

## ABOUT THE PROCURA+ AWARDS

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### OBJECTIVES

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There are **three categories**:

1. **Sustainable Procurement of the Year:** This category will reward both procurements and initiatives which integrate and combine any of the environmental, economic, circular and social aspects of sustainability. It aims to highlight public authorities which promote a holistic approach to implementing public procurement. Please, note that this category is for European public authorities only.
2. **Innovation Procurement of the Year:** This category will reward both procurements and initiatives which use innovative approaches in their purchasing practices, as well as those that foster innovation by purchasing cutting-edge products, services and works and see the public authority as a launch customer, driving sustainable development. Please, note that this category is for European public authorities only.
3. **Global Procurement of the Year:** This category will focus on global outstanding public procurements and initiatives. This category goes beyond Europe and seeks to showcase good practice from all over the world. Only international applications from outside Europe will be considered for this category.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

### What initiatives can be considered?

All programmes, policies, actions, guidance and tools that contribute towards strategic, sustainable, circular and innovation procurement.

1. You represent a Contracting (Public or Semi-public) Authority (within the meaning of Directive 2014/24/EC or Contracting Entity within the meaning of Directive 2014/25/EC, located in any EU Member State, EEA country or EU candidate or accession country and worldwide for category 3). You do not need to be a Procura+ participant to enter the competition.
2. Relevant **timeline** for the applications: Initiatives active and tenders awarded between **1 January 2022 and 31 December 2025**.
3. If your procurement or initiative was previously submitted but not awarded, you have the opportunity to resubmit it, provided that it has undergone significant changes.<sup>1</sup>

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applications can be submitted no later than 23:59 CET on **20 September 2026**. Late entries will not be considered.

## SELECTION OF WINNERS

Following the closing date, all valid entries will be considered by an independent jury based on the evaluation criteria.

## ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINALISTS

The Procura+ Network will first announce the finalists in **December 2026**. The winners and runners up will be announced in the final ceremony taking place during the Procura+ Conference (**16-19 February 2027**), in Barcelona, Spain.

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<sup>1</sup> If you have entered a previous awards and not been a winner, then significantly altered procurements or initiatives can be resubmitted

## EVALUATION CRITERIA

The evaluation criteria for the independent jury are:

1. The economic, environmental and social impact of the sustainable, circular and innovative procurement or initiative. Procurements will be assessed on their potential to address grand societal challenges more effectively and efficiently.<sup>2</sup>
2. To what degree the sustainable, circular and innovative procurement or initiative has contributed to achieving more efficient and effective public services.
3. The extent to which the procurement or initiative encouraged and enabled the procurement of a sustainable, circular and innovative product or service.
4. The extent to which different relevant stakeholders (e.g. end-users, market) were involved.
5. The replicability of the procurement or initiative and the potential to be upscaled and used in a broader context.
6. The planned promotion of the lessons learned in the showcase. Plans to promote the lessons learned in the procurement or initiative will be judged based on the expected impact on public sustainable, circular and innovative procurement practice.

## THE PRIZE

Rewards for the winners and runners up:

- A trophy and the right to call themselves 'best [title] 2027'
- Publicity in a variety of ICLEI publications (e.g. newsbits, case studies etc.)
- Provided with the 'Procura+ Award Winner 2027' for their email signature

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<sup>2</sup> Examples of these challenges are: Health, demographic change and wellbeing; Food security, sustainable agriculture, marine and maritime research, and the bio-economy; Secure, clean and efficient energy; Smart, green and integrated transport; Inclusive, innovative and secure societies; Climate action, resource efficiency and raw materials. Other topics can also be taken into consideration, provided applicants offer sufficient justification on why they consider it to be a societal challenge.

## TERMS & CONDITIONS

- Applicants can at any time be required to submit official proof to support claims made.
- This competition is being operated by the Procura+ Network. The Procura+ Network reserves the right to cancel this competition at any time without liability.
- Data submitted will be used for the purpose of determining the winning entrant(s) and may be included in the deliverables of the Procura+ Network. Contact details will not be shared with any other organisation except for the purpose of administering the contest, determining the winner and awarding the prize. Applicants may choose to withdraw their entries at any time up to the award of the prize, in which case the Procura+ Network will delete any data provided.
- By registering for the award, you agree to these terms and conditions.
- Any queries regarding this contest should be submitted to: Mara Inzaina, Procura+ Network Community Support, email: [mara.inzaina@iclei.org](mailto:mara.inzaina@iclei.org)