



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 Prague District 9 in Czech Republic 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.



Embedding Innovation, and Social and Environmental Criteria – District 9 Prague, Czech Republic

District 9 is one of 10 municipal districts which form part of the centre of Prague, the capital of the Czech Republic. The Functional Urban Area (FUA) spans much further and is called Prague Capital City and consists of 57 municipal districts. The FUA has a total area of 496km². District 9 is a largely industrial area and has a population of 55,569.

The overarching objectives of the Prague District 9 IAP (produced as part of the Procure Network) linked largely to the core objectives of the Procure Network around: providing a deeper understanding of what can and cannot be achieved; changing procurement cultures; and maximising the benefit procurement brings to cities. There was however an additional key emphasis placed upon embedding environmental considerations and criteria into procurement exercises.

The challenge with the environmental criteria objective was that Czech cities had very little experience of embedding such criteria and were generally very risk averse when it came to undertaking non-orthodox approaches to public procurement.

To overcome the challenge associated with procurement implementation around embedding innovation, and social and environmental criteria, District 9 Prague started undertaking activity during the Procure Network. They particularly sought legal advice around how environmental considerations could form part of a procurement exercise around IT equipment and applied that advice and principles to the actual tender. District 9 Prague have continued to apply these environmental considerations on relevant public procurements as part of the implementation of their IAP.

¹ <https://urbact.eu/procure>