

EU Public Procurement Policy New developments



Social Dialogue Committee meeting
Contract Catering
Brussels, 8 October 2010



Public Private Partnerships



- Commission's Communication on Public Private Partnerships: "Mobilising private and public investment for recovery: developing PPP" (COM/2009/615 final) 19-11-2009
- Objective: to increase the funding available for PPs
- To extend PPPs from transport (80% of all PPs) to soft sectors including health, education and social sectors



Services Concessions

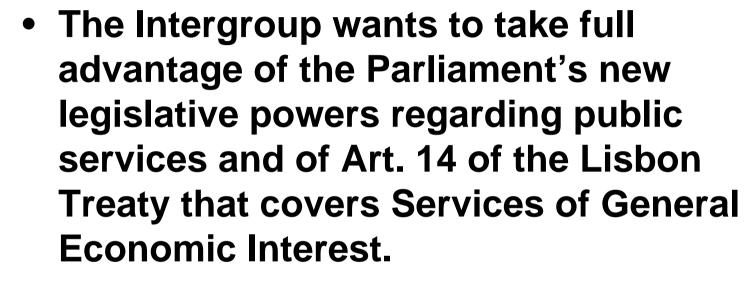


- The general EC Treaty principles (transparency, equal treatment) applying to services concessions need to be clearly spelled out
- Adequate advertising of the intention to award a services concession
- Rules for the selection of concessionaires
- Consultation on concesssions





EU Parliament's Intergroup on Public Services (February 2010)



 The Intergroup intends to promote new legislation protecting local authorities responsible for public services





Monti Report on the Internal Market (May 2010)

Call for:

- A review of public procurement policy
- Integration of horizontal policy objectives (social and environmental) into public procurement
- Clarification of « in-house » management and « public-public » cooperation
- Addressing the issue of services (social services) excluded from the full scope of application of the public procurement law





Resolution of the EU Parliament (May 2010)



- Calls for consistency and better coordination of legislation and soft laws
- Promotion of environmental and social aspects
- Considers that a legal act on services concesssions is unnecessary





Barroso's speech on the State of the Union (September 2010)

- Adoption of a "Single Market Act"
- Improvements to public procurement rules
- Revision of the 2005 package on Services of General Interest (quality framework for public and social services)





Adoption of the "Single Market Act" (October 2010)



- Initiative on services concessions (2011) to improve market access for EU undertakings and promote PPS
- White paper (2010) on modernisation of EU public procurement rules
- EU guidelines on joint procurement





Late Payments



- Stricter payment deadlines on both public authorities and private enterprises
- The deadline should be 30 days (with possible extension to 60 days) and 60 days for public authorities in the health sector
- Interest rates could be double digit

