

iProcureNet

Innovation by developing a European Procurer Networking for security research services

What is iProcureNet?

iProcureNet is a project proposal answering aiming at the call by DG HOME of the European Commission for a coordination & support action (CSA) in the Horizon2020 Secure Societies programme under the topic H2020 SU-GM01-2018-2019-2020 *Pan European Networks of practitioners and other actors in the field of security* and more specifically topic (c) *Procurement agencies*, due for submission to the European Commission on 23 August 2018.

Procurers of security solutions meet a number of challenges on legal, economical, technical and practical levels. Combined with the increasing objectives of purchase performance, especially as regards promotion of innovation, these challenges represent an obstacle to the development of a strong European security industry. Besides, procurers of innovative security solutions have so far had few opportunities to interact with each other at European level on these aspects.



iProcureNet has set itself the goal to provide procurement agencies or departments with a practical framework to facilitate discussions on their current practices, processes and issues, share the investment plans and ultimately plan common procurements of research services as well as of innovative, off-the-shelf products.

What will iProcureNet concretely do?

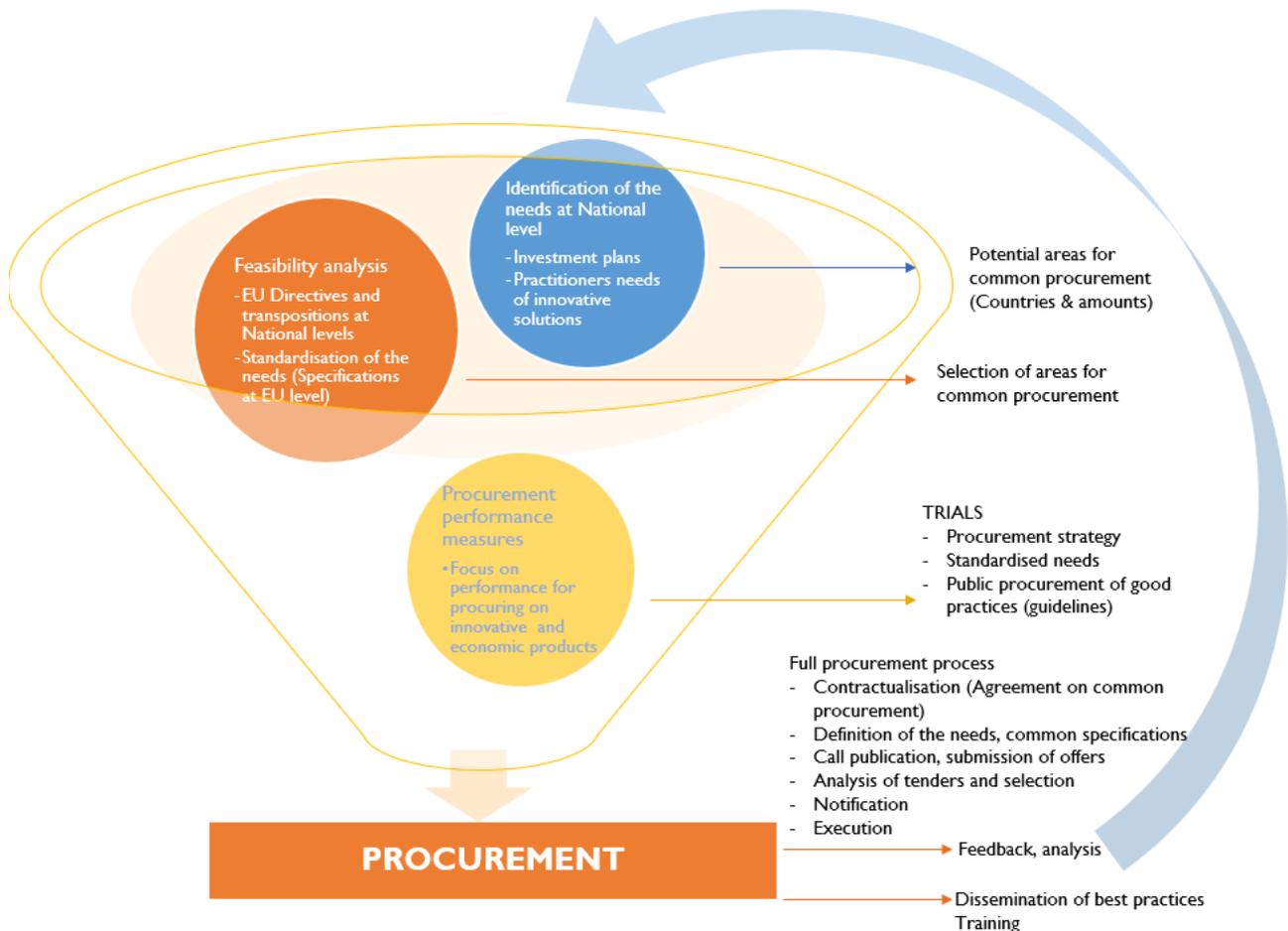
iProcureNet will set up a network of procurement agencies or departments, active at budgeting and implementing the acquisition of security solutions at European, national, regional or local level, by:

