b): OECD Methodology		
13.	PPL stipulates that award decisions must be made solely on the basis of evaluation criteria that have been precisely specified in advance in the tender documentation. – [1 point] Competitiveness and Impartiality	1	Award of Public Contracts (RPC)), approved by Decree 5/2016 of 8 March Articles 36-40 as well specified in the tender
14.	 PPL stipulates that upon modification of any criteria and requirements set out in tender documentation prior to the completion of tender application submission period, a procuring entity shall transmit in writing all such modifications: – [1 point] Point Distribution a) To all tender candidates; and – [0.5] b) Give additional adequate time (either by extending or restarting the time) to allow such candidates to modify and re-submit amended tender application. – [0.5] 	Overall: 1 Compo nents: a) 0.5 b) 0.5	Award of Public Contracts (RPC)), approved by Decree 5/2016 of 8 March Article 35 and 50
15.	PPL stipulates that procuring entities shall inform each tender participant of the decision reached about the winner of the tender, including failure to do so, as soon as it is made, but no later than the end of the following working day. – [1 point] <i>Transparency</i>	1	Award of Public Contracts (RPC)), approved by Decree 5/2016 of 8 March Article 35
16.	PPL ensures that on request from the tender participant the procuring entity shall as quickly as possible inform: – [1 point] Point Distribution	Overall: 1	Award of Public Contracts (RPC)), approved by Decree 5/2016 of 8 March

	 a) Any unsuccessful tender candidate of the reasons for the rejection of its request to participate (if such approval is required). – [0.5] b) Any unsuccessful tender participant of the reasons for the rejection of its bid. – [0.5] *** If a) is not applicable, b) equals [1 point]. Transparency Source: EU Standard	Compo nents: a) b) 1	Article 35
17.	PPL stipulates that in cases when evaluation criteria include both price and quality, the winner shall be chosen using a cost-effectiveness approach, such as: – [1 point] Point Distribution a) Life-cycle cost – [1/3] b) Best price-quality ratio – [1/3] c) Environmental and/or social costs – [1/3] Efficiency Source: EU Standard	Overall: 1 Compo nents: a) 1/3 b) 1/3 c) 1/3	Award of Public Contracts (RPC)), approved by Decree 5/2016 of 8 March Articles 37, 38, 40
	Post-tendering Phase		
#	Indicator	Score	Relevant Article and Law (if applicable)
1.	 PPL stipulates that upon successful conclusion of tender (upon choosing and announcing of the winner) the following information must be made public as soon as it is available: – [1 point] Point Distribution a) Name, type, identification number, address, telephone, fax number (where applicable), email and internet address of the procuring entity and, where different, of the service from which additional information may be obtained. – [0.1] b) Subject of procurement. – [0.1] c) CPV codes (or other classificatory system of similar nature). – [0.1] 	Overall: 0.7 Compo nents: a) 0.1 b) 0.1 c) 0	Award of Public Contracts (RPC)), approved by Decree 5/2016 of 8 March Manual of Procedure for Public Procurement in Mozambique pag.169, bullet 6.

	 d) Description of the procurement: nature, extent, quantity or value of goods, works and services. Where the contract is divided into lots, this information shall be provided for each lot [0.1] e) Type of award procedure; in the case of negotiated procedure without prior publication, justification [0.1] f) Date of the signing of contract(s) or of framework agreement(s) [0.1] g) Duration of the contract [0.1] h) Number of bids and their respective amounts received [0.1] i) Name, address, telephone, fax number (where applicable), email address and internet address of the successful tender participant(s) including: information whether the contract was awarded to a group of economic operators (joint venture, consortium or other) (where applicable) [0.1] j) Name and address of the body responsible for review and, where appropriate, mediation procedures, or if need be, the name, address, telephone number, fax number (where applicable) and email address of the service from which this information may be obtained [0.1] 	 d) 0.1 e) 0.1 f) 0 g) 0.1 h) 0.1 i) 0.1 j) 0 	
2.	 PPL stipulates that the information on subcontractors must be made public upon successful conclusion of tender (upon choosing and announcing of the winner). – [1 point] Point Distribution a) Procurement contracts include information on what proportion of the contract can be subcontracted to third parties. – [0.5] b) Information on subcontractor/s (if any): name, address, ID, contact information, is made public as soon as this information is available. – [0.5] 	Overall: 0.5 Compo nents: a) 0.5 b) 0	Award of Public Contracts (RPC)), approved by Decree 5/2016 of 8 March Articles 123 and 124
3.	 PPL ensures electronic, machine-readable and free of charge access to procurement contracts, either the full text or key information contained in these documents. – [1 point] Scoring Method Electronic, machine-readable, free of charge – [1] 	0.25	Award of Public Contracts (RPC)), approved by Decree 5/2016 of 8 March Article 33

