



TED

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Introduction to eNotices, SIMAP and TED

European public procurement is of interest to millions of citizens and companies. This practical guide aims at facilitating understanding of and participation in this procurement system.

European public procurement is based on three web services: eNotices, SIMAP and TED.

TED (Tenders Electronic Daily), the web version of the *Supplement to the Official Journal of the European Union* or OJ S, is the one-stop official source for **timely information** on public procurement opportunities in the European Union, the European Economic Area and beyond. The contracting authorities for tenders can be central governments, local or regional authorities, bodies governed by public law, or associations consisting of authorities or bodies governed by public law.

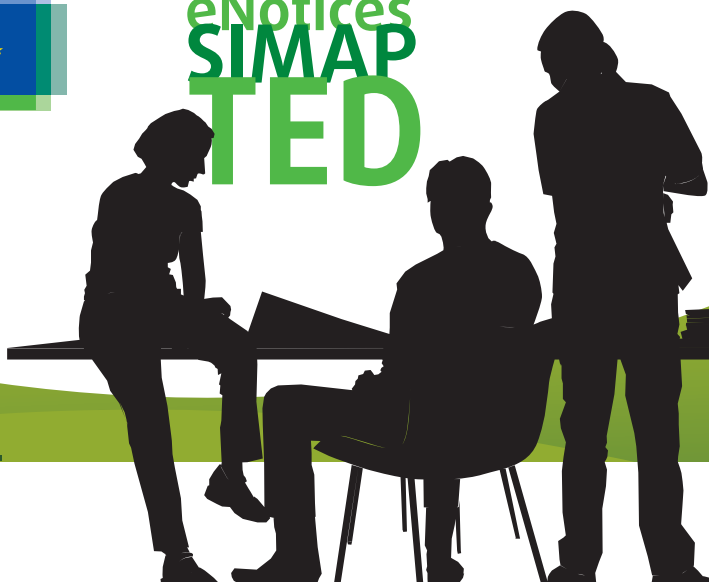
In compliance with EU directives and international agreements, notices for public works, services and supply contracts above certain thresholds must be published in the OJ S.

eNotices is a tool for preparing public procurement notices and sending them for publication in the OJ S.

SIMAP provides access to information about public procurement in Europe, for buyers as well as for suppliers.



eNotices
SIMAP
TED



Which information is published on **TED**?

What does TED provide?



Full coverage of open calls for tender above certain thresholds* in the European Union, the European Economic Area and beyond.



Up to 1 000 new contract notices published daily.



A multilingual search interface, RSS and other interactive tools.

* For details of these thresholds, see page 6.



Which documents are published on TED?

- 1.** Contracts from all EU Member States and candidate countries:
 - (a) public contract notices for works, supplies and services;
 - (b) utilities contract services (water, energy, transport and postal services).
- 2.** Contract notices from the European institutions:
 - (a) public works, supplies and services;
 - (b) external aid and European Development Fund contract notices;
 - (c) Phare, Tacis and other contracts in central and eastern Europe.
- 3.** European Economic Area contract notices. The contracting parties to the EEA Agreement are three of the four EFTA States (Norway, Liechtenstein and Iceland) and the 27 EU Member States.
- 4.** Contract notices from Switzerland pursuant to the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA), concluded within the framework of the GATT/World Trade Organisation (WTO).
- 5.** Projects financed by the European Investment Bank, the European Central Bank and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.
- 6.** Notices concerning European economic interest groupings (EEIGs), European groupings for territorial cooperation (EGTCs), European companies (SEs), European cooperative societies (SCEs).
- 7.** Public contract notices for air services.

Thresholds for publication on TED

Nature of the contract	Threshold (in EUR)
Supplies and services for central government authorities	125 000
Supplies and services for non-central government authorities	193 000
Supplies and services in water, energy, transport and postal services	387 000
Works	4 845 000

Source: Commission Regulation (EC) No 1177/2009.





Business opportunities

If you are looking for business opportunities in Europe and beyond, TED is definitely the spot to watch. No matter what your business activity, TED will help you to seize valuable business opportunities **in a timely and cost-effective manner.**

All calls for tender in the European Union, the European Economic Area and beyond that are above certain thresholds have to be published on TED. **By registering on TED** and using very simple mechanisms (creating your search profiles, entering your criteria for automatic e-mail notification or RSS) you can be informed on business opportunities as soon as the information is available.

