



# Public Procurement Data Space

A data space to improve public spending, boost data-driven policy-making and improve access to tenders for SMEs

*DG GROW G4*

# Poor exploitation of public procurement data

## Numbers

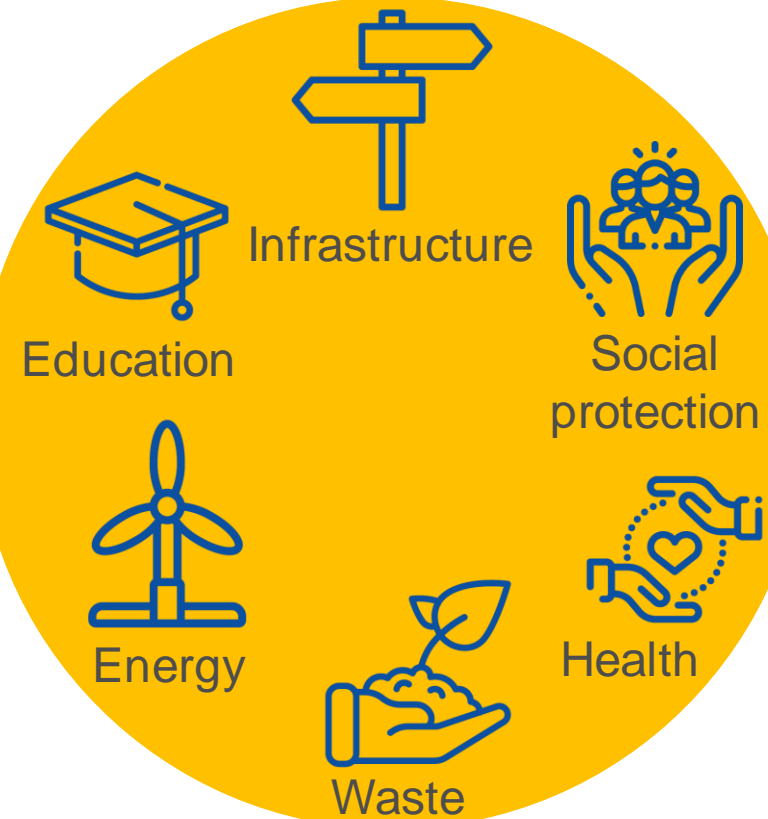
EUR  
2 Trillion or  
13,6% of  
GDP

250.000  
Public  
buyers

Above  
thresholds  
(TED)

Below  
Thresholds  
(MS)

## Sectors



# Harnessing the power of procurement data

Targeting public funds towards **policy priorities**



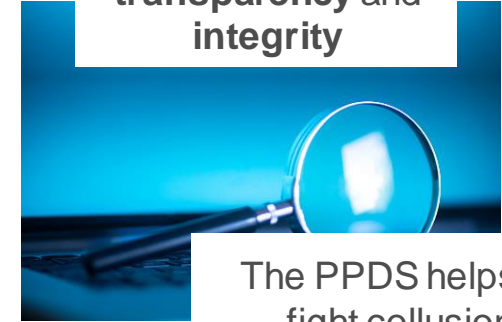
Ensuring wider uptake of sustainable and social procurement

Helping recovery from the pandemic



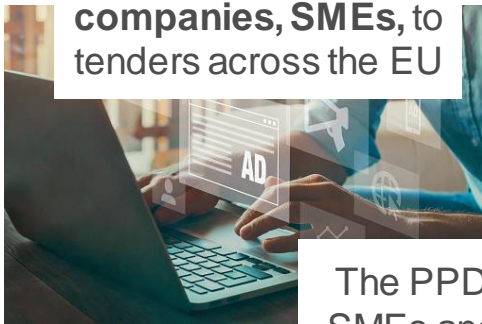
The PPDS will help e.g. to monitor the RRF