	 Electronic, machine-readable, not free of charge – [0.75] Electronic, non-machine-readable – [0.5] Only on paper – [0.25] None – [0] 		
4.	PPL ensures electronic, machine-readable and free of charge access to contract amendments, either the full text or key information contained in these documents. – [1 point]	0.25	Award of Public Contracts (RPC)), approved by Decree 5/2016 of 8 March
	Scoring Method		Article 33
	 Electronic, machine-readable, free of charge – [1] Electronic, machine-readable, not free of charge – [0.75] Electronic, non-machine-readable – [0.5] Only on paper – [0.25] None – [0] 		
	Transparency		
5.	PPL ensures electronic, machine-readable and free of charge access to contract performance information (acceptance act and milestone reports), either the full text or key information included in these documents. – [1 point]	0.25	Award of Public Contracts (RPC)), approved by Decree 5/2016 of 8 March Article 33
	Scoring Method		Article 33
	 Electronic, machine-readable, free of charge – [1] Electronic, machine-readable, not free of charge – [0.75] Electronic, non-machine-readable – [0.5] Only on paper – [0.25] None – [0] 		
	Transparency		
6.	PPL ensures electronic, machine-readable and free of charge access to payment receipts, either the full text or key information contained in these documents. – [1 point]	0.25	AwardofPublicContracts(RPC)),approvedbyDecree5/2016 of 8 March
	Scoring Method		Article 33
	 Electronic, machine-readable, free of charge – [1] Electronic, machine-readable, not free of charge – [0.75] Electronic, non-machine-readable – [0.5] Only on paper – [0.25] None – [0] 		However, Mozambique government established the e- sistafe and electronic

	Transparency		platform for payment of services
7.	 PPL clearly defines the procedures for inspection and quality control procedures: - [1 point] Point Distribution a) Quality control (QC) procedures for goods, works and services are well defined in the draft contracts/documents or in the regulations [0.5] b) Inspection of civil works is carried out by independent engineering firms or qualified government supervisors and inspectors [0.5] <i>Efficiency</i> 	Overall: 1 Compo nents: a) 0.5 b) 0.5	Award of Public Contracts (RPC)), approved by Decree 5/2016 of 8 March Articles 166,167,172
8.	PPL ensures electronic, machine-readable and free of charge access to any inspection and quality control reports, either the full text or key information contained in these documents. – [1 point] Scoring Method Electronic, machine-readable, free of charge – [1] Electronic, machine-readable, not free of charge – [0.75] Electronic, non-machine-readable – [0.5] Only on paper – [0.25] None – [0] 	0.25	Award of Public Contracts (RPC)), approved by Decree 5/2016 of 8 March Article 33
9.	Procedures for acceptance of final products and processing of final payments are clearly defined by the PPL or contract law and are incorporated as standard clauses in contracts. – [1 point] <i>Efficiency</i> Source: OECD Methodology	1	Award of Public Contracts (RPC)), approved by Decree 5/2016 of 8 March Articles 237,238, 244, 247, 248
10.	PPL defines specific procedures for modifying contracts. – [1 point] Uniformity of the Legislative Framework	1	Award of Public Contracts (RPC)), approved by Decree 5/2016 of 8 March

			Article 50 as well tender documents
11.	PPL stipulates that procurement contract must include dispute resolution procedures. – [1 point] Uniformity of the Legislative Framework	1	Award of Public Contracts (RPC)), approved by Decree 5/2016 of 8 March Article 112 (h), 2.
12.	 PPL stipulates that all procurement related documentation must be maintained: – [1 point] Scoring Method In electronic form for a period of at least 10 years. – [1] In paper form for a period of at least 3 years. – [0.5] Transparency 	0.5	Manual of Procedures of the National State Archives System Ministerial Diploma 49/2015, 6 March: Approves the classification plan and the temporality table of archival documents of the administrative court activities. Please see the archive code 322 in the mentioned law
13.	 PPL stipulates that public procurement operations must be subject to internal and external audit conducted by qualified specialists. – [1 point] Point Distribution a) PPL stipulates that public procurement operations must be subject to internal audit conducted by qualified specialists. – [0.5] b) PPL stipulates that public procurement operations must be subject to external audit conducted by qualified specialists. – [0.5] b) PPL stipulates that public procurement operations must be subject to external audit conducted by qualified specialists. – [0.5] 	Overall: 1 Compo nents: a) 0.5 b) 0.5	Internal and external audit are stipulated under Organic statutes of public institutions Law 8/2015, 6 October Organization, operation and process of the public accounts section of the administrative court. Article 90 (1-3).