Located in an attractive park on the banks of the River Po, the Centre’s campus provides a congenial environment in which to live and study.

- It contains 21 pavilions with fully equipped modern classrooms, conference halls and meeting rooms fitted out for multilingual simultaneous interpretation, and a computerized documentation centre linked to various data banks.

The campus has 287 study/bedrooms, all with private bathroom, telephone, free access to internet and cable television. It also has:

- a restaurant, a self-service canteen and a coffee lounge, all catering for international dietary needs;
- a bank;
- a travel agency;
- a laundry service;
- a post office;
- an internet point;
- a recreation room;
- facilities for outdoor and indoor sports;
- medical service.

Social events are regularly held both on and off campus, so that participants from different cultural backgrounds can make the most of a stimulating international environment.

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Introduction

E-Procurement is gradually evolving as an important tool in enhancing efficiency and fostering transparency and wider competition in public procurement operations. Currently, E-Procurement initiatives are constrained by a number of legal and oversight gaps in addition to scarcity of skills and capacity within governments at the human resources level. The real benefit of e-procurement lies not in the use of technology per se, E-Procurement can contribute significantly to the process of the transformation towards a leaner, more cost-effective government, it can enhance the speed and efficiency of public procurement by streamlining processes, lowering costs, and facilitating document retrieval and record-keeping.

This workshop was conceived by the International Training Centre of the ILO in collaboration with leading firms in Information Technologies and with the participation of International Financial Institutions in order to serve as a “forum” for exchange of experiences in the application and use of IT in government procurement. The workshop will bring together procurement policy/strategy officials as well as practitioners involved to discuss the evolving perspectives of e-procurement along with factors influencing its development and implementation.

Objectives

The main objective of the workshop is to prepare the participants to play an active role in planning and implementing E-Procurement projects in their organizations and in the public sector in general.

At the end of the workshop, participants will be able to:

- Understand basic concepts of E-Procurement, its potential and trends as well as practical issues to be dealt with in developed and developing countries
- Review diverse business models including e-Tendering, e-Auction, and e-Marketplace
- Understand e-procurement legal framework and technological infrastructure for E-Procurement implementation, authentication
- Draft an outline of a project proposal to promote E-Procurement in the participant’s own organization.

Participants

This workshop addresses procurement policy makers, public administration specialists, and procurement practitioners from line ministers, senior project managers, central government, regional and municipal officials as well as project staff involved in the conceptualisation and implementation of E-Procurement solutions.

Course methodology

The workshop is conducted using a highly participative training delivery methodology through a combination of interactive presentations by subject-matter specialists, group discussions, on-line demos, case studies and videoconferences.

Workshop content

The workshop will cover the following topics:

- Basic definition, concepts and principles of E-Procurement
- Legal framework for implementation of E-Procurement solutions (UNCITRAL model laws on electronic signature and Electronic Commerce)
- European Initiatives in E-Procurement
- Interoperability requirements for E-Procurement
- Review of E-Procurement process, E-Procurement methods (reverse electronic auction, electronic catalogue, dynamic purchasing systems)
- Elements of a typical E-Procurement system
- Analysis of successful E-Procurement projects from selected countries and industries

Cost of participation

The cost of participation in this one-week programme is Euro 2,285 payable in advance by the participant’s sponsoring organisation.