

Procurement in projects financed by Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB)



CEB in Ukraine

- **Ukraine** became a member of the CEB in June 2023.
- Presence on the ground: **CEB Office in Ukraine** opened in September 2024. First overseas office of the Bank.
- Strategic commitment: **CEB Strategic Framework 2023–2027**, Indicative financial envelope for Ukraine: **€1.2 billion**
- Since accession (over 2.5 years): **€673 million in loans** approved + **€31 million in grants** mobilized
- **Focus areas:** Health, Housing, Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), Microfinance and financial inclusion

Applicable rules

- CEB is an international organization with its own legal personality
- Not obliged by the EU law or any other legal framework
- Guidelines for procurement of goods, works and services for projects financed by the CEB.



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CEB Guidelines

- Not a complete set of rules, but guidance.
- Based in principles of EU Law.
- Accepts any legal system that complies with those principles:
 - a) National system
 - b) Other international organization
 - c) Specific procedures

The only condition is that the system that is chosen needs to respect the principles of the Guidelines and provide possibility for claims in an efficient manner (before going to court).

What will happen in projects in Ukraine?

CEB finances projects through loans and grants. Several options appear for how procurement will take place:

- **Through national system**

Tenders happen in accordance with the national law, using the systems established by the law in Ukraine (Prozorro).

- **In partnership with an international organization (WB, UN, etc).**

This has to be justified and efficient, and respect the principles mentioned before.

- **What about emergency procurement?**

CEB Guidelines allow that, but only in very special cases, where the urgency of the supply is of the essence and is related to an unexpected event.

In practical terms?

CEB borrowers will carry out the tenders autonomously and CEB will exert controls:

- **Procurement Plan**

Every project will have a procurement plan which CEB has to approve before tendering takes place.

- **Ex ante control**

CEB will perform control of tenders and evaluation of offers for the biggest tenders.

- **Ex post control**

CEB may perform control of smaller tenders after contract signature, at any moment, on a sample basis.