Q 1. What is the most important thing that the strategy needs to deliver?

Q2.  What are the biggest challenges that you see in delivering the strategy over the next 5 years?

Q3.  Do you have any views on how these challenges can be met?

Q4.  Do you have any specific feedback on Theme 1 – Strategic Public Procurement?

Strategic Public Procurement is an umbrella terms for green public procurement, socially responsible public procurement and innovation procurement.

Q5.  Do you have any specific feedback on Theme 2 – Transparency?

Transparency is a fundamental principle of EU and national procurement law. It governs each stage of the process from tender publication to contract award.

Q6.  Do you have any specific feedback on Theme 3 – Digitalisation?

Digitalisation: The objective of eForms and eTenders, and the desire for the phased provision of high quality, integrated, end-to-end digital procurement is to reduce administrative burdens for buyers and suppliers and create new pathways for Irish businesses to participate in public procurement.

Q7.  Do you have any specific feedback on Theme 4 – Informed Delivery?

Informed Delivery refers to a process that helps people make well-informed decisions about policies, programs and projects by putting the best available evidence at the heart of policy development and implementation.

Q8.  Do you have any specific feedback on Theme 5 – Public Trust?

Public Trust: Public procurement can play a critical role in maintaining and building public trust in government. The OECD has identified five key drivers of trust in public institutions which are responsiveness; reliability; integrity; openness and fairness.

Q9.  Do you have any specific feedback on Theme 6 – Capability building for public buyers?

Capability building for public buyers: Ensuring that public buyers and policy makers have the necessary skills and knowledge to deliver on the agreed actions will be crucial to the successful implementation of the strategy.

Q10.  Do you have any specific feedback on Theme 7 – Supports for SMEs?

Supports for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs): The Programme for Government commits to developing Ireland’s enterprise base as a priority – from backing small businesses and start-ups, to scaling up indigenous firms.

Q11.  Do you have any specific feedback on Theme 8 – Central purchasing?

Central purchasing: The OGP and its sourcing sector partners in Health, Education, Defence and Local Government have responsibility for sourcing common goods and services on behalf of the public service through “central procurement arrangements”.

Q12.  Do you have any specific feedback on Theme 9 – Efficient and effective public procurement?

Efficient and Effective public procurement refers to the optimal use of resources (both human and financial) and on-time delivery, quality and value for money but also using public procurement to deliver wider societal, economic and environmental impact.

Q13.  Do you have any specific feedback on Theme 10 – Infrastructure?

Infrastructure: The Programme for Government identifies stable, long-term delivery of essential infrastructure as a priority for the Government.

Q14. Do you have any specific feedback on Theme 11 - Resilience?

Resilience: Challenges brought about by crises such as the Covid-19 pandemic and the high cost of energy prices, have highlighted the importance of resilience component to public procurement strategic planning to ensure the crises preparedness of the public procurement system.

Q15.  The objective of the strategy is to improve the lives of the people of Ireland through the delivery of strategic, innovative, sustainable and transparent public procurement practices. What do you think of this objective? Is there anything that we should add?

Q16.  Do you have any other feedback that you would like us to take into account when forming this strategy?