

# Public procurement in Interreg

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### Outlines

As a follow-up to the events organised in 2021 and 2022, Interact organises this event to share knowledge and views on green public procurement through dialogue among experts and practitioners from programmes and sharing a couple of successful practices. Panel members will explain how to use public procurement, its rationale and specific aspects of the processes to encourage more green and sustainable procurement. However, this event foresees an active contribution from all participants.

We will address the complexity of green public procurement by presenting the key information on procurement with examples of contracts in Interreg programmes provided by:

- Maria Pavlou - Head of Procurement Unit, Treasury of the Republic of Cyprus
- Charis Kordatos - Head of Climate Change & Environment Department, Cyprus Energy Agency (CEA)
- Natalia Georgiou-Department of Environment-Green PPs
- Martin Unfried, Green Public Procurement Expert, University of Haalem
- Valentina Schippers-Opejko, Green Public Procurement Expert and Coordinator of the Innovative and Responsible Public Procurement Partnership from the City of Haarlem
- Stoyan Kanatov and Florin Neculcea, Interact programme

In the afternoon, we will organise a site visit to a green public procurement project at the Cyprus Institute (Cyl). We will exemplify the use of the green-related aspects by relevant experts from the Climate Change & Environment Department (CEA) and facilitate a debate on common challenges the Interreg programmes face.

### Objectives

The objective of the event is to share success stories and discuss challenges that Interreg programs face when managing projects with objectives in green public procurement, favouring products, services and works that respect the environment.

### Who is this meeting for?

This thematic event is addressed to Interreg, Interreg IPA-CBC and ENI CBC programmes' staff from the Joint Secretariats, Managing Authorities, and other relevant programme bodies (NCPs, MC Members, etc.) involved in the thematic content dealing with public procurement, green public procurement, circular and sustainable procurement.

### How to register?

Please access the following link using your Interact account login credentials as usual.

<https://apps.interact-eu.net/interact/events.nsf/registrationform.xsp?eid=239C2>



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### Day One Cyprus time

Tuesday, 21 March 2023

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| <b>8.30 – 9.00</b>   | Registration and welcome coffee/tea  |
| <b>9.00 – 9.30</b>   | <b>Introduction (participants &amp; objectives)</b><br><i>Interact programme &amp; participants</i><br>Welcome and introduction. round table of objectives and expectations for the meeting.   |
| <b>9.30 – 10.00</b>  | <b>A quick introduction to legislation and rules on public procurement</b><br><i>Interact programme</i>  |
| <b>10.00 – 11.00</b> | <b>Public procurement challenges</b><br><i>Maria Pavlou, Head of Procurement Unit, Treasury of the Republic of Cyprus</i><br><i>Charis Kordatos - Head of Climate Change &amp; Environment Department, Cyprus Energy Agency</i><br><i>Natalia Georgiou-Department of Environment-Ministry of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Development of Cyprus</i><br>Objectives of the session: by the end of the session, participants will have deepened their understanding of the legislation and the rules on public procurement, green public procurement. |
| <b>11.00 – 11.15</b> | Coffee break   |
| <b>11.15 – 12.15</b> | <b>Matching Green Public Procurement, how to make Interreg more green</b><br><i>Interact programme</i>   |
| <b>12.15 – 13.15</b> | Lunch break  |
| <b>13.15 – 13.30</b> | <b>Reconnection</b>  |
| <b>13.30 – 14.15</b> | <b>Green Public Procurement, legislation and practice</b><br><i>Martin Unfried, Institute for Transnational and Euregional CBC and Mobility / ITEM</i>   |
| <b>14.15 – 14.30</b> | Coffee break   |
| <b>14.30 – 15.30</b> | <b>Green Public Procurement, challenges in practice</b><br><i>Valentina Schippers-Opejko, Coordinator of the Partnership Innovative and Responsible Public Procurement, City of Haarlem</i>  |
| <b>15.30 – 15.45</b> | <b>Q&amp;A session, summary and closure of the meeting</b><br><i>Interact programme</i><br>Objectives of the session: by the end of the session, participants will be able understand how to better implement public procurement, concepts and general issues when dealing with green public procurement.  |



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- 15.45 – 16.00** Reception of participants and departure to the projects on-site
- 16.00 – 19.00** **Visit to Cyprus Institute and walking tour to EU-funded projects in Nicosia centre**
- 19.00** **Networking dinner**

### Practicalities

The event will be held in English. Participation in the event is **free of charge**. However, [registration](#) is required.

