

EUPPM.NET CONFERENCE 2026

Building the future of public procurement in Europe

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INTRODUCTION

In 2026, European public procurement policy enters a crucial phase of reform and strategic consolidation.

At 16% of GDP, public procurement is not just a number — it is a lever to spend better, stimulate innovation, foster competition and deliver value for citizens.

16%

OF EUROPEAN GDP

Public procurement is one of the most powerful tools available to European institutions and national governments to create public value, foster innovation and strengthen competitiveness.

From Florence to Naples

A shared journey that brings the European procurement community together.



OCTOBER 2025

The European initiative begins

ASSORUP launches the European initiative to strengthen the role and professionalisation of public buyers.

JANUARY 2026

European survey on professionalisation

A comprehensive survey involving public buyers across 32 countries to map capabilities, gaps and development needs.

MAY 2026

EUPPM Report presented at the European Parliament

The first EUPPM Report on Professionalisation of Public Procurement in 32 countries is unveiled at the European Parliament.

OCTOBER 2026

European Conference in Naples

Three days of dialogue, workshops and debate to contribute to the future of public procurement in Europe

GENERAL INFORMATION



VENUE

University of Naples Federico II
and Pompeii Archeological site
Naples, Italy



ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation costs are not included. A list of recommended hotels will be provided on the conference website



LANGUAGE

The official language of the Conference will be English



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WHY PARTICIPATE



Connect with
public procurement
professionals from
across Europe



Contribute to the
future regulatory
framework of the
European Union



Share experiences
and best practices
in public
procurement



Promote innovation,
sustainability and
public value



Be part of a strong
and growing
European
community



SAVE THE DATE!

15–17 OCTOBER 2026
NAPLES & POMPEII, ITALY



THREE DAYS TO SHAPE THE FUTURE OF PUBLIC PROCUREMENT

A European dialogue between buyers, experts, institutions and economic operators.

15 OCTOBER



OPENING PLENARY SESSION

- Welcome Coffee
- Institutional Opening
- University of Naples Federico II
- Municipality of Naples
- European and International Speakers
- Professionalisation across Europe
- ASSORUP Vision for the Future

16 OCTOBER



WORKSHOPS & EUROPEAN DEBATE

As the European Union advances its draft reform of public procurement rules, participants will engage in thematic workshops and discussions to contribute to the future regulatory framework.

- AM Workshops
- PM Workshops
- Light Lunch
- Gala Dinner

17 OCTOBER



POMPEII & POSITION PAPER

The conclusions emerging from the workshops will be consolidated into a Position Paper addressed to the European Commission and the European Parliament. The day will also include a guided visit to the Archaeological Park of Pompeii.

- Workshops
- Park Visit
- Position Paper Presentation
- Closing Conference Session

OPENING SESSION



OCTOBER 15TH, 2026

14:00		WELCOME COFFEE
15:00		RECTOR UNIVERSITY OF NAPLES* - FEDERICO II
15:05		ALFONSO MARIA CECERE Chairman of EUPPM Conference Scientific Committee
15:10		CARLA MASI Director of the Department of Law, University of Naples Federico II
15:15		FIorenzo LIGUORI PRESIDENCY OF THE OPENING SESSION Dean of the Professors of Administrative and Public Law, University of Naples Federico II
15:25		CLAUDIO GALTIERI President STC ASSORUP
15:35		RENATA SPAGNUOLO VIGORITA Professor of Public and Administrative Law, Federico II University, Naples
15:40		SILVIA TUCCILLO Professor of Public and Administrative Law, Federico II University, Naples
15:45		GEORGIA TRAMACERE S&D Group member, EU Parliament
15:55		DANIELE RICCIARDI President of Assorup



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16:00		ROBERTO CARANTA University of Turin, Professionalisation across Europe
		DANIEL MAY Director of Procurement Talent Development NASPO - US Procurement Officials Association
		CHARLOTTE SANDER Head of Secretariat of IKA Association
		PIA ZIEGLER Chief Procurement Officer City of Copenhagen
		KLODIANA CANKJA Proconsulting Albania
17:00		VALERIO DI EUGENIO AI Specialist Delivery & Operations Evin Srl

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WORKSHOP & FORUM



OCTOBER 16TH, 2026

As the European Union advances its draft reform of public procurement rules, the Conference aims to serve as a platform for dialogue among all stakeholders in the sector - at European level and across the roles of buyers, experts, and operators.

The conference forum will take shape through thematic workshops, where speakers, facilitators and participants will engage in in-depth discussions.

The goal is to identify key points to bring to the attention of EU institutions, ensuring that the rules align more closely with the needs of the market, buyers and economic operators.



THEMATIC WORKSHOPS

In-depth discussions to contribute to the future regulatory framework of public procurement in Europe.



130+

**BUYERS, EXPERTS,
AND PROFESSIONALS
INVOLVED**



OUR PURPOSE

Contribute to improving the quality of the regulatory framework that will shape public procurement for the decades to come.

