



**INTERREG IIIB  
NORTHERN PERIPHERY PROGRAMME  
PUBLIC PROCUREMENT**

# WHY?

## Public Procurement rules:

- Are designed to prohibit any discrimination or restrictions in the choice of supplies and services
- Aim to to make procedures more transparent and ensure that there is effective competition
- Ensure there is effective competition so that the public & semi-public sector buy goods & services of a better quality and price



## PUBLIC PROCUREMENT RULES

- Apply to public sector bodies.
- May be applicable to other organisations when receiving public grants.
- Aim at securing transparent and fair conditions in the common market by principles of openness and competition.
- Mainly applicable in the NPP when hiring consultants for the project.



# SERVICE CONTRACTS

## EU Level:

A call for tender on a European level is compulsory for service contracts over 200 000 EUR per year (excluding VAT) awarded by a public sector body



# NATIONAL RULES

## RULE OF THUMB:

- Scotland/UK:
  - Ask for at least three bids when awarding contracts over £5000 (approx 7500 EUR)
- Sweden:
  - Apply tendering procedures when awarding consultant contracts of over 74 000 SEK (approx 8000 EUR), depending also on the rules concerning your organisation



## NATIONAL RULES

- Finland:
  - Competitive tenders for awarding contracts below the thresholds by sending out requests for tender to a sufficient number of potential suppliers in the field or by publishing an announcement
  - Thresholds:
    - 162 293 EUR General state admin
    - 249 681 EUR Other authorities



# NORWEGIAN RULE OF THUMB

- Norway:
  - Tendering procedures should be applied when awarding contracts over 200 000 NOK (approx 25 000 EUR)
  - NOTE! Openness and competition also below thresholds



# ICELAND

- Iceland:

- All service contracts awarded by public sector bodies exceeding ISK 10 000 000 (approx 115 000 EUR) should be put out to tender.



# COMPETITION POLICY

## **DE MINIMIS RULE = Ceiling for public aid to private sector bodies**

- No more than 100 000 EUR in public aid
- Over a three- (3) year period
- Covers ALL public assistance granted by national, regional or local authorities



## REMEMBER

- Do not trust us, please contact your national tax authority for correct and up to date information
- Contact the Joint Programme Secretariat with any queries!

