5TH CONFERENCE ON SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT





The promotion of a

public procurement model based on the protection of Human Rights





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Welcome to the fifth conference organised by the **Group for Socially Responsible Public Procurement (GCPSR)** in Catalonia. The GCPSR is made up of various public institutions, universities and civil society organisations that promote Global Justice and the respect for Human Rights in the supply chain of goods and services acquired by the public sector and administrations.

The public sector has an obligation to respect and uphold Human Rights, and this includes the **extra-territorial responsibility for the life cycle of the products it purchases.** Mainly, as **it is in the initial stages of these supply chains** (extraction of raw materials, production, manufacturing) **where most of the violations of rights** (labour, social and environmental) **occur in the Global South.**

The state can contract out the supply of goods and services, but it cannot contract out its human rights obligations.

The Danish Institute for Human Rights (2020)

Driving the change through public procurement

Thus, this 2022 calls for collective thinking and decisive steps towards a more sustainable model, and a courageous commitment to incorporate measures to tackle the climate emergency. The administrations and organisations of the GCPSR are promoting synergies that contribute to an effective model to ensure a real coherence of public policies in local and global agendas, with the intention of guaranteeing the future of humanity and of the planet.

Following the transposition of Directives 24 and 25 of 2014 to Member States, public procurement took an important step forward. Several universities, municipalities, and national and international public administrations have already started promoting a model based on strategic public procurement and incorporating a gender perspective, environmental sustainability criteria, and social and labour improvements. However, this coherence remains a challenge especially in the complex supply chains between the global South and North. **The**

demand for policy coherence has yet to be extended beyond the EU's borders.

Initiatives are being promoted along these lines, such as the development of national and international regulatory frameworks to demand that EU companies comply with **due diligence in Human Rights and sustainability**.

In this context, the **5th Conference on Socially Responsible Public Procurement** aims to reflect and make proposals on these key challenges and on current and future regulations, to achieve the coherence of public policies.

PROGRAM

DAY 1 - 16th November 2022

GENERAL OVERVIEW

PRESENTATION OF THE CONFERENCE 9.00 – 9.30h

- YOYA ALCOCEBA. Director General for Development Cooperation, Generalitat de Catalunya - Government of Catalonia.
- LAIA CLAVEROL. Head of Social Rights, Global Justice, Feminism and LGBTI, *Ajuntament de Barcelona* - Barcelona City Council.
- ROCIO MARTÍN CORREA. Head of Operational-Legal Support for Public Procurement, Ferrocarrils de la Generalitat de Catalunya - Catalan Railway System.
- NÚRIA CARULLA. Co-Chair, Lafede.cat Organisations for Global Justice.

TABLE 1 9:30 – 10:30h

NEW EUROPEAN REGULATIONS REGARDING HUMAN RIGHTS DUE DILIGENCE

Moderator: Esther Caballé i Pallares, Director, *Fundació Pau i Solidaritat, CCOO Catalunya* – Peace and Solidarity Foundation of the Workers' Commission Catalonia.

UN frameworks, the EU Due Diligence Directive, and the UK experience. OLGA MARTIN ORTEGA, University of Greenwich.

Regulatory processes in France, Germany, and Spain. ADORACIÓN GUAMÁN and JOSÉ MIGUEL SÁNCHEZ, University of Valencia.

Harnessing the power of public procurement for responsible business practices. LENA DIESING, Policy Analyst, Centre for Responsible Business Conduct, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)) (online).

TABLE 2 10.30 - 11.30h

DUE DILIGENCE IN PUBLIC PROCUREMENT: COORDINATION BETWEEN CENTRALISED AND DECENTRALISED MODELS - THE EXAMPLE OF SWEDEN

Moderator: Carla Canal Rosich, Policy Coherence for Development Officer, *Ajuntament de Barcelona* - Barcelona City Council.

How to apply international frameworks in contractual clauses at national level: central purchasing and monitoring at the local level.

KRISTIN TALLBO, Sustainability Strategist, Adda Central Purchasing Body, of the Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions (SKR).

Coordination, harmonisation, and good practices at regional level. PAULINE GÖTHBERG, National Coordinator, Secretariat of the Swedish County Council Network for Sustainable Public Procurement (Stockholm).

COFFEE BREAK 11.30 - 12.00h

TABLE 3 12.00 - 13.00h

PUBLIC PROCUREMENT AT THE LOCAL LEVEL

Moderator: Octavi de la Varga Mas, Advisor on international strategic projects, *Diputació de Barcelona* -Barcelona Provincial Council.

