



2018

Conference on Responsible Public Procurement

Social responsibility and quality in public procurement

Conference on Responsible Public Procurement by The Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs and the Ministry of Agriculture

September 20, 2018, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

The Congress Centre of the Czech National Bank
(Senovážné náměstí 30, Prague 1)

Quality is one of the most frequent words in recent public procurement-debate. There are often discussions on optimum price-quality ratio, on the possibility of subjective award criteria and on the negative outcomes of long term „lowest price“-based procurement strategies. Despite these discussions lowest price approach still prevails.

This year's issue of Conference should therefore focus on three topics: quality of management of the procurement activities, award criteria recognising also qualitative (social responsible) aspects and (last but not least) management and quality in supply chains.

PROGRAMME:

8.30 Registration & Coffee

9.00 Opening remarks

Tomáš Nidetzký – Czech National Bank, Robin Povšík – Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs of the Czech Republic, Jiří Šimon – Ministry of Agriculture of the Czech Republic

9.30 Panel discussion 1: Public procurement quality begins with process setup and organization management

Keynote by Shaun McCarthy – Action Sustainability (Great Britain), followed by debate with Matthieu Cahen – OECD (France), Valdemar Adamiš – Ministry of Finance (Czech Republic), Jiří Šimon – Ministry of Agriculture (Czech Republic), Leona Gergelová Šteigrová – Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (Czech Republic)

11.00 Coffee break

11.30 Panel discussion 2: Quality vs Price. What is the value of social responsibility?

Martin Hadaš – Masaryk University Brno (Czech Republic), Simon Clement – ICLEI, (Germany), Jaroslav Lexa – Office for Public Procurement (Slovak Republic), Ondřej Čurilla – HAVEL & PARTNERS s.r.o., attorneys-at-law (Czech Republic), Dalma Kittka, City of Budapest (Hungary)

13.00 Lunch

14.00 Award for the implementation of responsible public procurement in the Czech Republic

14.30 Panel discussion 3: What is the relationship between quality and a sustainable supply chain?

Caitlin Helfrich – International Labour Organization, ILO (Switzerland), Malika Kessous – Ministère de l'Économie et des Finances (France), Shaun McCarthy – Action Sustainability (Great Britain), State Labour Inspection Office (Czech Republic), Jiří Prokš – University of Chemistry and Technology, Prague (Czech Republic)

16.00 Conference closing, glass of wine, networking

Registration and more information: <http://sovz.cz/en/events/>

The working language is Czech, the contributions of foreign participants will be simultaneously interpreted.



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