Increasing **transparency and integrity**



The PPDS helps to fight collusion

Easy access for **companies, SMEs**, to tenders across the EU



The PPDS will support SMEs and data reusers

Value for money for public buyers & **less red tape**



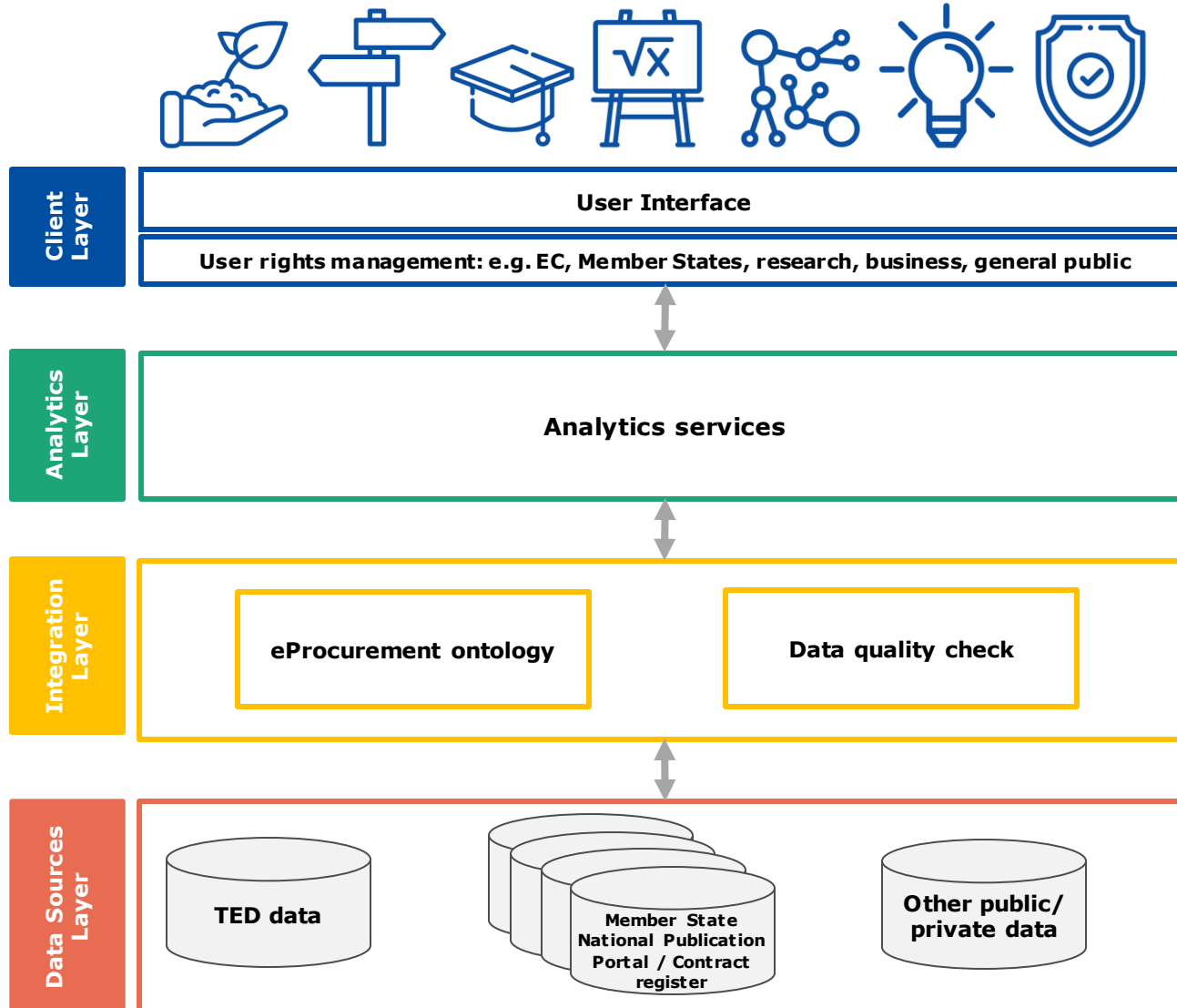
Plan, buy in bulk & easier reporting

Generating **key insights** for policy-making



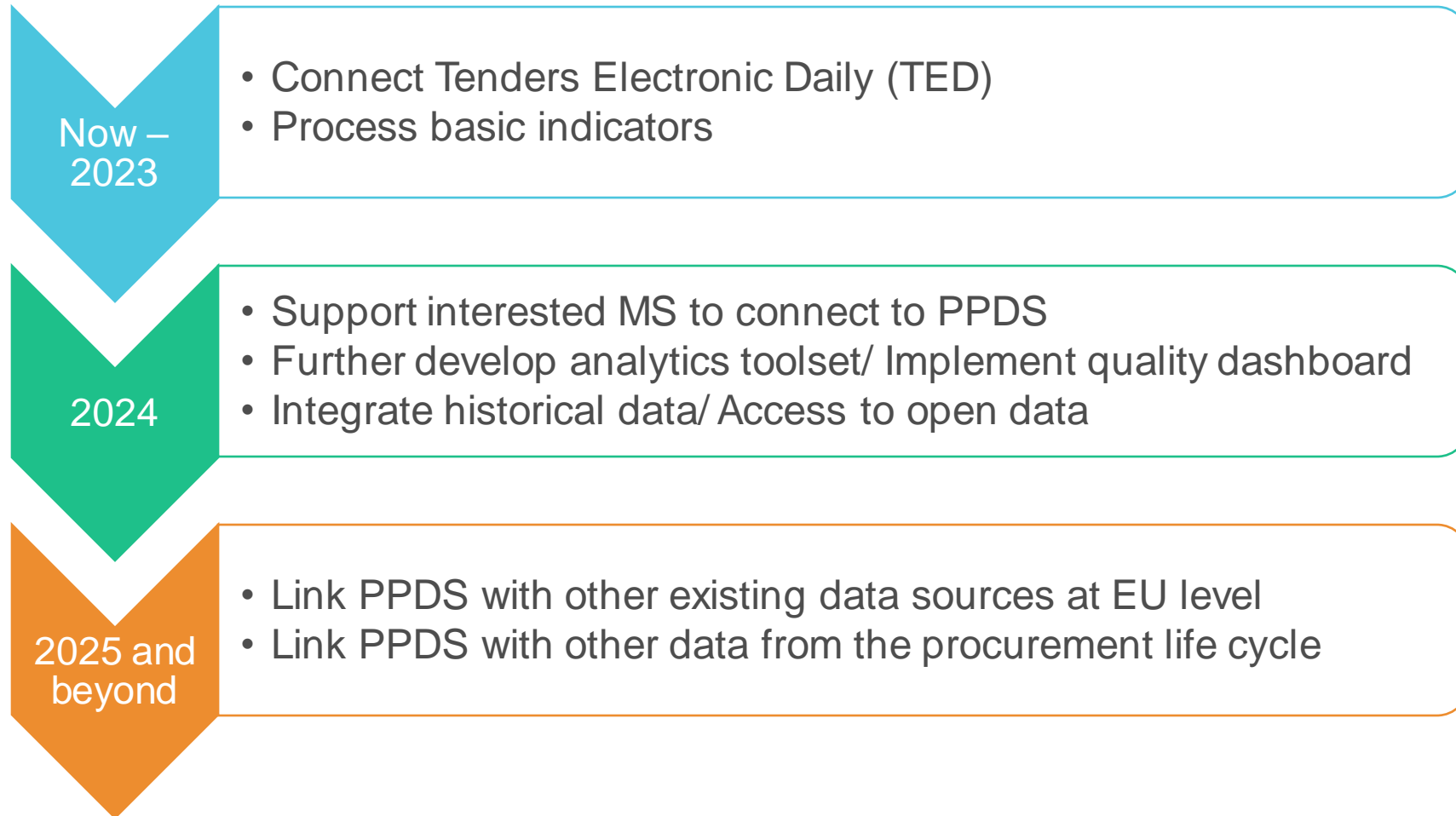
The PPDS will become a strategic asset for policies

# The Public Procurement Data Space



- Access to open data through [data.europa.eu](https://data.europa.eu)
- Ensure user-friendliness
- New Insights
- Data-driven decisions
- KPIs on priority policy areas
- Better data quality due to eForms
- Common data format
- Collaborative approach

# Roadmap



# Communication and more information

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II  
(Information)

INFORMATION FROM EUROPEAN UNION INSTITUTIONS, BODIES, OFFICES  
AND AGENCIES

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION  
**Public Procurement: A data space to improve public spending, boost data-driven policy-making and  
improve access to tenders for SMEs**  
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1. **Introducing the European public procurement data space**

Every year in the EU, over 250 000 public authorities spend around EUR 2 trillion (around 13,6 % of GDP) on the purchase of services, works and supplies. From new roads to tablets for pupils or equipment for hospitals: Public authorities are the main buyers in many key sectors such as energy, transport, infrastructure, waste management, social protection, health, defence and education services.

By making the right purchasing choices, the public sector can boost jobs, growth, and investment in Europe and create a more innovative, competitive, energy-efficient, and socially inclusive economy. This can support key policies at national and EU level, such the recovery from the pandemic, the twin transitions, the strategic autonomy of the EU and its digital leadership.

