Procurement in times of crises: national experiences

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Call for abstracts

Date: January 26th, 2023
Format: hybrid conference with on-line presentations
Languages: English and Estonian
Organizer: public procurement research group at the University of Tartu, School of Law
Location: TBA

This conference is aimed academics and law students as well as practitioners in public purchasing or law. Presentations will be either in English or Estonian, without translation.

The topic of the conference is Procurement in times of crises: national experiences. We will discuss the experiences of national procurers during the past and on-going crises: the pandemic, the war, and the energy crisis. In particular, we welcome presentations on national case-law and interpretation of the following topics in light of crises:

- using the negotiated procedure without prior publication (Art 32);
- any requirements to support competition in the negotiated procedure without prior publication (Art 32);
- changing contracts under unforeseen circumstances (Art 72 (1) c);
- establishing unreasonably low tenders;
- specific influence of the current crises on defence and security procurement.

The conference will be conducted in a hybrid format, the event starting off with on-line presentations in English from speakers who are either on-line or on location, followed by the second day of workshops in Estonian, on location. The exact location of the conference in Estonia will be announced later.

If you are interested in making a presentation in the above matters, please send an abstract of up to 500 words to triin.metsallik@ut.ee by November 1st, 2022. We presume that foreign speakers prefer to speak on-line. However, should you prefer to travel to the location instead, please indicate so in the email. We kindly ask that the authors of the accepted abstracts send their whole presentations by January 9th, 2022.