



London Universities Purchasing Consortium

Member update – Preparing for the UK leaving the EU

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The Cabinet Office has released a Procurement Policy Note (PPN 02/19) providing information relevant to all public sector contracting authorities.

[Procurement Policy Note 02/19: Preparing for the UK Leaving the EU](#)

The guidance within this PPN are still in draft pending Parliamentary approval of the EU Exit legislation.

Two annexes supplement the PPN:

- Annex 1 provides guidance in the situation where the UK leaves the EU with a deal
- Annex 2 provides guidance in the situation where the UK leaves the EU without a deal.

Contracting Authorities should be prepared to apply the requirements of this PPN in either of the above situations from the point of the UK's exit from the EU (29 March 2019).

Effectively, the public procurement regime will remain broadly unchanged but the guidance for each scenario is set out within the aforementioned annexes.

If the UK leaves the EU with a deal, the current public procurement regulations will continue to apply, unamended, during the implementation period (from 11pm on 29 March 2019 to 31 December 2020).

If the UK leaves the EU without a deal then the draft guidance as set out within Annex 2 will apply from 11pm on 29 March 2019.

The PPN outlines the need to publish public procurement notices to a new UK e-notification service that will replace the EU Publications Office once the UK leaves the EU. More information relating to this UK e-notification service will be issued by the Cabinet Office when the final exit position is known.

Any requirements to advertise on other platforms (e.g. Contracts Finder) will remain unchanged.

LUPC are in discussion with Bravo Solutions regarding their plans for accommodating the new UK e-notification service and we will update members on the outcome of these discussions. Should you use a different e-tendering provider then we recommend that you approach your provider to understand their plans for integrating the new UK e-notification service.

Existing Contracts Finder users will be enabled to publish to the new UK e-notification service automatically and need take no further action to register; however, contracting authorities not already registered will need to register as a Buyer at www.supplierregistration.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/.

For procurements that have commenced before the UK leaves the EU (and advertised in the OJEU/TED), contracting authorities will need to comply with the new regulations e.g. by posting subsequent contract award notices on the new UK e-notification service instead of OJEU/TED.

The Cabinet Office has also published a Frequently Asked Questions document on a 'No deal' exit at https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/784212/Frequently_Asked_Questions_to_accompany_PPN_02_19.pdf

LUPC will notify members when further information becomes available but please also review the ongoing publications from the Cabinet Office.