

Central Bohemia Region organizes first training session towards public buyers

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Our experimentations have reached the state of the release of operational Czech service that we have presented to purchasing officers, one of two main groups of Procure platform users. The Regional Authority invited about 30 public bodies from the whole region as cities, communities and other bodies using public contracts.

Between buyers who have expressed their interest in the digitization of their market place, we hosted during this first session representatives of cities of Kutná Hora, Rudná, Velvary, Hořovice, Nové Strašecí and Brandýs nad Labem. Furthermore, the local Chambers of Commerce and two French partners – Region of Burgundy and company Sopra Group, have as well attended this meeting.

The workshop took place on Tuesday December 9th in the offices of the Central Bohemia Region and was led by Martina Outla, trainer and project manager.

It has started with a short presentation of the overall project, its goals and evolution. The main topic of the day was to teach participants how to use the platform in their daily work. All buyers registered to this workshop had already the profiles created that allowed them to check functionalities on-line simultaneously with the demonstration of steps given by Mrs. Outla and showed on two wide screens.

Attendants were also provided with communication supports and guidelines in order to facilitate the session and ease facing subsequent queries in the future.

In the afternoon, public buyers were shown the service from the enterprises side to underline importance of this audience to which are addressed call for tenders. Then, users were invited to test the platform individually using the knowledge acquired in the morning. Concretely, everybody has to create a tender, put in online, bring modifications and receive e-answers.

Finally, we presented the assistance ensured by the Regional Authority. On the other hand, a helpdesk for enterprises will be available through the local Chamber of Commerce. It is moreover in charge of raising awareness of economic operators on the call for bids released and facilitating the answers. A specific workshop for the SMEs is scheduled on January 20th.

The end of the day was reserved to a question-answer part and to a feed-back. Among the subjects raised, the online publication of the first reale calls for bids and essential role played by the local consular. Mrs. Tereza Pychova on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce confirmed its commitment to promote e-procurement and to lead active policy towards suppliers. According to the purchasing officers, first notices shall be published on the platform in early January.

Let us thank all those who has come and participated in our session. For the others, we have some good news, as another workshop should take place in the beginning of the new year.