To unlock the full potential of public procurement, access to data and the ability to analyse it are essential. However, data from only 20 % of all call for tenders as submitted by public buyers is available and searchable for analysis in one place. The remaining 80 % are spread, in different formats, at national or regional level and difficult or impossible to re-use for policy, transparency and better spending purposes. In other words, public procurement is rich in data, but poor in making it work for taxpayers, policy makers and public buyers.

The Commission's public procurement data initiative aims to harness the power of data available throughout the EU thanks to a Public Procurement Data Space (hereafter: PPDS), one of the first common EU data spaces in a specific area to emerge from the EU strategy for data <sup>(1)</sup>.

This data space will revolutionise the access to and use of public procurement data:

- It will create a platform at EU level to access for the first time public procurement data scattered so far at EU, national and regional level.
- It will considerably improve data quality, availability and completeness, through close cooperation between the Commission and Member States and the introduction of the new eForms <sup>(2)</sup>, which will allow public buyers to provide information in a more structured way.

<sup>(1)</sup> A European strategy for data, COM (2020) 66 final, Brussels, 19.2.2020.  
<sup>(2)</sup> Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1780 establishing standard forms for the publication of notices in the field of public procurement and repealing Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1986, published on 25 October 2019. The Regulation and the extended version of its annex in the Excel file can be found here <https://ec.europa.eu/docsroom/documents/38172>. eForms will replace the current Standard Forms (see Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 2015/1986, published on 11 November 2015 (<https://simap.ted.europa.eu/standard-forms-for-public-procurement>)).

- Communication on PPDS
- Video on PPDS
- Other links on PPDS
- <https://europa.eu/!qx9WxQ>