



Expert Panel on effective ways of investing in health

Drafting group meeting on Public procurement in healthcare systems (WebEx conference)

6 July 2020

Minutes

1. Approval of the agenda and the minutes of the previous meeting

The agenda was approved without changes as well as the minutes of the previous meeting.

2. Nature of the meeting

The fourth meeting of the drafting group on public procurement in healthcare systems took place on 6 July 2020 via WebEx conference. The meeting, which was chaired by Luigi Siciliani, Chair of the drafting group, was a non-public meeting.

No declarations of interest that could in any way interfere with the topic discussed were submitted from any member.

3. List of points discussed

Discussion on the draft opinion on the public procurement in healthcare systems

The updated draft was circulated prior to the meeting. Members suggested to emphasise the role of public procurement in innovation, in stimulation of development, e.g. of innovative medicines. They discussed the idea of stressing social and environmental elements by integrating "Ecologically" and "(social) Equitably", apart from "Economically" into the MEAT criteria. They acknowledged however, it might be problematic to have objective social and environmental criteria as each country applies them differently. Members further discussed the need of systematic way of introducing procurement tools, and need for multidisciplinary dimension.

Members then focused on suggested recommendations, highlighting that they should be health sector specific, broadly applicable and encouraging. They agreed it is important to determine for whom the recommendations are intended. They discussed in detail several points, including the public procurement as a tool to promote patient-centred solutions, need

to strengthen professional training and establish a cross-border community of practice, importance of joint procurements and "fast track" joint procurements as well as mechanisms for procurement in emergencies.

Members also discussed how to elaborate more the part on what further EU cooperation can be developed given the health sector specific challenges.

Planning and organisation of the work in the drafting group

The updated draft will be circulated to the members for their further input and a consolidated draft will be shared with the COM.

Members agreed to postpone the public hearing to present the draft opinion to all interested parties to 21 September (WebEx conference). The public hearing will give an opportunity to stakeholders to share their views and provide specific comments on the draft opinion before it is finalised.

4. Conclusion

The Chair thanked everyone for active participation and valuable discussion to move forward with the opinion.

5. Next meeting

No future meetings are planned for upcoming months.

6. List of participants

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