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# Incorporating Social Considerations into Public Procurement

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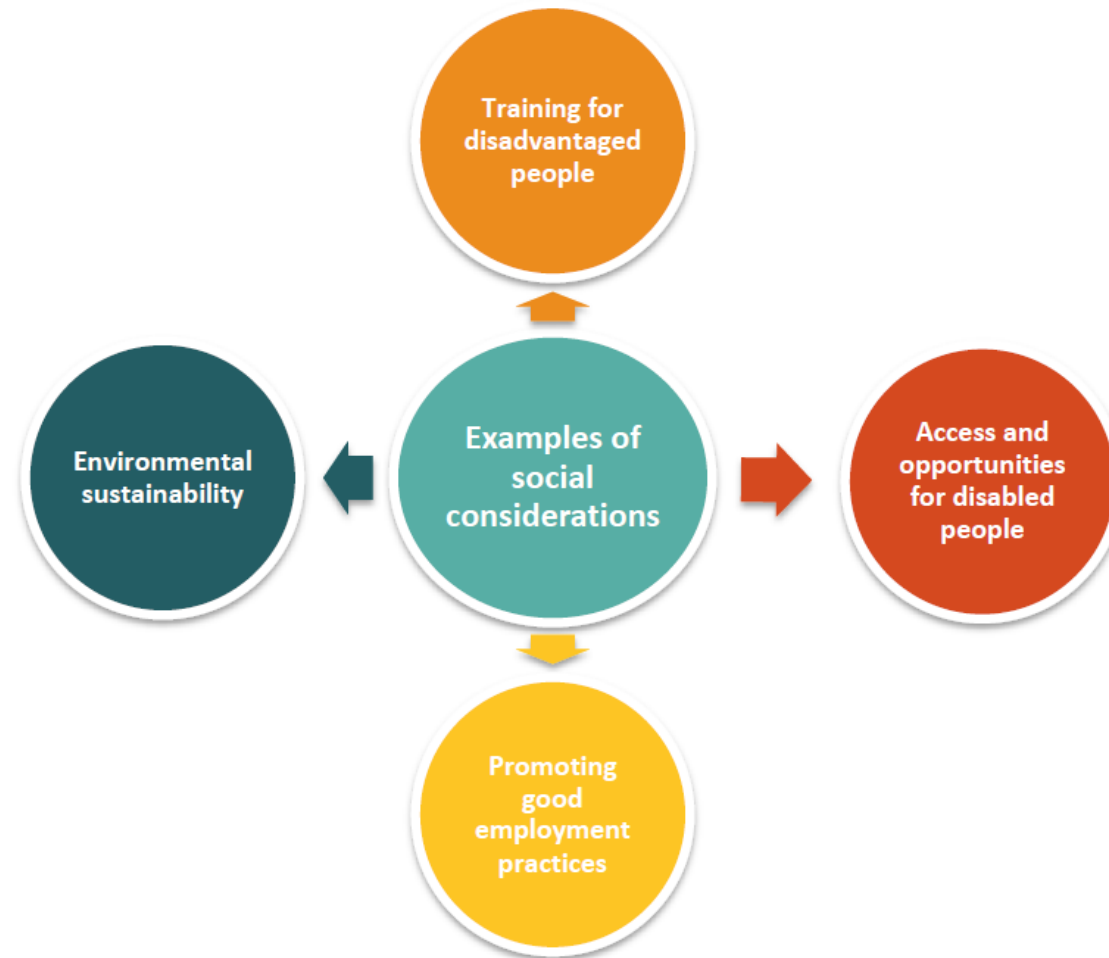
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# What are social considerations?



# Examples of Social Considerations



# What do Social Considerations have to do with Procurement?

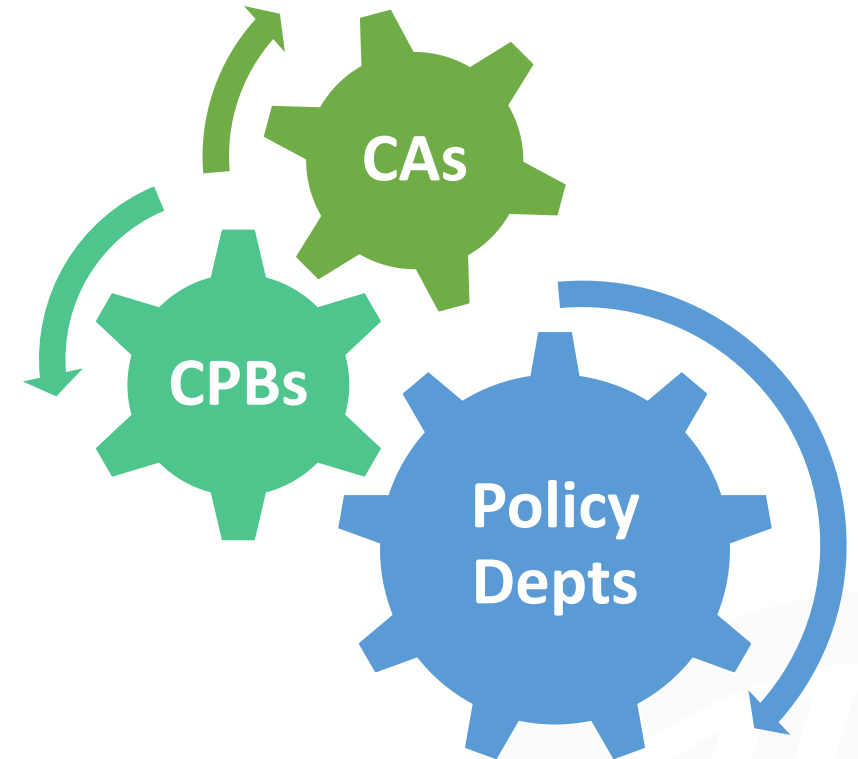
- EU public procurement rules
- Irish public procurement law
- Procurement reform
- Private Members Bills
- OGP Information Note



# Who, What, How and When?

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- 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

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- 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

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- 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

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- 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



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# QUESTIONS?



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