



**EPP Hearing on
Public procurement in the context of COVID 19**

Date: **October 15th, 2020**

Time: **14h - 15:30h**

Place: virtual

14h - 14:05h: Opening remarks: Andreas Schwab MEP

14:05h - 14:45h - Panel 1: Public procurement challenges during the COVID-19 crisis

Moderator: Maria Da Graca Carvalho MEP

This panel will discuss the challenges to public procurement procedures during the first weeks of the COVID-19 pandemic and will assess the fitness of our current public procurement framework to respond to extraordinary situations as the COVID-19 pandemic (where public procurement of medical equipment had to be fast-tracked and yet supply chains and production chains were interrupted.)

Speakers (14:05h - 14:30h) (8 minutes for each speaker)

- Mr Alvydas Stancikas, Head of Unit G3 - Procurement Legislation and Remedies
- Prof. Elisabetta Manunza, Head of Centre for Public Procurement at University Utrecht
- Prof. Michael Essig, Chair of Materials Management & Distribution at Bundeswehr University Munich

14:30h - 14:45h - QA session

14:45h - 15:30h - Panel 2: Challenges for speedy spending of Next Generation EU funds: applying public procurement rules after the Covid-19 crisis

Moderator: Rasa Juknevičienė MEP

This panel will discuss how public procurement can be used as a tool to ensure that the Next Generation EU funds are effectively invested in the Member States in a very timely manner. This is essential in order to ensure a quick and efficient recovery of the European economy.

Speakers (14:45h - 15:10h) (8 minutes for each speaker)

- Hubert Gambs, Deputy Director-General DG GROW - Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs
- Lazaros Lazarou, Member of the European Court of Auditors
- Karolis Granickas, Open Contracting Partnership

15:10h - 15:25h - QA session

15:25h - 15:30h: Closing remarks: Tomáš Zdechovský MEP