

Agenda

18 February 2026

Hotel Reykjavík Grand

Online for part of session

The workshop *Fighting Bid Rigging in Public Procurement: Improving Compliance and Competition for Public Contracts* is designed to train procurement officials on bid rigging prevention and detection, through theory, examples and exercises.

09:00 - 09:15 Welcome and overview of the workshop

Magnús Þór Kristjánsson, ICA Division Manager & Despina Pachnou, OECD

09:15 – 10:10 Fighting bid rigging in Iceland

Speakers from the ICA

This session will present the Icelandic competition rules regarding enforcement against bid rigging. It will include a presentation of the investigation powers of the competition authority and the sanctions for bid rigging, as well as recent cases and how to report bid rigging.

The session will include a Q & A.

10:10–10:50 The OECD Bid Rigging Detection Checklist

Despina Pachnou, OECD

The OECD Recommendation on Fighting Bid Rigging in Public Procurement encourages countries to ensure that public procurement officials are aware of signs, suspicious behaviour and unusual bidding patterns which may indicate collusion, so that these suspicious activities are better identified and investigated.

This session will provide an overview of the red flags which indicate that bidders may have colluded.

The session will include a Q & A.

10:50 – 11:15 Coffee break

11:15 – 12:00 The OECD Tender Design Checklist

Despina Pachnou, OECD

The design of public tenders plays an important role in preventing collusive practices and can increase the probability of detecting them.

This session will present the OECD good practices for tender design.

The session will include a Q & A.

12:00-12:45 Lunch break

12:45 – 13:30 Bidder exclusion

Brynjólfur Sigurðsson, ICA & Despina Pachnou, OECD

Bidder exclusion. This sanction may be imposed on companies involved in bid rigging (i.e. banning of a company from a bidding process or future public procurement tenders, for a specific amount of time). This session will present the framework for this sanction, as well as conditions and challenges.

13:30 – 14:00 Q&A & knowledge test (End of online session)

At the end there will be set of knowledge test questions that cover the substance of the two days. This session will also address questions and comments by participants.

14:00 – 14:40 Team challenge in Break-Out Groups (On site only)

Participants will break in groups and participate in a team challenge to prevent or detect bid rigging, based on a hypothetical case

14:40 – 14:50 Closing remarks

Despina Pachnou, OECD & Magnús Þór Kristjánsson, ICA