

Press release

## **International Conference Showcasing Innovation Procurement Best Practice in Europe to take place on 18. June**

*7. June 2024 | Martin (Slovakia): The Innovation Procurement Task Force (IPTF), led by PEDAL Consulting, s. r. o., organises a high-profile conference “Scaling-up Innovation Procurement in Europe” in Brussels on 18. June 2024. It marks the grand finale of the BUILD project focusing on fostering innovation procurement among public buyers. Key stakeholders from this field will gather to highlight the critical advancements in innovation procurement capacity building. As well as to set the stage to scale-up its adoption.*

The conference represents a culmination of efforts within the Horizon Europe Coordination and Support Action (HEU CSA) initiatives, funded under the HORIZON-EIE-2021-CONNECT-01-02 call. Namely the BUILD initiative and its sister projects PROCEDIN and Health InnoFacilitator.

A dynamic program is designed to foster in-depth discussions and collaborative exploration of strategies:

### **1. Policy Perspectives on Scaling Up**

Deepening the understanding of barriers and pathways to effective innovation procurement scaling from a policy standpoint.

### **2. Capacity Building in Action**

Highlighting outputs from individual projects, the session focuses on the practical application of developed resources and methodologies.

### **3. Learning Lab**

Using a World Café approach, participants collaboratively develop strategies for accelerating the adoption and scaling up of innovation procurement.

Throughout the day, participants will have the opportunity to explore objectives and achievements of the IPTF projects, engaging with their tangible outcomes and a wide variety of stakeholders interested in adopting innovations on large scale.

The conference is a stage for the collaborative spirit fostered by the IPTF. Apart from four core members, it combines also the knowledge and expertise of the Urban Agenda Partnership on Innovative and Responsible Public Procurement, Procure4Health, and the Prepare Project.

### **About the BUILD initiative**

One of the founding members of the IPTF, this 2-year long project has played a crucial role in establishing a robust framework for enhancing procurement capacities. During the project implementation, several empowering activities took place:

- organising free trainings and knowledge to procurement stakeholders,
- exploring innovation procurement challenges in close contact with procurers,
- leveraging existing initiatives with intensive communication and synergies building

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#### Quote

**Robert Miskuf,**  
Project Coordinator  
(CEO, PEDAL  
Consulting, s.r.o.)

*“To execute successful and fruitful procurement of innovation, we need empowered procurers and courageous suppliers of innovation. Thanks to Innovation Procurement Task Force, we can amplify our common efforts in this respect.”*

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