The experience of the Catalan Association of Municipalities

VICTOR TORRENTS, Head of contract monitoring, *Associació Catalana de Municipis* - Catalan Association of Municipalities.

The model and practices of the City of Oslo in the field of procurement. STINE FOSS, Head of Sustainability and Ethical Trade, Oslo City Council (Norway).

TABLE 4 13.00 - 14.00h

PRACTICAL WORKSHOP: SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT - WHERE TO BEGIN?

Practical workshop by ROCIO MARTÍN CORREA, Head of Operational-Legal Support for Public Procurement, *Ferrocarrils de la Generalitat de Catalunya* (FGC), Catalan Railway System, **and ÈLIA VILASECA**, Legal adviser, Operational and Legal Support for Public Procurement, *Ferrocarrils de la Generalitat de Catalunya* (FGC).

NETWORKING BUFFET LUNCH 14.00 - 15.30h

AFTERNOON 15.30 - 17.30h

MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL WORKING GROUP ON ETHICAL PUBLIC PROCUREMENT (IWGEPP)*

Presentation and discussion of the work carried out by the working groups:

- 1. Political advocacy
- 2. Harmonisation
- 3. Joint projects

★The meeting of the IWGEPP will be held in the annex room of the same building in c/Calabria 66.

On this occasion, the meeting of the working group will be open to the public.

Please note that the meeting will take place entirely in English without imultaneous translation.

DAY 2 - 17th November 2022

THEMATIC PRACTICAL SESSIONS

TABLE 5 9.30 – 10.30h

ELECTRIC VEHICLES, FAIR ELECTRONICS

Moderator: Marc Barberà Boj, Service Director, *Transports Metropolitans de Barcelona* (TMB) - Barcelona Metropolitan Transport .

Tenders for electric vehicles: protecting workers' rights in the extraction of critical raw materials and the manufacture of batteries and semiconductors. ROCÍO PANIAGUA, Low-Emission Vehicle Programme Manager, Electronics Watch.

Health and safety hazards in a tin mining cooperative in Bolivia: a case study. JESÚS REA CAMPOS, Director of the Centre for Public Research and Service (CISEP), Bolivia.

Priorities of the Working Group on Ethical ICT Public Procurement and the Procura+ Network. MARA INZAINA, Sustainability, Innovation and Circular Procurement Officer, ICLEI.

TABLE 6 10.30 - 11.30h

SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT IN HEALTH CARE

Moderator: Esther Lozano, Head of Procurement, *Consorci Mar Parc de Salut*- MAR Health Park Consortium Barcelona.

The Norwegian Hospital Network model and the experience of the International Working Group on Ethical Public Procurement. PIA TRULSEN, Ethical Procurement, Norwegian Public Hospital Network.

The Catalan working group for socially responsible public procurement in healthcare. PAULA HORS, Director of the Joint Public Procurement Service, Catalan Health and Social Care Consortium. DAVIDE MALMUSI, Director of Health Services, Ajuntament de Barcelona - Barcelona City Council.

TABLE 7 12.00 - 14.00h

CURRENT ACTION STRATEGIES AND FUTURE CHALLENGES

Moderator: Mei Trueba, Senior Lecturer, Sussex University (Great Britain).

- Fair Trade and public procurement: practical cases from the textile industry. ANNA BARDOLET, LaCoordi - Fair Trade and Ethical Finance.
- 2. Risk analysis in the procurement of technological applications and surveillance technologies within the framework of Smart Cities. Observatory of Business and Human Rights in the Mediterranean (ODHE).
- 3. Presentation of Barcelona City Council's internal needs analysis.

 MIQUEL BENITO, Director. Head of Coordination, Administrative Procurement, Ajuntament de Barcelona Barcelona City Council.

CLOSING SESSION 14.00 - 14.30h

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

LINA MARÍA GONZÁLEZ, Project Coordinator, NOVACT and 99.3% Campaign.

NETWORKING BUFFET LUNCH 14.30 - 15.45h

11.30 - 12.00h

COFFEE BREAK

BIOGRAPHIES

INTRODUCTION TO THE EVENT

YOYA ALCOCEBA CRIXENT is Director-General for Development Cooperation at the Ministry for Foreign Action and European Union. She holds a degree in Political and Administration Sciences from the Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB), a master's degree in Globalisation, Development and Cooperation from the University of Barcelona (UB), and a postgraduate degree in International Consulting for Institutional Development from Pompeu Fabra University (UPF). She has dedicated her professional career to international cooperation and development, working with NGOs in several African and Middle Eastern countries. Since 2006, she has been working with the Catalan Agency for Development Cooperation. She has worked as a lecturer on various master's and postgraduate degree programmes in international cooperation and development at the UAB, the University of Girona and the Polytechnic University of Catalonia and has worked as a consultant in the design of development projects with the European Union.