We put more than 1 000 new contract notices on TED every day. With so many opportunities, there should be something for your company. It's up to you to find it!

More information on:

http://simap.europa.eu/supplier/opportunities-in-europe/index_en.htm

Suppliers' corner

How to create and save a search profile

When entering a query ('search'), be it 'standard', 'extended' or 'expert', you have the possibility of saving it by clicking on the 'save' button at the top left.

You can save up to 15 different search profiles. An RSS feed and/or an e-mail alert can be for each search profile.



How to use the news alert service



The news alert service allows you to subscribe and receive by e-mail notices corresponding to your saved queries.

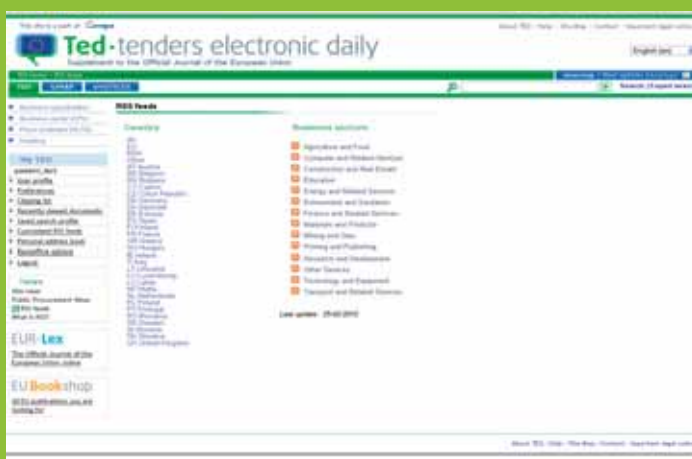
Currently this feature is only available to registered users. You can use it by registering for free via the online registration form.





How to use the RSS feed

Two kinds of RSS feeds are available from the TED online service. There are general feeds based on business sectors, which can easily be integrated into your favourite bookmarks or webpages.



You can also create tailor-made RSS feeds using the 'saved profile' section in 'My TED' (you have to log in to see this menu).



Useful links for companies with questions on public procurement in the European Union

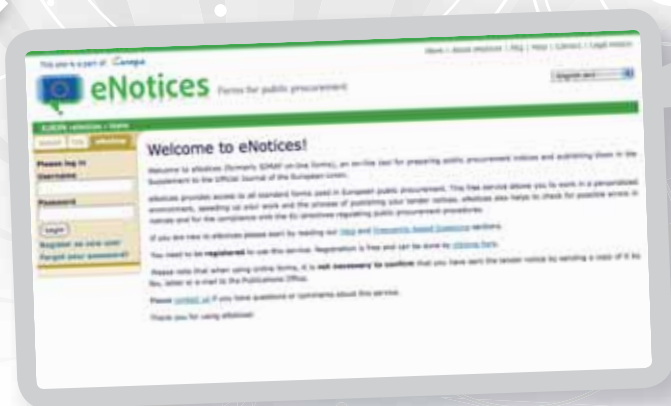
SIMAP lists a host of URLs leading to everything
you always wanted to know about SMEs
and the European Union:

http://simap.europa.eu/supplier/links-supplier/index_en.htm



Buyers' corner

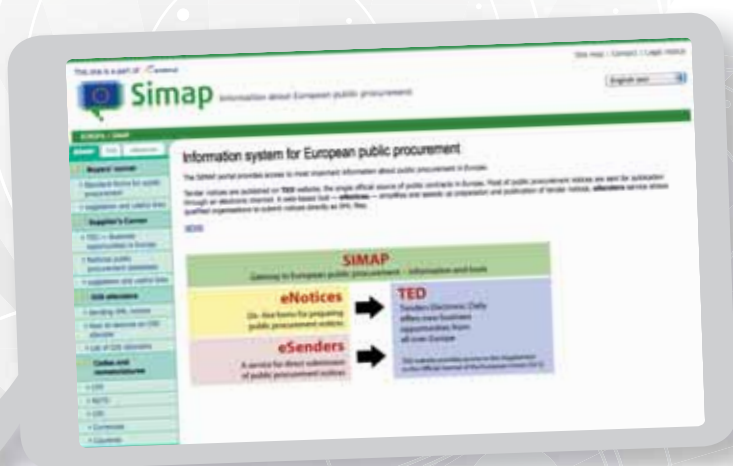
Every form can be submitted in one of the EU's official languages



All forms are available on the **eNotices site**.
You can fill them in online, save them
and then send them for publication.
You can submit your forms through **eNotices**:
<http://simap.europa.eu/enotices>

If you are a contracting authority needing to publish a tender, SIMAP lists all reference documents needed to give you the relevant background information for your publications on TED.

