

# INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATION PROGRAM IN STRATEGIC PUBLIC PROCUREMENT – for Lebanese officials

## « Unlock Your Potential in Public Procurement »

Are you a procurement professional looking to elevate your career and contribute to ensuring value for money and efficiency?

Are you a procurement specialist seeking to know more about Public Procurement?

Look no further!

The **International Certification Program in Strategic Public Procurement** is the first program of its kind tailored for Lebanese officials and professionals who are passionate, experienced, and committed to make a difference in the field of public procurement.

## PROGRAM OBJECTIVE

The program is designed to equip participants with essential knowledge regarding the strategic importance of public procurement, its functions, and procedures. The emphasis is on ensuring value for money and compliance with national, EU, and international procurement regulations. The program is intended to serve as a catalyst for the implementation of the Public Procurement Law no.244/2021 in Lebanon, in line with international standards and good practices.

### Why this Certificate?

1. Increase awareness and knowledge of good practices and of the strategic role of public procurement, and linkages with good governance, transparency, anti-corruption and sustainability.
2. Understand the pivotal role of public procurement in shaping economic policies, enhancing inclusive growth and effective competition.
3. Gain insights into local and international regulations, principles, and practices to align with the highest standards.
4. Elevate skills to manage contracts, enhance leadership qualities, and open doors to new opportunities and exchange in public procurement.

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

### 1. Expert-Led Training

Learn from leading internationally recognized academics, public procurement experts, and professionals in law, economics, and management.

### 2. Bi-Lingual Comprehensive Curriculum

Dive deep into diversified topics such as the new Public Procurement Law in Lebanon, International regulations, Integrity, Sustainability, and Complaints handling, delivered in the English and Arabic languages.

### 3. Interactive and Peer Learning

Access a unique learning experience combining theoretical classroom instruction with a practical approach and simulations, and a networking opportunity with colleagues and professionals in the field.

#### 4. Blended Learning Model

Enjoy a part-time program with a mix of classroom-based seminars in Beirut and online webinars, ensuring flexibility for working professionals.

#### 5. Study Exchange in Italy

A unique opportunity for the top achievers to explore international perspectives and exchange experiences.

#### 6. Pathway to advanced studies in public procurement

A pathway to pursue the International Master in Public Procurement Management (IMPPM) at the University of Rome Tor Vergata in Italy, a full time, advanced, postgraduate and internationally-recognized Master, for the top achievers of the certification program.

## PROGRAM STRUCTURE

### Training delivery in Beirut

- The program is composed of high-level training courses designed to enhance the skills and knowledge of selected procurement officials. It is built on 50 hours of immersive learning experience spread over 5 weeks between May and June 2024 in Beirut.
- Participants have to expect a balanced and manageable workload of a 10-hour training distributed over 2 days per week.
- Participants have to undertake the certification exam following the training courses.

### Work-based assignment

- After the training, participants have to complete and submit a work-based assignment.

### Study visit to Rome

- Top achievers will be invited to a study visit to Rome where they will have the opportunity to attend the 2024 Global Procurement Conference organized by the University of Rome Tor Vergata.

## TOPICS

#### 1. Public Procurement Law 244 – Arabic (10 hours)

Explore Lebanon's new Public Procurement Law (PPL) 244/2021, understanding its principles and provisions for achieving governmental policy objectives.

#### 2. International Public Procurement Regulations (UNCITRAL, OECD, EU, WTO/GPA) (10 hours)

Grasp global perspectives on regulations, principles, and practices governing public procurement from UNCITRAL, WTO/GPA, OECD, and EU.

#### 3. Integrity and Anti-Corruption in Public Procurement (10 hours)

Network and exchange experiences on anti-corruption policies, ethical considerations, and beneficial ownership transparency in public procurement.

#### 4. Sustainable Public Procurement (10 hours)

Explore the strategic role of public procurement in economic growth, environmental protection, and social inclusion, aligning with SDG 12.7.1.

#### 5. Handling Complaints in Public Procurement (10 hours)

Stay current on effective complaint handling mechanisms, enhancing efficiency and trust in public procurement, while understanding key player roles.

## ASSESSMENT

The assessment is designed to drive participant motivation for learning and engagement with experts and peers through:

1. Multiple-choice Exam at the end of each training module
2. Work-based Assignment: a written essay based on a work-related case study
3. Attendance and active course participation

## BENEFICIARIES

### Target Audience

- Procurement practitioners and specialists seeking to upgrade their knowledge and skills in strategic public procurement.

### Prerequisites

- 5 to 10 years' experience in areas related to public procurement (such as public finance, audit, accounting, engineering, etc).
- Proven work experience of at least 3 years in public procurement, preferably in managing teams.
- University degree or equivalent in any of the fields related to public procurement (economics and finance, business management, accounting, law, engineering, information and technology, political science and administration, etc).
- Working knowledge of English.
- Willingness to sit for an entrance and final examination.
- Shall not be a holder of the IMPPM diploma delivered by the University of Rome Tor Vergata.

## HOW TO APPLY

Submit the [Online Application Form](#) by February 15, 2024.

The selection process will be based on the program prerequisites.

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to undertake a knowledge test and engage in an interview to demonstrate their suitability for the program. A final selection will follow.

## KEY DATES

**Registration Start Date:** January 16, 2024

**Registration Closing Date:** February 15, 2024

**Evaluation of candidates:** February 16 - 29, 2024

**Knowledge test and final selection:** March - April 2024

**Program Start Date:** Week of May 7, 2024

**Exams:** At the end of each module

**Work-Based Assignment:** June 2024

**Study Visit to Rome:** July 2 - 5, 2024

## PARTNERS

The certification program is built on the expertise of:

### **University of Rome Tor Vergata - Italy ([www.masterprocurement.eu](http://www.masterprocurement.eu))**

The University of Rome Tor Vergata (URTV), and particularly its School of Economics, has activated 5 different levels of postgraduate Master programs in Italian and English. In 2013, the URTV, after many years of experience with the support of MAECI and EBRD, launched the International Master in Public Procurement Management (IMPPM), fully dedicated to public procurement buyers across the world. The IMPPM is a full-time advanced program, lasting one year and structured with in-person lessons, distance learning, and a mandatory internship. The main objective of the IMPPM is to train public officials from foreign countries operating in the procurement sector to enhance the professionalization of the public procurement function and strengthen public finance management across countries. The URTV organizes the “Global Procurement Conference”, a two-day conference for procurement professionals and academics from all over the world. In parallel, an Executive Master in Public Procurement Management was launched in Rome to appeal directly to expert public procurers engaged in reforming their organization.

### **Institut des Finances Basil Fuleihan - Lebanon ([www.institutdesfinances.gov.lb](http://www.institutdesfinances.gov.lb))**

The Institut des Finances Basil Fuleihan is a center of excellence specialized in Public Financial Management and Governance, founded in 1996. The Institute has led and accompanied a wide number of public finance reform initiatives in Lebanon (in public procurement, fiscal transparency, taxation, customs, land management, etc.) through policy research and advice, capacity development, coaching, advocacy and coalition building. It has a multi-year high-level technical expertise and specialization in public procurement in Lebanon and the MENA region. The Institute also serves as a platform for regional cooperation as it hosts the Secretariat of the GIFT-MENA network of civil service training schools and is a regional training center for the World Customs Organization (WCO).

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*This program is not just a certification; it's a journey toward excellence in public procurement.*

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