LAIA CLAVEROL holds a degree in Political and Administration Sciences from the Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB), and a master's degree in Public Management from the Pompeu Fabra University (UPF). She is currently Head of Social Rights, Global Justice, Feminism and LGBTI at Barcelona City Council. She has also served as the council's Head of the Municipal Institute of Social Services and Director of Business, Municipal Organisations and Resources. Previous to this, she held management positions with the City of l'Hospitalet de Llobregat and Barcelona Provincial Council.

ROCIO MARTÍN CORREA is Head of Operational-Legal Support for Public Procurement with Ferrocarrils de la Generalitat de Catalunya - the Catalan Railway System, and is also part of the organisation's Social Responsibility Committee. She is a lawyer, she graduated in Law from UPF. Her career has focused on the public sector, and the development of a procurement model in which the sector acts as an engine and a lever for socially and environmentally responsible change. She has worked with the School of Public Administration of Catalonia to provide training in the safeguarding of Human Rights through public procurement. She also has professional ties to the Barcelona de Serveis Municipals public trading company, where she has acted as Lead Coordinator for Legal Services, and Cementiris de Barcelona, as Head of Legal Services and Procurement. She defines herself as a legal practice and public procurement devotee, with an interest in promoting programmes which help achieve genuine and effective change through public procurement.

NÚRIA CARULLA holds a degree in Theology, specialising in ethics. She is currently Co-Chair of Lafede.cat - Organisations for Global Justice. She provides online classes to students from different Central American countries. Over her career, she has worked with several organisations focused on solidarity and cooperation, such as Agermanament-CIDOB, Racó TM (SIPAJ), and the Oscar Romero Committee of Barcelona. She currently heads the Justice and Peace North-South Committee, based at the headquarters of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, through which she is working

to achieve a binding treaty committing multinational companies to respect for human and environmental rights. Through her solidarity work, she has travelled to Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua and Brazil, with the aim of getting to know and providing support to indigenous and rural communities and grassroots organisations.

TABLE 1

ESTHER CABALLÉ I PALLARÉS is Director of the Fundació Pau i Solidaritat of the Workers' Commissions (CCOO). She holds degrees in Political Science and Administration, and in Law, specialising in international relations. Her master's degree is in Cooperative Project Management in Development and Humanitarian Aid. The Fundació Pau i Solidaritat is an organisation which, since its establishment in 1991 by the Workers' Commissions of Catalonia trade union, focuses its efforts on the defence of Human and Workers' Rights around the world through the empowerment of trade union organisations and the promotion of solidarity among the international working class.

olga Martín Ortega is Professor of International Law at the School of Law and Criminology, University of Greenwich. She is an expert in multinational companies and human rights, reconstruction, post-conflict and transitional justice, and public procurement. She is currently coordinator of the International Learning Lab on Procurement and Human Rights and a member of the Horizon 2020 SA-PIENS-Sustainable Procurement project. She works with the Modern Slavery Prevention Unit of the British Home Office, and has been a consultant on modern slavery, supply chains, due diligence and public procurement for the OSCE, ILO, the European Parliament and the United Nations.

ADORACIÓN GUAMÁN is a jurist and political scientist, Doctor of Law at the University of Paris Nan-

terre and the University of Valencia, and a senior professor of employment law at the University of Valencia. She is director of the Research Group on Constituent Power and New Constitutionalism at the University of Valencia, and coordinator of the CLACSO Lex Mercatoria, Democracy and Human Rights working group.

JOSÉ MIGUEL SÁNCHEZ is a researcher and lecturer in the area of employment law at the University of Valencia. He holds a degree in Law and a degree in Industrial Relations and Human Resources. His research has focused particularly on social and employment clauses in public procurement contracts, platform economies and inclusive public procurement.

LENA DIESING is an expert on responsible public procurement at the OECD Centre for Responsible Business Conduct. In her analytical work, she links responsible business conduct and public procurement strategies, and helps public buyers draw on due diligence to enhance their purchasing. Lena has been working at the OECD since 2013. She has focused on policy reviews to evaluate public policies of OECD Members and beyond, and, with external stakeholders, enhanced an indicator-based evaluation methodology, the Methodology for Assessing Procurement Systems (MAPS.). Lena holds a Master of Arts in International Economics and International Relations from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS).