08:45



WELCOME COFFEE

10:00



AM WORKSHOPS

13:00



LIGHT LUNCH

14:30

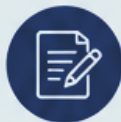


PM WORKSHOPS

19:30



GALA DINNER



OUTCOMES FROM THE WORKSHOPS WILL FEED INTO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE EUROPEAN POSITION PAPER TO BE PRESENTED TO EU INSTITUTIONS.

POSITION PAPER



OCTOBER 17TH, 2026

08:30



WELCOME COFFEE

09:00



DIRECTOR OF POMPEII
ARCHEOLOGICAL SITE*

09:30



POSITION PAPER
GROUP A



PARK VISIT
GROUP B

11:15



COFFE BREAK

11:30



POSITION PAPER
GROUP B



PARK VISIT
GROUP A

13:00



CLOSING
OF THE CONFERENCE

POSITION PAPER

The Position Paper emerging from the workshops will be presented at the Archaeological Park of Pompeii.

Speakers and facilitators will consolidate the key discussion points into a document that will be transmitted to the European Commission and the European Parliament, contributing to the construction of the future regulatory framework of the Union.



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WORKSHOP LIST

The workshop themes presented in this catalogue reflect the priorities that emerged from the European Network discussions and from the EUPPM Report on the Professionalisation of Public Procurement in Europe.

MORNING WORKSHOPS

AM 01

QUALIFICATION SYSTEMS FOR CONTRACTING AUTHORITIES AND ECONOMIC OPERATORS

AM 02

AI ENABLED PROCUREMENT SYSTEMS AND DECISION SUPPORT TOOLS

AM 03

PPP & PUBLIC-PRIVATE GOVERNANCE

AM 04

SUSTAINABILITY, GREEN PROCUREMENT & SOCIAL VALUE IN SERVICES

AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS

PM 01

PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND INNOVATION PROCUREMENT

PM 02

ADVANCED SOLUTIONS FOR BUILDING INFORMATION MODELING (BIM) IN WORKS CONTRACTS

PM 03

MADE IN EUROPE & INDUSTRIAL COMPETITIVENESS

PM 04

HEALTHCARE PROCUREMENT: COMPLEXITY, INNOVATION & RISK MANAGEMENT

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QUALIFICATION SYSTEMS FOR CONTRACTING AUTHORITIES AND ECONOMIC OPERATORS

This workshop will explore how qualification systems can strengthen the capacity of contracting authorities and enhance the reliability, transparency and competitiveness of economic operators across Europe.

The discussion will focus on EU and national approaches, current challenges and good practices, with the aim of identifying practical solutions to support a more efficient and professional public procurement ecosystem.

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AI ENABLED PROCUREMENT SYSTEMS AND DECISION SUPPORT TOOLS



This workshop will examine the opportunities and challenges of integrating artificial intelligence and advanced digital tools into public procurement.

The discussion will focus on practical applications, decision support, transparency, data governance, accountability and risk management, with the aim of identifying responsible and effective approaches to AI-enabled procurement across Europe.

SPEAKERS

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PPP & PUBLIC-PRIVATE GOVERNANCE



This workshop will explore the role of Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) in delivering quality, sustainable and innovative public infrastructure and services.

The discussion will focus on governance models, risk allocation, value for money, regulatory frameworks and good practices across Europe, with the aim of identifying solutions to strengthen cooperation between the public and private sectors.

SPEAKERS

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SUSTAINABILITY, GREEN PROCUREMENT & SOCIAL VALUE IN SERVICES



This workshop will examine how public procurement can generate environmental and social value alongside economic efficiency.

The discussion will address green procurement, sustainability criteria, circular economy principles and social considerations in service contracts, focusing on practical tools and European experiences that can help contracting authorities turn strategic objectives into measurable outcomes.

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PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND INNOVATION PROCUREMENT

This workshop will explore how project management methods and innovation procurement can support more effective planning, implementation and delivery of public contracts.

The discussion will focus on organisational capacity, innovation-oriented procedures, risk management and collaboration, highlighting approaches that can help public buyers transform strategic needs into successful and measurable projects.

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ADVANCED SOLUTIONS FOR BUILDING INFORMATION MODELING (BIM) IN WORKS CONTRACTS



This workshop will examine the use of Building Information Modeling and advanced digital solutions throughout the lifecycle of public works contracts.

The discussion will focus on digital information management, interoperability, collaboration and implementation challenges, exploring how BIM and digital twins can improve planning, execution, monitoring and long-term management of public assets.

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MADE IN EUROPE & INDUSTRIAL COMPETITIVENESS



This workshop will explore the role of public procurement in supporting European industrial competitiveness while preserving openness, competition and value for money.

The discussion will examine the evolving “Made in Europe” approach, strategic autonomy, supply-chain resilience and legal considerations, with the aim of identifying a balanced framework for strengthening Europe’s industrial capacity through procurement.

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HEALTHCARE PROCUREMENT: COMPLEXITY, INNOVATION & RISK MANAGEMENT



This workshop will examine the specific challenges of healthcare procurement, where innovation, regulation, quality, cost and patient needs must be balanced within complex purchasing processes.

The discussion will address risk management, innovative solutions and procurement strategies, with the aim of identifying approaches that can improve efficiency, resilience and value in European healthcare systems.

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