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Pre-commercial procurement: driving innovation to ensure sustainable high-quality public services in Europe
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Amendment 1
Joel Hasse Ferreira

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Welcomes the Commission Report and supports the proposed risk/benefit sharing pre-commercial procurement model as *a driver* of innovation;

Amendment

1. Welcomes the Commission Report and supports the proposed risk/benefit sharing pre-commercial procurement model, ***which must effectively cover the public sector and SMEs*** as *drivers* of innovation;

Or. pt

Amendment 2
Joel Hasse Ferreira

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Welcomes the Commission Report and supports the proposed risk/benefit sharing pre-commercial procurement model as *a driver* of innovation;

Amendment

1. Welcomes the Commission Report and supports the proposed risk/benefit sharing pre-commercial procurement model as ***one of the drivers*** of innovation;

Or. en

Amendment 3
Joel Hasse Ferreira

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Endorses the Aho Report and in particular the view that Member States should use public procurement to drive demand for innovative goods whilst improving the ***level*** of public services;

Amendment

2. Endorses the Aho Report and in particular the view that Member States should use public procurement to drive demand for innovative goods whilst improving the ***quality and accessibility*** of

public services;

Or. pt

Amendment 4
Joel Hasse Ferreira

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Considers that pre-commercial procurement constitutes an under-exploited driver of innovation-led growth for the EU with significant potential to achieve high-quality public services such as health care and transport and to address the social challenges of climate change, sustainable energy and an ageing population;

Amendment

4. Considers that pre-commercial procurement constitutes an under-exploited driver of innovation-led growth for the EU with significant potential to achieve high-quality ***and readily accessible*** public services such as health care and transport and to address the social challenges of climate change, sustainable energy and an ageing population;

Or. pt

Amendment 5
Joel Hasse Ferreira

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Considers that pre-commercial procurement constitutes an under-exploited driver of innovation-led growth for the EU with significant potential to achieve high-quality public services ***such as health care and transport*** and to address the social challenges of climate change, sustainable energy ***and*** an ageing population;

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4. Considers that pre-commercial procurement constitutes an under-exploited driver of innovation-led growth for the EU with significant potential to achieve high-quality public services and to address the social challenges of climate change, sustainable energy, an ageing population ***and other social challenges***;

Or. en

Amendment 6
Joel Hasse Ferreira

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Regrets that many public authorities are not aware of the potential of pre-commercial procurement ***and do not yet act as ‘intelligent customers’***;

Amendment

5. Regrets that many public authorities are not aware of the potential of pre-commercial procurement;

Or. en

Amendment 7
Malcolm Harbour

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

8a. Notwithstanding the distinctive approach taken in pre-commercial procurement, notes that good principles of procurement should still apply, namely transparency and competitiveness, to ensure that integrated end-solutions meet customer needs;

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 8
Joel Hasse Ferreira

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

8a. Endorses the Commission communication, which provides a potential conceptual basis for pre-commercial procurement and its

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implementation, but considers that there are some gaps regarding the manner of giving effect to the procedure proposed, especially at local and regional level;

Or. pt

Amendment 9
Joel Hasse Ferreira

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8b. Considers, as far as local and regional authorities are concerned, that there is still not enough information about the continuing obstacles preventing them from implementing pre-commercial procurement with the aim of promoting genuinely innovative solutions in the public interest;

Or. pt

Amendment 10
Joel Hasse Ferreira

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. Urges the Commission and the Member States to provide local and regional contracting authorities with training guidelines and tools showing how pre-commercial R & D procurement might be used;

Or. pt

Amendment 11
Malcolm Harbour

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Commends the above-mentioned Commission staff working document on 10 elements of good practice for innovative solutions in public procurement and welcomes the broader activities of Pro Ino Europe in support of innovation; calls on the Commission to draw up a similar best practice guide for pre-commercial procurement, ***which should also cover how design contests might be used;***

Amendment

11. Commends the above-mentioned Commission staff working document on 10 elements of good practice for innovative solutions in public procurement and welcomes the broader activities of Pro Ino Europe in support of innovation; calls on the Commission to draw up a similar best practice guide for pre-commercial procurement;