TABLE 2

CARLA CANAL ROSICH is a political scientist and civil servant working with Barcelona City Council's Directorate for Global Justice, as well as being a member of the city's Technical Working Group on Sustainable Public Procurement. She specialises in public administration and international cooperation. She has also worked in

the field of public policy alignment and international cooperation with the Government of Catalonia and the United Nations Development Programme, in addition to participating in cooperation and education projects aimed at promoting sustainable development across a range of different agencies and countries.

KRISTIN TALLBO is a human rights lawyer and sustainability strategist at Adda Central Purchasing Body in Sweden, where her main focus is sustainable supply chains. She coordinated Swedish public buyers' work on forced labour in the electronics supply chains China, and works closely with both civil society and public buyers on, for example, conflict minerals. Together with the Swedish National Agency for Public Procurement and the Swedish Regions, she has also recently developed new contract terms for sustainability due diligence, including an extensive guidance to public buyers and suppliers.

PAULINE GOTHBERG has over 10 years of experience in public administration and is the national coordinator for the Swedish Regions work on sustainable public procurement. She has also led the implementation of a OECD project on Leveraging responsible business conduct through public procurement. Its objective was to advance the integration of responsible business conduct standards and the use of risk-based supply chain due diligence in public procurement policies and processes. She is also a board member of Electronics Watch and holds a PhD in Business Administration from the Royal Institute of Technology, Sweden.

TABLE 3

OCTAVI DE LA VARGA holds a degree in Law, a master's degree in European Integration from the Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB), a postgraduate degree in Humanitarian Aid from the University of Deusto, and a

postgraduate degree in International Relations from the University of Barcelona (UB). His areas of expertise are institutional capacity-building for local government, policies for social cohesion and decentralised cooperation, European programmes, and transnational networks. He is currently an international strategic projects advisor to the Provincial Council of Barcelona and was previously Executive Director of Metropolis. His professional experience is closely tied to international cooperation and local areas, as head of the Provincial Council of Barcelona's Europe and International Strategy Office and Development Cooperation Office, Executive Director of the Coordination and Guidance Office of the URB-AL III Programme, and head of the Intermón-Oxfam EU Unit in Barcelona, among other positions.

VICTOR TORRENTS is an Industrial Engineer with post-graduate studies in Local Government Management and Environmental Auditing. His extensive knowledge of the commercial sector and public service comes from 20 years of experience representing business interests in public law and 10 years at the Catalan Association of Municipalities (ACM), through which he has spearheaded the Central de Compres del Món Local - Local Governments Joint Central Purchasing body, which is currently used by more than 1,300 local organisations. Aside from public procurement, he is also an expert in the Spanish energy system, the environment, entrepreneurship and administrative streamlining.

STINE FOSS is Sustainability Manager for Ethical Trade for the City of Oslo. She has worked with sustainability and human and worker rights in global supply chains for more than a decade, previously with the Ethical Trade Norway. She has been following the development of Human Rights Due Diligence and Responsible Business Conduct from the expectation set in UNGP and the OECD towards mandatory due diligence through the Norwegian Transparency Act.

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ÈLIA VILASECA holds a Law degree from the University of Barcelona and currently works as Operational-Legal Support for Public Procurement for the Catalan Railway System (FGC). She has also worked at the Government of Catalonia's General Directorate for Public Procurement, providing legal advice to its various ministries and public bodies. She has been a member of the Socially Responsible Public Procurement Group since 2016.

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MARC BARBERÀ BOJ is a lawyer and Director of the Public Procurement Support Service for the Barcelona Metropolitan Transports (TMB). He graduated in Law from the University of Barcelona, and subsequently in Business Administration and Management from Abat Oliba University. He has more than 15 years of experience within TMB. Having participated in the first electric bus tests in TMB's operational area. He is currently leading efforts for the inclusion of social, ethical, and environmental criteria as per the company's objectives to ensure socially responsible and sustainable public procurement.

ROCÍO PANIAGUA manages the Electronics Watch Low-Emission Vehicle Programme, which aims to apply the Electronics Watch impact model to the low-emission vehicle and associated battery supply chains. Before joining EW, Rocio headed the Business Integrity Programme at Transparency International-UK. She coordinated and led the delivery of the Programme's products, services, advocacy, and communications strategies, to achieve real change in the fight against corruption. She has a law degree at the Autónoma University of Madrid; she undertook additional law studies and earned a Master's Degree in International Cooperation for Development.

