



Excluding social services from the public procurement directive application, the example of Flanders

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Structure



- Delineation
 - Public procurement
 - Subsidies
- Welfare expenditure in Flanders
- Motivation
 - Historical/societal
 - Managerial

Delineation (1)



- Public procurement
 - Initiated by the government
 - Benefits the government (directly)
 - Payed for by the government
 - Competition in procedure

Delineation (2)



- Subsidies
 - Initiated by the service provider
 - Responsibility of the service provider
 - Benefits society
 - Benefits the government only indirectly
 - Payed by the government
 - Encourages the provision of certain services
 - Competition on ‘the market’

Welfare expenditure in Flanders



- Supply
 - Subsidies
 - Infrastructure
 - Functioning
 - Public procurement
- Demand
 - In cash
 - Vouchers

Motivation – Historical/societal



- Historically
 - Welfare = responsibility of civil society
- At present
 - Welfare = responsibility of the government
 - Civil society as provider of welfare services
 - Horizontal subsidiarity
 - Strengthening civil society → subsidies

Motivation – Managerial (1)



- Public procurement
 - Competition on price and quality
 - Requires definition and measurability

Motivation – Managerial (2)



- Quality in welfare provision?
 - Definition and measurement
 - Individual
 - Difficult to describe in legal terms
 - Some common ground: quality by proxy → (subsidy)regulation
 - Quality itself → ‘the market’