

The Reform of the European Public Procurement Model in Times of Credit Crisis

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Seminar co-organised by the UIA Administrative Law Commission and the Faculty of Law of the University of Lisbon in collaboration with the UIA Banking Law and the Competition Law Commissions, with the Support of the Portuguese Regulator, InCI – Instituto da Construção e do Imobiliário (Institute of Construction and Real Estate)

Introduction

The European Commission is preparing a new reform on the European public procurement regimen by proposing new Directives that will substitute the present Directives on the classical procurement and on the special sectors procurement. Following the 2010/2011 Green Book and the auscultation of the stakeholders the European Commission proposal will also include a Directive on Concessions and changes on the Defence Procurement and on the remedies Directive. We are talking of a major change in European procurement.

The main objectives of the European Commission are to give this sector more flexibility and efficiency and to promote more social awareness. Therefore the new proposals stress the need to simplify and to give more flexibility to procedures. Moreover they pretend to boost the environment and energy saving solutions, the employment and social inclusion and a higher quality in the services rendered.

The reform comes in times of great need as the present financial difficulties are slowing down the public procurement market throughout Europe. Governments do not have the means to launch new procurements and new projects as the word is now to reduce the public deficit and cut on public expenses. At the same time the challenges for those countries that are capable to go ahead on new projects is to obtain the necessary financing from the market in times of great difficulty to banks and other financial institutions.

In the present credit distress times the banks are much lesser inclined to fund any new public project so Governments need to address other ways of financing their projects. The discussions nowadays are going towards new entities capable of funding public projects and new financial instruments. Discussions are presently on going as to bring Pension Funds, Asset Management companies, Private Equities and others to financing big public projects. Also we are seeing discussions around new financial instruments as projects bonds and financial enhancements. The problem may not reside in funding but on the legal framework and the need for new mentality and new approaches. Dealing with all this new institutions and new instruments means a change in the rules. All this new financial instruments and new financial institutions need a revision on the way business is done and on the contractual side of the deal.

This means also a revision on the public procurement regimen in place in Europe. The change of the funding from banks to other financial institutions mean that the present regimen may no long be accurate and some changes have to be put in place in order to attract those new funding institutions with new needs and ways of dealing with a public project. Risk, durability and procedure are 3 main themes to be discussed. Taking all this new discussions in order the on-going revision of the European Public Procurement Directives comes in good timing. The question is what level of change is really needed. Does the proposed changes by the European Commission are enough? Do they satisfy the new funding institutions? Are they adequate to consider the new financial instruments being discussed? Those are the questions to be addressed.

We do think the moment is right for the UIA to participate in these discussions joining the lawyer's worldwide and some public procurement experts as some financial institutions in order to help the on-going discussions and to cooperate with specific proposals to the change the European Commission is preparing. That is the reason for a Seminar in Lisbon on a subject that is so candent and important for lawyers, the financial business and Governments.



Thursday | May | 23 | 2013

19:30 WELCOME COCKTAIL

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Friday | May | 24 | 2013

08:30 – 09:00 REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

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09:00 – 09:15 WELCOME AND OPENING OF THE SEMINAR

- Paula TEIXEIRA DA CRUZ, Minister of Justice, Portugal
- Jean-Marie BURGUBURU, UIA President, Past President of the Paris Bar, Debevoise & Plimpton LLP, Paris, France
- Eduardo VERA CRUZ, Director of the Faculty of Law, University of Lisbon, Portugal
- Fernando OLIVEIRA E SILVA, Vice-President of InCI (Institute of Construction and Real Estate), Portugal
- Maria João ESTORNINHO, Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Law, EU Procurement Expert, Portugal
- José Luís MOREIRA DA SILVA, President of the UIA Administrative Law Commission, SRS Advogados, Portugal
- Pedro REBELO DE SOUSA, President of the UIA Banking Law Commission, SRS Advogados, Portugal

09:15 – 10:15 Sustainability and Simplification: The Proposals of New Directives

Moderator: • Marcelo REBELO DE SOUSA, Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Lisbon, Portugal

Speakers:

- Peter BENNETT, UK Government, United Kingdom
- Maria Carolina DINIZ, InCI (Institute of Construction and Real Estate), Portugal
- Bernardo AYALA, URJA Menendez, Portugal/Madrid

10:15 – 10:45 COFFEE BREAK

10:45 – 12:00 Project's Financing and the Reform of the EU Procurement Rules – The Banking View

Moderator: • Eduardo PAZ FERREIRA, Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Lisbon, Portugal

Speakers:

- Pedro REBELO DE SOUSA, President of the UIA Banking Law Commission, SRS Advogados, Portugal
- Jorge CARDOSO, Caixa BI, Portugal
- Vasco Clara PINTO FERREIRA, BANIF, Portugal

12:00 – 13:00 The Reform of the EU Procurement Rules – The Institutional Investors View

Moderator: • Luís MORAIS, Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Lisbon, Portugal

Speakers:

- Alexandra MAIA LOUREIRO, SRS Advogados, Portugal
- Raul MARQUES, APAF – Associação Portuguesa de Analistas Financeiros (Association of Financial Analysts), Portugal
- Ricardo PEDROSA, GR Investments, Portugal

13:00 – 14:30 LUNCH

14:30 – 15:45 Simplification of Procurement Procedures

Moderator: • Fausto QUADROS, Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Lisbon, Portugal

Speakers:

- Vilhena DE FREITAS, Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Lisbon, Portugal
- Helena FRAGOSO, InCI (Institute of Construction and Real Estate), Portugal
- Franck JUDO, Liedekerke Advocaten, Brussels, Belgium
- Paulo PINHEIRO, Vieira de Almeida & Associados – Sociedade de Advogados, RL, Lisbon, Portugal

15:45 – 16:15 COFFEE BREAK

16:15 – 17:30 Transparency and Fairness in Concessions: a New Directive

Moderator: • Maria João ESTORNINHO, Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Lisbon, EU Procurement Expert, Portugal

Speakers:

- Pedro MELO, PLMJ, Portugal
- João CANTO E CASTRO, Legal Director, Concessions Bureau, Estradas de Portugal, S.A. (Portuguese Road Incumbent), Portugal
- Luís CABAÇO MARTINS, President of the ANTROP (Association of Public Passenger Transport), Portugal

20:00 OPTIONAL DINNER

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Champalimaud Centre for the Unknown
Avenida de Brasília Ala B
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Saturday | May 25 | 2013

09:00 – 09:15 REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

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09:15 – 10:15 Social Considerations and Green Public Procurement in Times of Crisis

Moderator: • **Maria do Rosário RAMALHO**,
Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Lisbon, Portugal

Speakers:

- **Miguel RAIMUNDO**, *Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Lisbon, Portugal*
- **Manuel TÊVES VIEIRA**, *SRS Advogados, Portugal*
(Secretary of the UIA Administrative Law Commission)
- **Cristina GIL**, *MNE, Portugal*

10:15 – 11:30 Competition Enhancement in the Procurement Reform

Moderator: • **Manuel SEBASTIÃO**, *PhD, President of the Portuguese Competition Authority, Portugal*

Speakers:

- **Nuno CUNHA RODRIGUES**, *Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Lisbon, Portugal*
- **Gonçalo ANASTÁCIO**, *SRS Advogados, Portugal*

- **Aleksander STAWICKI**, *UIA - Competition Law Commission, Warsaw, Poland*

11:30 – 11:45 COFFEE BREAK

11:45 – 12:30 The Revision of the Remedies Directive

Moderator: • **José Luís MOREIRA DA SILVA**, *President of the UIA Administrative Law Commission, SRS Advogados, Portugal*

Speakers:

- **Duarte ABECASSIS**, *Cuatrecasas Gonçalves Pereira, Portugal/Madrid*
- **Paulo GOUVEIA**, *Judge of the Court of Appeal, Central Administrative Court (South), Portugal*

12:30 – 13:00 CLOSING REMARKS

- **Fernando OLIVEIRA E SILVA**, *Vice-President of InCI (Institute of Construction and Real Estate), Portugal*
- **Maria João ESTORNINHO**, *Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Law, EU Procurement Expert, Portugal*
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General Information

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