JESÚS REA CAMPOS is director of the Centre for Public Research and Services (CISEP), and an EW partner responsible for monitoring, training, and engagement activities in local industry in Bolivia. CISEP is a non-profit civic association, founded in 1984, that works closely with cooperatives in the department of Oruro, undertaking grassroots efforts with mining workers, cooperative directors and, at a strategic level, the Federation of Mining Cooperatives of Oruro.

MARA INZAINA is an Officer for Sustainable, Innovation and Circular Procurement at ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability and the Community Support for the Procura+ European Sustainable Procurement Network. She's involved in several European projects which allow her to deepen her knowledge of public procurement and sustainability. She has a background in Foreign Languages and Cultures and on International Cooperation on Human Rights and Intercultural Heritage, with a particular focus on foreign aid and policy coherence for development.

TABLE 6

ESTHER LOZANO holds a degree in Law from Pompeu Fabra University (UPF), and a diploma in Management and Public Administration from the University of Barcelona (UB). She has a master's degree in Health Services Management at the Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB), an Advanced Official Master's in Legal Sciences at the UPF, and an Official Master's in Advanced Public Management at the UB. With more than 15 years of experience in public procurement, since January 2015, she has been the Head of Procurement at the MAR Health Park Consortium Barcelona.

PIATRULSEN is the head of ethical trade at the Norwegian Hospital Procurement. This is one of Norway's largest public buyers. She has been working with human rights and labour rights in public procurement since 2010. She has been a front runner for this topic both in Norway and internationally. In her work she is setting requirements

for ethical supply chains in public procurements and the subsequent follow ups with meetings with the suppliers and visiting the production sites in low income countries. She was the head of the International Working Group for Ethical Public Procurement (IWGEEP) for three years.

PAULA HORS holds a degree in Law from Pompeu Fabra University (2011), in addition to holding a master 's degree in Public Health Procurement from the Tesera de Hospitalidad. She has also studied legal practice at the Illustrious Bar Association of Barcelona and participated in a range of courses and conferences concerning public procurement. She has worked as a trainee with the Catalan Health Service (2011-2012), as a lecturer in a law firm specialising in administrative law (2012-2013) and, since 2014, she has been legal advisor to the Joint Public Procurement Service at the Catalan Health and Social Care Consortium, holding the position of head of the department since September 2018.

DAVIDE MALMUSI has a degree in Medicine and Surgery (2004) and a master's degree in Public Health from Pompeu Fabra University (UPF) (2006), in addition to a specialist qualification in Preventive Medicine and Public Health (2009) and a PhD in Biomedicine - specialising in Public Health - from UPF (2012). From 2009 to 2015, he worked as a researcher in social epidemiology and assessment of policy impact on health inequalities at the Barcelona Public Health Agency and the CIBER in Epidemiology and Public Health. Since 2016 he has been Director of Health Services at Barcelona City Council and represents the council in the governing bodies of the Barcelona Health Consortium, the MAR Consortium, the Hospital de Sant Pau Health Management Foundation and the Catalan Health and Social Care Consortium.

TABLE 7

MEI L. TRUEBA is a s senior lecturer in International Development and Global Health at the University of

Sussex (UK). Mei is an applied anthropologist with a PhD in Development studies from the Institute of Development Studies (UK) and academic and professional backgrounds in public health, occupational health and safety, and development studies. Her work is predominantly concerned with the political economies of workplace standards, and she uses grounded research to inform health policy and practice. Since 2008 Mei has led and collaborated in various action-research projects aimed at improving the working conditions and quality of life of workers at the end of supply chains through evidence-informed action throughout the supply chain.

ANNA BARDOLET is coordinator and project manager at LaCoordi. She holds a master's degree in Violence, Conflict and Development from the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) in London, and a master's degree in Citizenship and Human Rights from the University of Barcelona. She holds a degree in International Relations from Vesalius College (VUB) in Brussels. She has worked as a researcher in migrations, and as project manager at CIDOB. Her work in recent years has focused on Human Rights, and on highlighting the injustices of the current economic and political system, with a special interest in economic alternatives.

MIQUEL BENITO LÓPEZ is Head of Coordination for Administrative Procurement at Barcelona City Council. He graduated in Law and has a Master's Degree in Local and Urban Law. He is Senior Legal Officer at Barcelona City Council and a career civil servant. He has worked as a legal advisor for the Barcelona City Council Resource Management Department; Head of Legal Services of the independent institute Barcelona Esports; Head of Recruitment and Heritage Services for the City of l'Hospitalet del Llobregat; Head of Legal Services of the independent municipal institute for social services in Barcelona; and as a partner with Barcelona City Council and the School of Public Administration in public procurement training.