



PUBLIC PROCURERS

staff exchanges for mutual learning

The BUILD project facilitated staff exchanges between the cities of Turku, Tartu, and Rotterdam, allowing public procurement experts to share best practices, discuss challenges, and learn innovative procurement strategies. These exchanges fostered a deeper understanding of procurement processes and enhanced collaboration.



KEY DATA

- **3 Cities and staff exchanges:** Turku (Finland), Tartu (Estonia), Rotterdam (Netherlands).

MAIN BENEFITS

- **Knowledge transfer:** Participants learned how different cities structure and manage their procurement processes, with a focus on innovation.
- **Practical application:** New tools and strategies, such as procurement innovation apps in Turku, were explored and considered for implementation back home.
- **Cross-City learning:** differences in city size, structure, and procurement categories provided fresh insights into procurement approaches.



LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Innovation App:** Turku's app for assessing innovation potential in procurements was a standout feature that inspired the other cities to consider a similar tool.
- **Citizen engagement:** Turku's approach of involving citizens in procurement decisions (e.g., playground equipment) was new to other cities.
- **Local focus:** Rotterdam's approach of supporting local businesses through procurement inspired about ways to strengthen the local economies.
- **Separation of roles:** Rotterdam's distinction between procurement and contract management roles sparked discussions about optimising resources in other cities.
- **Increased professional network**

Learn more about how BUILD's staff exchanges are fostering innovation procurement across Europe:

http://www.build-procurement.eu/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/BUILD_D4.2-Staff-exchanges-to-stimulate-Mutual-Learning-v01.02.pdf