- ⊕ Providing a framework enabling these procurers from different European countries and domains to develop relations stimulated by active online discussions and networking.
- ⊕ Providing tools to exchange existing practices in procurement of security innovations - at all stages of the innovation cycle.
- ⊕ Supporting the identification of the challenges, suitable strategies, corresponding actions and efforts, and furthermore the assessment of their relevance and potential impact.
- ⊕ Setting-up a sustainable and secure online platform supporting the progressive development of this “community of procurers”.
- ⊕ Fostering connections with other initiatives involving innovating practitioners, industrial organisations, academic institutions as well as related European and Member States institutions and agencies.
- ⊕ Contributing to the development of new industrial strategies for the European security industry and hence foster the European security marketplace and strengthen European competitiveness in this important global market.



Most importantly, several procurement trials will be at the heart of iProcureNet

The iProcureNet process



Why should you, as a procurement agency or department, take part in iProcureNet?

1. To meet, discuss and exchange with your counterparts in other European countries
2. To contribute to the harmonisation of procurement processes and techniques
3. To better understand the EU legal framework and adaptation at national level
4. To contribute to a EU mapping of the rights and obligations
5. To **trial common procurements** of security solutions, learn from this experience
6. **To get access to a dedicated training** on procurement innovation
7. **To make economies of scale** by defining processes and ultimately enabling common procurement of innovative security solutions in a more systematic way

What could be your role and what effort would be needed?

Depending on your expertise in one of the four thematic areas identified above, your interest and your potential availability, you may be involved in **iProcureNet** by taking one of the roles below:

Core partner	You are strongly interested in the topic, you are ready to support the development of the current project proposal and subsequently to make significant contributions to the project – once running – and potentially lead a work package.	~6-12 Person Month + 3 travels/year
Regular partner	You have strong interest in the topic and you would like to contribute to the project as a project partner – once running – but you have limited resources.	~1-3 Person Month + 1 travel/year
Advisory Board member	You are expert in a field related to iProcureNet . You propose your expertise during the implementation of the project so that the partners also consider external factors of importance. You will not be a project partner, but you are willing to provide a support letter which can be included in the project proposal.	1 travel/year
Community member	You are very interested in the topic and will be happy to be part of the iProcureNet community of procurement agencies once implemented.	

Next steps

A meeting with the **Core members** is planned to take place on **4 and 5 June in Paris, France**. The objectives of this meeting will be to:

- ⊕ Discuss the scope of the project
- ⊕ Propose work packages and preliminary content, identify leaders
- ⊕ Identify additional consortium partners

If you are considering to become a Core member, let us know as soon as possible, you will be more than welcome to join us!

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