

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, efficiency and sustainability?

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 provides participants with key knowledge and skills on public procurement, focusing on value for money, compliance with regulations, and supporting the implementation of Lebanon's Public Procurement Law no. 244/2021. The program is an eye-opener to international good practices with customized content adapted to Lebanon.

Key Benefits

- Understanding best practices, governance, transparency, and sustainability in procurement.
- Recognizing its role in economic growth and competition.
- Gaining insights into local and international standards.
- Enhancing contract management and leadership skills.

Pathway to advanced studies in public procurement

This program is 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. Successful participants to the Certification program who wish to pursue their learning or a career in public procurement are encouraged to apply to the IMPPM.

Program Highlights

1. Expert-Led Training

Learn from leading internationally recognized academics and professionals in public procurement, 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, competition and anti-corruption, sustainability, complaints handling, and others delivered in the English and Arabic languages.

3. Interactive and Peer Learning

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

4. Blended Learning Model

Enjoy a part-time and flexible program with a mix of classroom-based seminars in Beirut and online webinars.

5. Study Exchange in Italy

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

Program Structure

Training delivery

- The program is composed of high-level training courses designed to enhance the skills and knowledge of procurement officials. It is built on 50 hours of immersive learning experience spread over 5 weeks between September and November.
- Participants have to expect a balanced and manageable work-load 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 organized by the University of Rome Tor Vergata where they will have the opportunity to visit leading institutions in public procurement and take part in global exchange.

Topics

1. Public Procurement Law 244 - Arabic (10 hours)

Explore Lebanon's new Public Procurement Law (PPL) 244/2021, 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. Competition and Anti-Corruption (10 hours)

Network and exchange on integrity and anti-corruption including procurement anti-corruption policies, ethics, and beneficial ownership transparency.

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 (10 hours)

Stay current on effective complaint handling mechanisms, enhancing efficiency and trust while understanding key players' roles.



Assessment

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

- Multiple-choice exam at the end of each training module;
- Work-based assignment: a written essay based on a work-related case study.

Participant's attendance and active participation are key to optimize the learning experience.



Beneficiaries

Target Audience

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

Prerequisites

- Public sector employee with a 5 to 10 years' experience in areas directly related to public procurement (such as public finance, audit, accounting, engineering, etc).
- Proven work experience of at least 3 years in public procurement, with experience in managing teams.
- University degree or equivalent in any of the fields related to public procurement (economics, business, management, law, finance, political science, public policy, engineering, etc).
- Working knowledge of English.
- Willingness to sit for a final examination and to commit to program requirements.
- Successfully passed the PPL 101 course delivered by the Institut des Finances Basil Fuleihan.
- 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 the set deadline.
The selection process will be based on the program prerequisites.
Shortlisted candidates will be invited to undertake a knowledge test in English to demonstrate their suitability for the program.
A final selection will follow.

Key Dates

Registration: June - July
Evaluation of candidates, knowledge test and final selection: July - August
Program Delivery and Examination: September to November

Implementing Partners

The certification program is implemented by two key institutions:

University of Rome Tor Vergata (URTV), Italy

URTV's School of Economics offers various postgraduate programs, including the International Master in Public Procurement Management (IMPPM). Launched in 2013, the IMPPM is a one-year, full-time program focused on enhancing public procurement professionals' skills through in-person lessons, distance learning, and internships. The URTV also organizes the Global Procurement Conference and offers an Executive Master program tailored for experienced public procurers.

Institut des Finances Basil Fuleihan, Lebanon

Founded in 1996, the institute specializes in Public Financial Management and Governance. It has significant experience in public finance reforms across Lebanon and the MENA region, particularly in areas like public procurement, fiscal transparency, and taxation. The Institut provides policy research, capacity building, and technical assistance services. It is a regional hub for public procurement expertise. It hosts the secretariat of the GIFT-MENA network and the regional training center of World Customs Organization.



Invest in Learning!

Apply to the International Certification Program in Strategic Public Procurement

This program is not just a certification but a journey towards excellence in public procurement.

With the support of the Government of Italy



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