

Transparency in public procurement – data availability: A case study from Albania

Case study - Albania

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Public Procurement Commission of Albania

The Public Procurement Commission is the highest administrative body in the field of procurement, which reviews complaints about procurement procedures and performs any other task assigned to it by this law and other legal acts within its scope of competence.

The Public Procurement Commission consists of the chairperson and 4 members. One of the members is elected deputy chairperson.



PPC, COMPLAINT MANAGEMENT 2010-2023

- Starting from 2010, only the complaint to the contracting authority and to the Public Procurement Commission has been outside the Electronic Procurement System. All other stages of the procurement procedure take place on-line.
- An economic operator, whose headquarters are outside the city of Tirana, for filling a complaint with the PPC has at least 300-1000 \$ extra costs/year (transport, parking, staff) for submitting the complaint to the PPC.
- Decisions not published based on Open Data principles, does not have a proper decision-making database "Lack of Transparency".
- Lack in processing and extracting statistical data or generating real-time analytical reports Lack of access to real-time, efficient use of systems, information to achieve the goal.



PPC DIGITALIZATION REFORM 2021

- E- COMPLAINT SYSTEM
- COMPLIANT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
- Electronic system for submitting complaints and their management to the Public Procurement Commission regarding public procurement procedures, concessions and public-private partnership, auctions and mining permits, as well as improving the infrastructure for system support and work infrastructure in the offices of PPC through a centralized system.
- USERS:
- Public Procurement Commission
- Public Procurement Agency
- All contracting authorities within the meaning of public procurement law
- All sales authorities
- All contracting authorities (within the meaning of the law on concessions and ppp)
- Mining permit procedures development authorities.
- All domestic and foreign economic operators

PPC-E-APPEALS

E- COMPLAINTS

TAX AUTHORITY SYSTEM

NATIONAL BUSINESS REGISTRY

E-PROCUREMENT SYSTEM





CONTRACTING AUTHORITY DASHBOARD



DEDICATED SECTION FOR REAL TIME STATISTICS













First website of the government institution in Albania that is accessible to people with visual impairments: Low vision, colour-blindness and blindness).

Mobile Application



Info Point



TOLL FREE Number



TRANSPARENCY

- For the search of Complaints and Decisions in real time as well as in the history of Decisions, the smart search section has also been implemented in the portal:
- In the register of complaints:
 - Reference number
 - Protocol number
 - Contracting Authority
- In the register of decisions:
 - Decision number
 - Economic operator
 - Contracting Authority
- In the history of decisions:
 - Object of procurement
 - Month
 - Year



- JSON FORMAT
- **PUBLISHING 21 SECTIONS PER COMPLAINTS,**
- 4 SECTIONS WERE PUBLISHED BEFORE 2021



21 sections of information published per each complaint

Reference Number; Law No; OCID; Contracting Authority; Subject of procurement; Type of procurement; Type of contact; CN number; Open date; Close date; CPV code; Economic Operator; Limit Fund; Date of complaint; Number of complaint; Protocol date; Protocol number; Complaint type; Value to be paid; Mandate-payment status; Claims;

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JSON USE: EO - Calculate the chances to win USE: CA - How to make better decissions?

DIGITALIZATION IMPACT



- ▶ 9.4 % of complaints reviewed after deadline, compared with 22.2 % 2020.
- Amount of days to make a decision decreased from 12 in 2022 to 10 in 2023.
- 4.4 % of decisions appealed at higher instance in 2023, from 5.5 %, in 2022.
- > 291 EO filled complaints in 2023.
 - 742,344 website clicks in one year.

• 617- Users with visual impairment marking an increase of 153 cases compared to 2022



Top findings from 2022 Public Procurement Commission user

surveys

•93% of 55 surveyed companies agree that more transparency encourages businesses to participate in public procurement.

•82% say the electronic complaint system increases fairness when handling complaints and making decisions about them.

•76% say the electronic complaint system is more efficient for businesses compared to the analog system.

•Companies with more experience in public procurement complaint significantly less.

•97% visitors surveyed say the information provided makes the complaint process more transparent and informative, and the same share say the information provided as open data is useful for data analysis and/or other analytical purposes.

•92% of them say the information provided on the website helped them better understand the process of submitting a complaint.

•73% of PPC staff surveyed say switching to open data has made the PPC's work and mission more effective; 100% agree that with the new complaint system, they can handle more complaints within the legal deadline; and 90% agree that the new system has improved and increased the communication with economic operators.



DATA USAGE/MEDIA







WHY PUBLICATION OF PRB DATA IS IMPORTANT



- 1. There are a lot of lessons to be learned through complaint review process,
- Through publishing data economic operators and contracting authorities, CM and parliament can identify problems in procurement system.
- 3. Decrease the number of complaints
- 4. Increase the speed of reviewing process for goods, services and public works procedure
- 5. Increase the accountability,
- 6. Increase the controll, easy way to controll by State Audit, Anti Corruption Agencies.
- 7. Boost the way of spending public money.





PPC- REFORM INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION



On 15'th September 2022, on the International Day of Democracy, in Northern Macedonia, the "Western Balkan Ministerial on Public Administration Reforms" is being held Monitoring Report The Principles of Public Administration ALBANIA November 2021 Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions The world's leading event for public sector innovation The E-Complaints System was selected among the 15 best projects worldwide by the jury of the GOVTECH summit How Albania's e-complaints system reduces red tape for government suppliers



FUTURE PLANS

- ✓ Digitization of the archive for the years 2010 -2020, for 9342 complaints deposited and 7903 decisions processing data.
- ✓ *Publishing in OCDS the history of the decision.*

CHALLENGES

- ✓ Publishing data of Albania PRB-s in PPDS?
- ✓ Use AI in reviewing complaints



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