E-Procurement and Statistical Data on Public Procurement in Germany

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1.1 Short Overview of the Public Procurement Landscape in Germany

- Germany is a federal state.
- Decentral-structured contracting authority (= CA) landscape.
- Estimated 30,000 CA‘s.
- A large number of private and public e-procurement platforms.
- A good two dozen IT service providers are well established in the German market.
1.2 E-Procurement for Procurement Procedures above the EU-Thresholds

- The obligation to use ICT for data transfer and communication during the procurement procedure (entered into force on 18th April 2016).
- Particularly affected by this obligation are solely all process steps between CA‘s and economic enterprises.
- All procurement notices have to be published on the Internet. All tender documents must be available for download on the internet.
- Electronic offers. Electronic evaluation of the offers.
- Electronic award.
- Electronic communication.
- DPS, e-auctions, and e-catalogs can be optionally used.
1.3 E-Procurement for Procurement Procedures below the EU-Thresholds

- E-procurement for procurement procedures below the EU-thresholds = e-procurement *light*

- Identical provisions compared to procurement procedures above the EU-thresholds. But:
  - The provisions apply only for some procedure types.
  - The provisions apply only for purchasing supplies and services. The purchase of works is excluded.
  - Implementation of a value limit (> 25,000 €).
2.1 What about the current situation with regard to public procurement data in Germany?

- Public procurement data are so far not available nationwide in Germany.
- The public authorities in Germany do not know what percentage of GDP is used for public procurement.
- The exact number of CA‘s is not known.
- It is not possible to pass a law or a regulation based on procurement data.
- No specific control of public procurement.
- No real chance for strategic procurement.
2.2 Why not collect public procurement data in Germany?

- Of course!
- Because we currently regulate in thin air.
- Because we currently cannot determine the impacts of new or modified rules.
- Because we want to know which part of the German GDP is used for purchasing of supplies, services, and works.
- In order to meet statistical reporting requirements to the European Commission.
2.3 What will we do? – 6 steps to success.

- Step 1: regulation on public procurement data.
- Step 2: to involve all relevant actors at an early stage.
- Step 3: to establish technical provisions for data-communications, and the necessary interfaces. To award a contract for IT services.
- Step 4: comprehensive beta test.
- Step 5: to prepare training documents, and guidelines. Basic instruction for employees concerned.
- Step 6: introduction to market.

That means: We are still at the beginning. But: The finishing line is in sight.
2.4 Eureka! We have done it!

At what point?
No earlier than two-and-a-half to three years after launching the project.