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Incorporating Social Considerations into Public Procurement

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What are social considerations?



Examples of Social Considerations



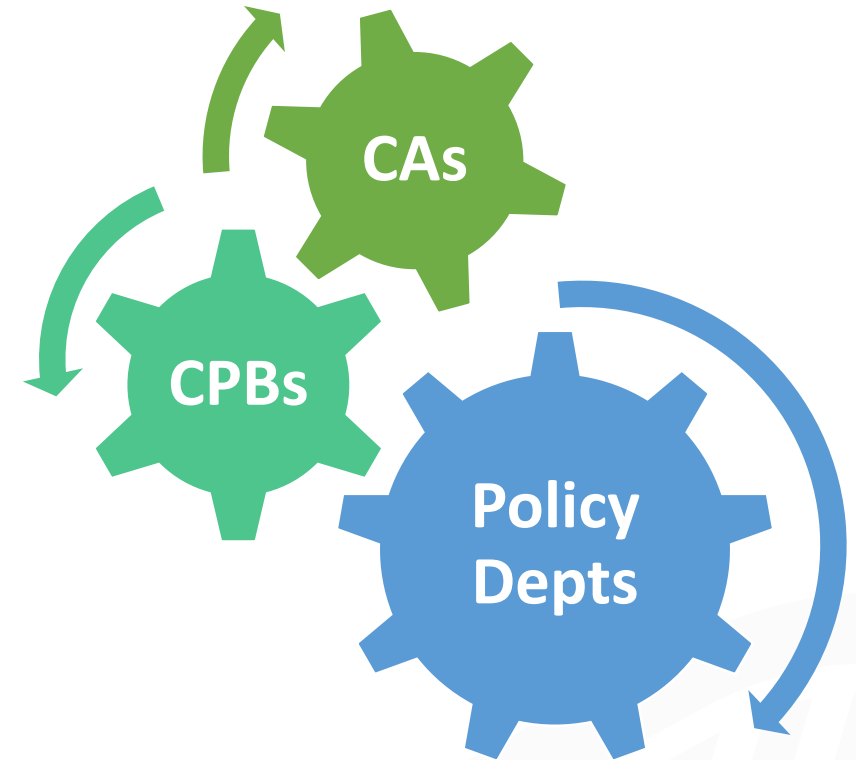
What do Social Considerations have to do with Procurement?

- EU public procurement rules
- Irish public procurement law
- Procurement reform
- Private Members Bills
- OGP Information Note



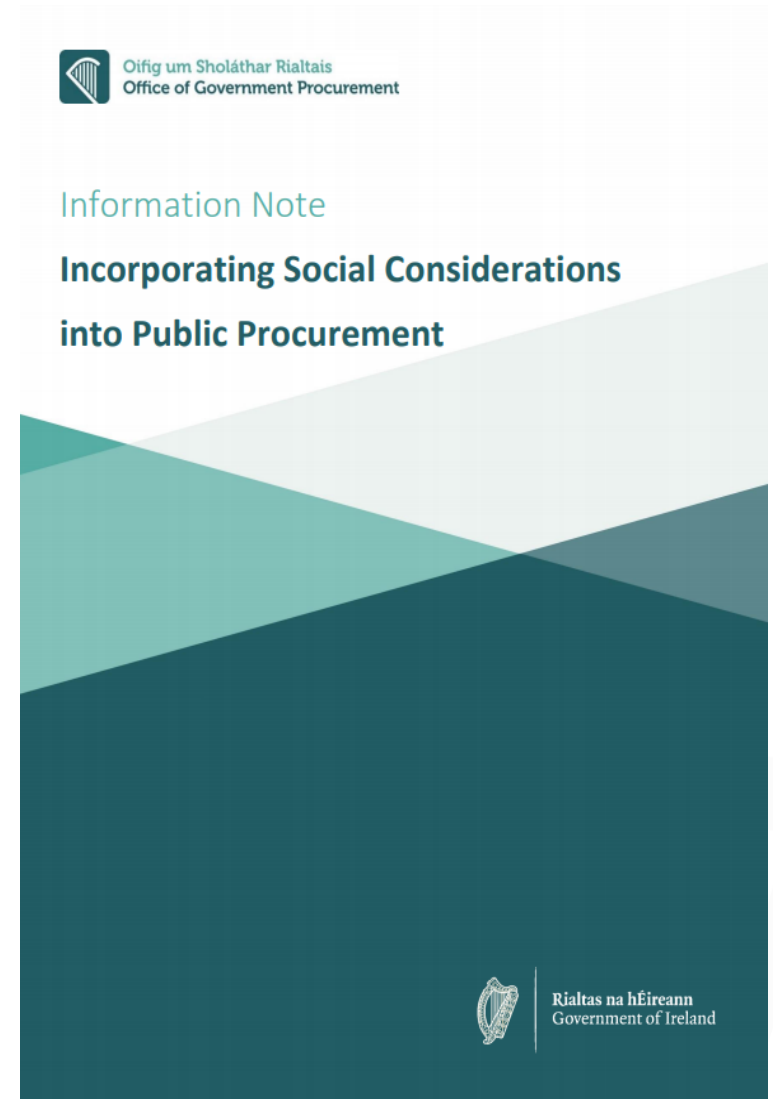
Who, What, How and When?

- Policy Departments
- Contracting Authorities
- OGP and other Central Purchasing Bodies



How are Social Considerations Incorporated?

- Plan from the outset – business case stage
- Incorporate at the most appropriate stage:
 - Specifications
 - Selection criteria
 - Award criteria
 - Contract Management



Important factors to be considered

- Linked to the subject matter of the contract
- Comply with EU / National Rules
- Value for Money / Proportionality
- Possible alternatives
- SME impact
- Inform potential bidders from the start



Social Considerations Advisory Group

- Promote and facilitate the incorporation of social considerations
 - Identify social policy objectives
 - Match identified objectives with suitable procurement opportunities
 - Advise on the appropriate method for incorporating social considerations
 - Members serve as key contact points within their own Department;
 - Consider monitoring and reporting arrangements
- Office of Government Procurement - Chair
 - Dept. of Justice and Equality
 - Dept. of Communications, Climate Action and Energy
 - Dept. of Transport, Tourism and Sport
 - Dept. of Health
 - Dept. of Education and Skills
 - Dept. of Employment Affairs and Social Protection
 - Dept. of Rural and Community Development
 - Schools Procurement Unit/JMB
 - Local Government Management Agency

Summary

- Download the OGP Information Note
- Plan
 - Consult with the relevant policy area, legal advisors, OGP
 - Consider resources and value for money
 - Test the market
 - Proportional – Open – Fair – Transparent



QUESTIONS?



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