Or. en

Amendment 12
Joel Hasse Ferreira

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Considers that pre-commercial procurement has very great potential as a further step towards embedding innovative procurement, but recognises the need for specialist procurement skills and for Member States to sponsor training activities to develop management tools;

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12. Considers that pre-commercial procurement has very great potential as a further step towards embedding innovative procurement, but recognises the need for specialist procurement skills and for Member States, ***in partnership with business, universities, and training centres,*** to sponsor training activities to develop management tools;

Or. pt

Amendment 13
Malcolm Harbour

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Calls on the Member States to identify in the innovation policy mix medium- to long-term public challenges to be solved by technological solutions developed through pre-commercial procurement; is of the opinion that such solutions could include design contests and challenge funds, such as the US Driverless Vehicle Challenge;

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14. Calls on the Member States ***and the Commission*** to identify in the innovation policy mix medium- to long-term public challenges to be solved by technological solutions developed through pre-commercial procurement; is of the opinion that such solutions could include design contests and challenge funds, such as the US Driverless Vehicle Challenge;

Or. en

Amendment 14
Malcolm Harbour

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

14a. Considers that knowledge transfers between technologically innovative universities, research centres and contracting authorities form an integral part of successful pre-commercial procurement;

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Or. en

Amendment 15
Malcolm Harbour

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14b. Notes that European innovation agencies, such as VINNOVA in Sweden, Tekes in Finland, Senternovem in the Netherlands and Innovation Norway, play an integral part in the transfer of knowledge between prospective customers and researchers; by fostering cooperation between parties involved in research and development, they encourage the uptake of pre-commercial procurement; therefore encourages the Member States to examine the operation of these agencies as a benchmark for their own activities;

Or. en

Amendment 16
Malcolm Harbour

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14c. Notes the importance of EU Technology Platforms in providing a framework to define research and development priorities and in linking innovations which are ready for exploitation to the needs of prospective customers; also notes that Technology Platforms can align the early market development of new technologies with the needs of public authorities; calls on the Commission, therefore, to ensure better integration of Technology Platforms into pre-commercial procurement;

Or. en

Amendment 17
Malcolm Harbour

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17a. Commends the Commission proposal for clarifying the role of public authorities in fostering research and development and stimulating innovation through their procurement activities; stresses that Member States' procurement policies should not be overly prescriptive, since pre-commercial procurement can be practically organised in different ways to suit specific projects and needs whilst still complying with Community rules;

Or. en

Amendment 18
Malcolm Harbour

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21. Notes that financial incentives **for** pre-commercial procurement already exist in certain Member States, where up to 50% of the costs of the first pre-commercial procurement are matched by a central authority;

21. Considers that pre-commercial procurement can work most effectively if there are sufficient incentives for public authorities to tap into research and development markets and for suppliers to become involved in government projects; therefore notes that financial incentives ***are extremely important in the uptake of*** pre-commercial procurement ***and*** already exist in certain Member States, where up to 50% of the costs of the first pre-commercial procurement are matched by a central authority;

Or. en

Amendment 19
Joel Hasse Ferreira

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Notes that financial incentives for pre-commercial procurement already exist in certain Member States, where **up to 50%** of the costs of the first pre-commercial procurement **are** matched by a central authority;

Amendment

21. Notes that financial incentives for pre-commercial procurement already exist in certain Member States, where a **substantial proportion** of the costs of the first pre-commercial procurement **can be** matched by a central authority;

Or. pt

Amendment 20
Joel Hasse Ferreira

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Notes that strengthening pre-commercial procurement remains one way among many for Member States to raise their game in innovation and research; calls **therefore** on Member States to **promote** innovation by engaging all stakeholders, including universities, research institutes and other bodies involved in the promotion of economic development, so as to better engage public authorities with innovative enterprise;

Amendment

2a. Notes that strengthening pre-commercial procurement remains one way among many for Member States to raise their game in innovation and research; calls on Member States to **invest more public funds in a global and consistent strategy for research and** innovation by engaging all stakeholders, including universities, research institutes and other bodies involved in the promotion of economic development, so as to better engage public authorities with innovative enterprise;

Or. en