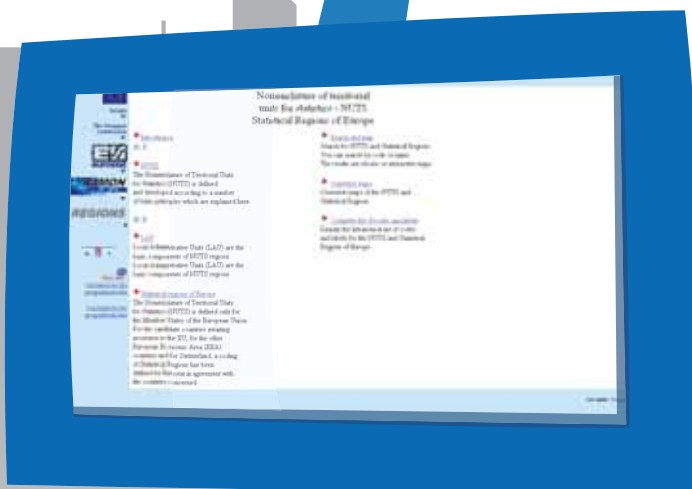
Check the 'Buyers' corner'



What is the CPV?

More information on SIMAP





What is the NUTS code?

The nomenclature of territorial units for statistics (NUTS) was established by Eurostat more than 30 years ago in order to provide a single uniform breakdown of territorial units for the production of regional statistics for the European Union. This enables you to target more accurately the region of the EU you are interested in.

More information on NUTS:

http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/ramon/nuts/home_regions_en.html



Conditions of use

Information via the TED website is **free and available in the official languages of the European Union**. The complete notices are published in the language of the contracting authority, and a summary is provided in all other official languages.

The main options are free of charge, although most of them require registration (also free).

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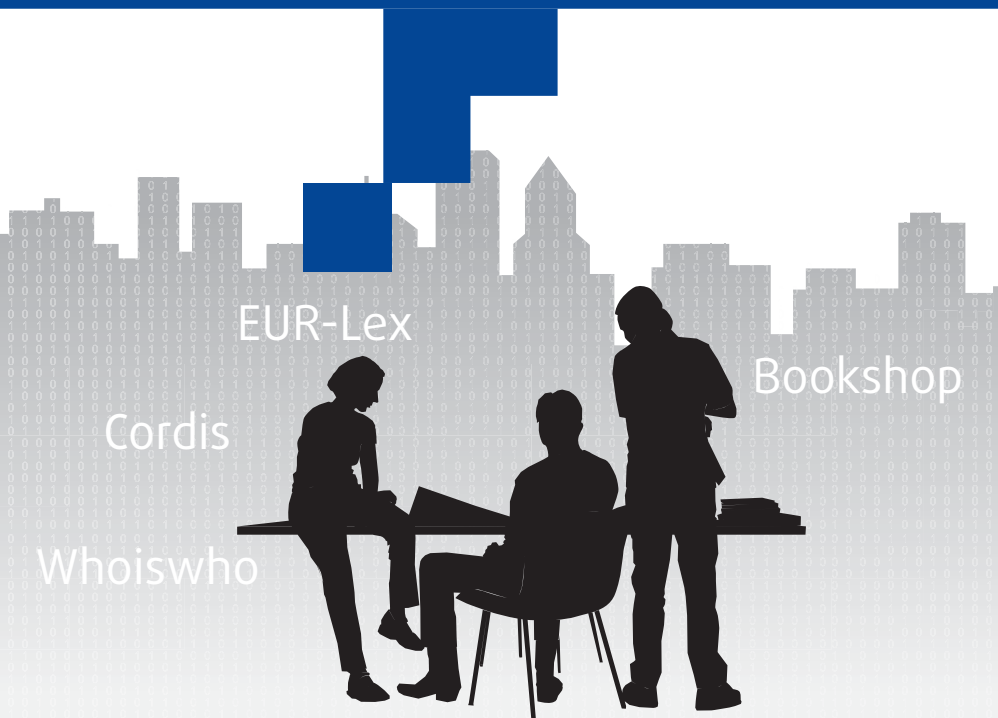
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