



CASE STUDY: IMPLEMENTATION OF PUBLIC PROCUREMENT ACTION PLANS

Cities face many challenges when it comes to implementing Public Procurement Strategies and Action Plans including around: data and evidence; embedding innovation and social and environmental criteria; and decision-making and monitoring. The city of Candelaria in Spain produced an Integrated Action Plan (IAP) as part of an URBACT Action Planning Network called [Procure](https://urbact.eu/procure)¹. One year on from the completion of the Procure Network, this document explores how this city has overcome the challenges associated with implementing their IAP.



Decision-Making and Monitoring – The City of Candelaria, Spain

Candelaria is located on the Island of Tenerife, which is the largest and most populated island of the seven Canary Islands in Spain. The City of Candelaria is made up of a central urban area by the coast and several villages into the hills above the city. Candelaria has a population of 27,923 people.

The IAP for Candelaria (produced as part of the Procure Network) has three overarching objectives:

- Improve the process of public procurement for strategic purposes;
- Improve experience and ability to support local businesses;
- Increase the knowledge of local companies about the possibilities offered by public contracting.

A key component of the first objective is ensuring that procurement activities engage with and benefit the residents of Candelaria. The challenge with this is actually involving residents in the design of goods and services and decision-making around procurement.

To overcome the challenge associated with procurement implementation around decision-making and monitoring, the City of Candelaria have continued to include citizens in the process. The City of Candelaria has five neighbourhood councils which consist of Municipality Officers, Councillors and Citizens and which make decisions around the types of goods and services which each of those neighbourhoods need. The neighbourhood councils subsequently work alongside procurement officers and Departments at each of the stages of the procurement cycle, including decision-making.

¹ <https://urbact.eu/procure>