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CIRCULAR TO PUBLIC ENTITIES, PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND PUBLIC ORGANISATIONS

Subject: Compliance with National Public Procurement Regulations in Erasmus+ Projects

The National Agency would like to remind **all Public Entities, Public Schools and Public Organisations** implementing Erasmus+ projects of their obligation to comply **fully and at all times** with **national Public Procurement Regulations** when procuring goods, works and services in the context of Erasmus+ funded activities.

This reminder is issued in line with the **Erasmus+ Programme Guide**, the **applicable Grant Agreement**, and the **EU Financial Regulation**, which together establish clear obligations on beneficiaries regarding sound financial management and procurement.







1. Beneficiary responsibility under the Grant Agreement

According to the **Erasmus+ Model Grant Agreement**, beneficiaries are fully responsible for the proper implementation of the project and for compliance with all applicable rules:

“The beneficiaries must implement the project as described in Annex 1 and in compliance with the provisions of the Agreement, the Call conditions, the applicable quality standards, as well as all legal obligations under applicable EU, international and national law.”

(Article 11 – Proper implementation of the project)

This includes explicit compliance with **national legislation governing public expenditure and procurement**. For public bodies, this principle necessarily implies **full adherence to national Public Procurement Regulations** when selecting suppliers or service providers.

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2. What this means for Public Entities, Schools and Public Organisations?

Public beneficiaries are reminded that:

- Erasmus+ funding **does not exempt** organisations from national Public Procurement Regulations;
- All procurements of goods, services or works must:
 - Follow the **correct procedure** based on value and nature of the procurement,
 - Be **properly documented**, and
 - Be **verifiable** for audit and control purposes;
- Failure to comply with procurement rules may lead to:
 - **Ineligibility of costs**,
 - **Grant reductions or recoveries**, in line with the Grant Agreement.

3. Final reminder

Public beneficiaries remain **fully responsible** for any procurement decisions taken within Erasmus+ projects, including those involving third-party service providers.

Beneficiaries are therefore strongly encouraged to:

- Consult their **internal procurement units**,
- Apply national Public Procurement Regulations consistently, and
- Contact the National Agency **before** engaging external providers if there is any uncertainty.

For further guidance or clarification, beneficiaries may contact the National Agency directly.

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