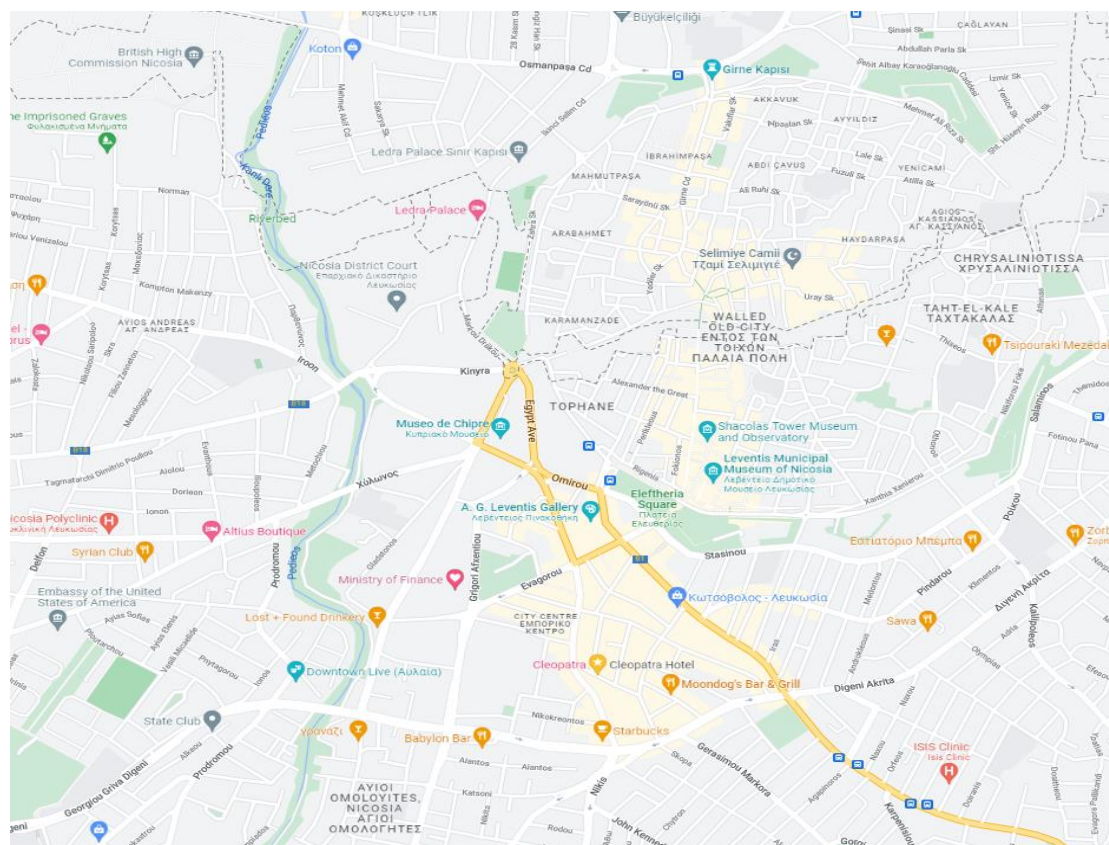
### Venue

#### Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Cyprus

Michael Karaoli & Gregori Afxentiou

1439 Nicosia

Cyprus





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### Travel

Participants are responsible for their travel arrangements. Book your flights to the **International Airport of Larnaca** and the **International Airport of Pafos**.

### Accommodation

We recommend you make your reservations through these links for best deals [www.booking.com](https://www.booking.com)  
[www.hrs.com](https://www.hrs.com)

### On-site visit

At the end of the event, all participants must collect their name tags and go to the Ministry entrance.

**Bus departure** from Ministry of Finance **16:15**

### Other information

For further questions please contact:

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**We look forward to meeting you in Nicosia!**