



Your EU procurement legislation adviser

THEMiS

Increase your knowledge

Reduce your risks and costs

EU Procurement Legislation

Understanding the risks

EU directives and UK regulations can appear daunting in their detail, the number of processes involved and the speed at which they get updated. A contracting organisation not only needs to remember key principles to be consistent, open, transparent and non-discriminatory but they also have to follow strict rules.

Combine this with a tight economy and tight contracts, regulated organisations are also required to become more sophisticated. Today suppliers are more informed about the procedures and given the opportunity are challenging contracting organisations.

Understanding the costs

Working within the rules of EU procurement legislation brings not only great opportunities but also a range of challenges to ensure compliance at all times. Managing the risks associated with the EU procurement process requires diligence as non-compliance can be expensive in terms of:

- Court actions - time, resource, costs and damages
- Having to restart contracts (months of work undone)
- Protecting company reputation.

The scope of the directives evolves constantly from simple changes to regulations, to complex legal challenges changing existing understanding. So keeping up-to-date with this ever changing environment can be expensive:

- Time to do the research
- Having the expert knowledge on each issue to understand policy implications
- Economic climate, public sector budgetary restrictions - lawyers can be expensive.

Understanding your world

Achilles understands the complexities, the risks of getting it wrong and how most organisations need quick, comprehensive and accurate advice at some point. The experience Achilles has gained working with organisations including those from health authorities, emergency services, higher education, central government, local authorities and regulated utilities, has proved invaluable. Not only is the training and consultancy second to none but the online EU procurement legislation support, provided by the knowledge bank THEMiS, ensures procurement professionals have the tools to manage the complexities of the legislation.

THEMiS is used by over 500 utilities, public sector and private organisations in the UK and Ireland and provides best practice advice and reference materials essential for complying with UK and Scottish Regulations and the European Procurement Directives.

Your EU procurement legislation adviser

- All information is current and updated monthly
- Indispensable for all stages of the procurement process
- Invaluable policy advice and understanding
- Get written answers from one of Achilles' EU policy advisers on YOUR specific EU procurement questions
- Cost efficient – can help to reduce legal fees
- Authoritative guidance from EU experts including Professor Sue Arrowsmith
- Consolidated UK regulations and EU directives including amended directives
- 24/7 - comprehensive advice/knowledge at your fingertips with easy secure access, with easy and secure web-based access

Your Website to Procurement Legislation

How THEMiS works

guidance

- Find help through the Ask Achilles function
- 350+ FAQs
- Links to provide further comprehensive guidance
- Illustrations and flow charts

library

- Regulations and directives
- Policy guidance
- Court cases
- Consolidated UK regulations and EU Directives
- Court cases - summarised by our experts

The screenshot displays the THEMiS website interface. At the top, there is a search bar with the text 'Search entire site' and a 'go' button. Below the search bar are navigation tabs: 'home', 'guidance', 'library', 'product codes', 'definitions', 'notices', 'news & events', 'my account', and 'biogs'. A 'Logout' link is also visible. The main content area features a 'welcome to THEMiS' banner, a 'quick links' section with icons for 'ask achilles', 'notices', and 'product code search', and a 'categories' list including 'award criteria', 'advertisement', 'call for competition', etc. There is also a 'my bookmarks' section and a 'latest updates' section with a list of recent news items. The footer contains the 'public sector' logo, a 'Sitemap' link, and contact information for the Achilles Group Limited.

notices

- Save time by sending a fully electronic notice
- Includes all OJEU notices
- Help and guidance with compliance
- Search and profile
- All notice forms including Corrigendum and VEAT
- Validation and help text on all the forms

news & events

- New legislation
- What's new in THEMiS
- EU events



Your expert team

Through the close links with the European and UK Government, the Achilles EU Services team has a deep understanding of the practical implications of the procurement rules. The experienced team combine both academic policy and practitioner backgrounds that offer a wide range of skills and provide:

- Comprehensive EU procurement legislation advice
- Dedicated specialists able to answer your questions
- Authoritative information written in plain English
- Themis with the latest developments and changes in the EU Directives and UK Regulations
- Over 40 years combined experience

Achilles EU Services team are experts in providing EU procurement legislation advice and training that gives you the knowledge, keeps you up-to-date, builds confidence and provides the tools to successfully manage the risks involved in this complex area.



Service options

THEMiS Platinum

- Easy access to EU advice with over 350 frequently asked questions, linked to further documents building up comprehensive answers
- 'Ask Achilles' function gives you the ability to ask EU questions online to one of our specialist trainer advisors. As a platinum user, questions are answered within seven hours
- The ability to speak to an advisor via telephone
- CJEU, UK and Irish Court cases summarised by Professor Sue Arrowsmith, Professor of Law at Nottingham University and a member of the European Commission's official advisory committee for the opening up of public procurement
- These court summaries cannot be found in any other online system
- Papers on EU procurement legislation written by experts within the field
- These papers are topical helping you understand changes to procurement legislation
- Easy search facility searching all of THEMiS, key words within a section and at document level as well as CPV code search
- Helps you to manage commercially without breaking the law
- Monthly updates keeping you up-to-date with changes within EU procurement
- Creation and submission of the full suite of OJEU notices (standard package).

THEMiS Premium

- Easy access to EU advice with over 350 frequently asked questions, linked to further documents building up comprehensive answers
- 'Ask Achilles' function gives you the ability to ask EU questions online to one of our specialist trainer advisors. As a premium user, questions are answered within 48 hours
- CJEU, UK and Irish Court cases summarised by Professor Sue Arrowsmith, Professor of Law at Nottingham University and a member of the European Commission's official advisory committee for the opening up of public procurement
- These court summaries cannot be found in any other online system
- Papers on EU procurement legislation written by experts within the field
- These papers are topical helping you understand changes to procurement legislation
- Easy search facility searching all of THEMiS, key words within a section and at document level as well as CPV code search
- Helps you to manage commercially without breaking the law
- Monthly updates keeping you up-to-date with changes within EU procurement
- Creation and submission of the full suite of OJEU notices (standard package)
- Easy search facility searching all of THEMiS.

THEMiS Standard

- Electronic notification system sending the latest standard OJEU notices electronically to the Official Journal for publication – reduced timescales where indicated in the Directives
- 'Help' text against each field
- Profile populates each notice
- Email facility – enables you to email the notice to others within your organisation or externally
- Award button, makes it easy to populate a contract award from a contract notice
- Correction/Amendment button makes it easy to send a corrigenda to the OJEU
- News section keeps you up-to-date with urgent issues
- Full product code search - CPV, CPC, NACE, NUTS
- EU Directives, UK Regulations and Irish Regulations
- Integrated reporting which complies with the annual returns necessary for government and commission.

THEMiS is a subscription-based online system with costs for:

- 1 licence
- 2 licences
- 5 licences
- Company licence

FREE trial - seven days to explore THEMiS

Call today: 01235 838115

Email: themis@achilles.com

www.achilles.com/euservices



Achilles Information Limited

30 Park Gate, Milton Park, Abingdon, Oxon OX14 4SH, UK

T: +44 (0)1235 838115 E: themis@achilles.com W: www.achilles.com/euservices

