



Procurement Innovation for Cloud Services in Europe



The delivery of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) services is changing fundamentally. **Cloud-based services are replacing traditional local - or on-premises - software and infrastructure installations for many public sector organisations.**

This applies to government but also to **public research organisations, including libraries**, which currently deal with the outburst of big data and the need for additional computing capacity.

While technology service options continue to evolve, procurement processes and policies have remained firmly rooted in historical practices that are no longer effective.

In order for public research organisations of all sizes to take advantage of the best solutions the market has to offer nowadays, a more flexible and agile procurement process must be created and implemented.

Bringing innovation to how cloud service are procured in Europe

PICSE - A European Procurers' Platform

The main goal of PICSE is to set up a European Procurers' Platform capable of raising the level of understanding in issues related to the procurement of cloud services. Based on an initial set of use cases from the science domain, this unique repository of information will support a network of procurers, promote the cloud services market and help procurers understand the implications of the work being achieved under the cloud computing strategy.

The road to PICSE

PICSE arose from the outcome of the Helix Nebula initiative, of which all three PICSE partners (CERN as the Coordinator, CSA & Trust-IT Services) are members. The work achieved by the Helix Nebula initiative during its two-year pilot phase has shown that cloud services are suitable for scientific workloads performed by public research organisations. And these are now prepared to consider procuring commercial cloud services on a significant scale.

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TOP FIVE OBJECTIVES

1. Set up a European Procurers' Platform
2. Make the procurement model for cloud services simpler
3. Provide a range of best practices for implementing results
4. Set out a realistic roadmap for cloud procurement over the next 5 years
5. Lay the foundations for future joint procurement actions

Who is PICSE for?

- Public Research Organisations
- Libraries

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HORIZON 2020



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PICSE & You

Have you already procured cloud services?

Share with us your experience by becoming one of the PICSE case studies. In return you will have access to a unique & compelling portfolio of cloud procurement guidelines and best practices matured by public research organizations. This will teach you how to purchase cloud services. Contact us at: info@picse.eu

You would like to purchase cloud services but you don't know where to start?

Tell us about what you perceive as a barrier to procure cloud services by answering our short surveys (Deadline: 13 February 2015)
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PICSE>
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PICSEonIaaS>
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PICSEonPaaS-SaaS>
Your account of the procurement challenges will help us deliver a simpler procurement model that you can adopt in your future purchases.

How EC is supporting procurement of cloud services

ICT8 call: Boosting public sector productivity and innovation through cloud computing services

Scope:

- Pre-commercial procurement for public sector cloud computing services (PCP)
- Public procurement of innovative cloud computing solutions (PPI)

Deadline Date 14-04-2015 17:00 CET

Total Call Budget €561,000,000

Are you looking for the right partners to constitute your consortium? Or you want to join an existing consortium?

Take advantage of the PICSE PARTNER SEARCH
www.picse.eu/ict8-partner-search



Want to know more about Pre-Commercial Procurement (PCP)?

The PICSE webinar "Legal aspects of Joint PCPs: from the model decision to the implementation" has all the answers!

25 February 2015, CERN IT Auditorium, Geneva, Switzerland

The event webcast will start at 14:00 CET on
<https://webcast.web.cern.ch/webcast/>



Picse facts

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Partners



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