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## Why we focus on e-procurement

The basic tenet of our exercise is that e-government and, in particular, e-procurement programs result into an improvement of the labour productivity of the public sector and, as a consequence, contribute to a number of intermediate outcomes (better services, cost savings, time savings, transparency), to economic rationality (organisational efficiency, simplification) and to GDP growth.





# E-procurement definition

- Is the term used to describe the use of electronic methods, typically over the Internet to conduct transactions between awarding authorities and suppliers.
- The process of e-procurement covers every stage of purchasing, from the initial identification of a requirement, through the tendering process, to the payment and potentially the contract management





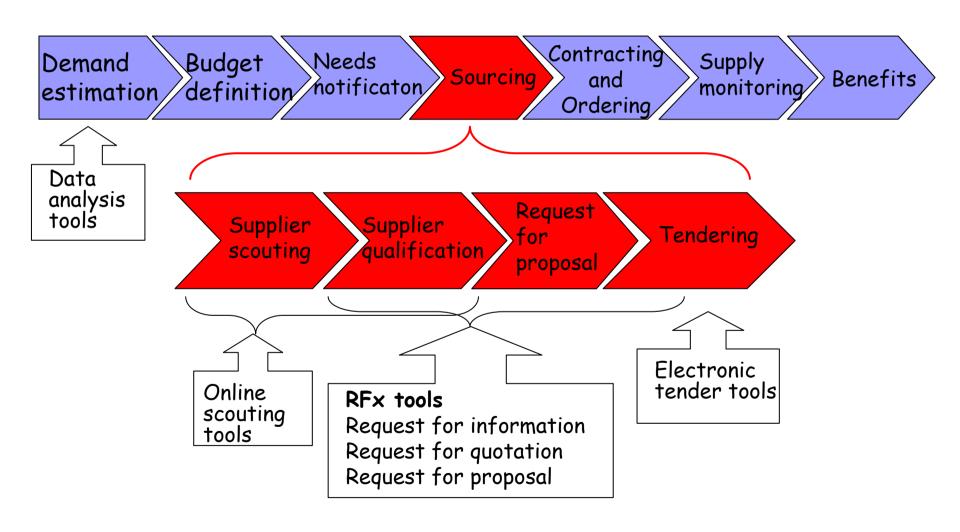
# E-procurement challenges

- Organizational
  - Many users are resistant to change, simply due to human nature and habit
  - Users may believe that e-procurement will make their job more difficult or cumbersome
  - Current roles will change due to the impact of eprocurement
- Economic-Legal
  - □ Level of economic development
  - □ Regulatory framework
  - □ Technological scenario
  - □ Existence of private competitor services
  - □ General Education level





### E-procurement process and ICT Supporting Tools







## E-procurement models

- activity based model:
  - Indirect Procurement System (IPS)
  - Direct Procurement System (DPS)
- organization based model:
  - Centralized Model
  - Decentralized Model





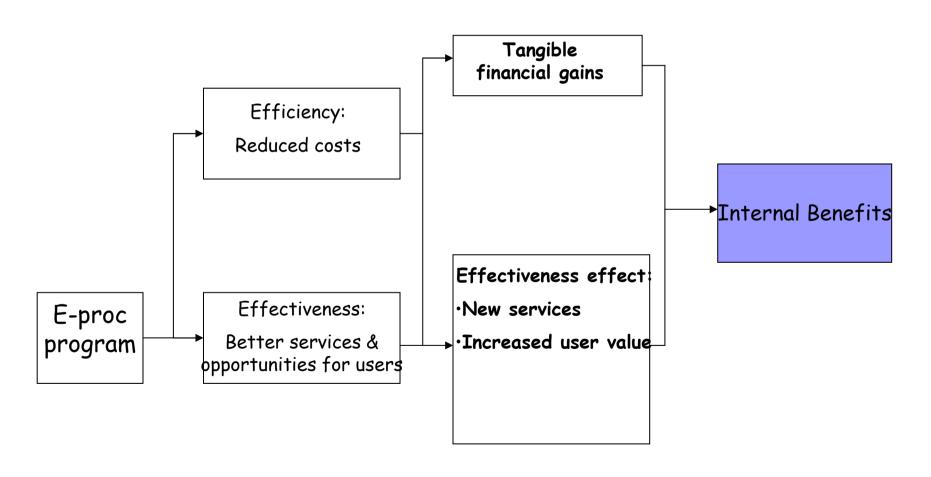
## Definitions

- IPS
  - Contracting subject do not coincide with the ordering administration
- DPS
  - Contracting subject coincides with the ordering administration
- Centralized Model
  - Purchasing procedures are centralized
- Decentralized Model
  - purchasing procedures depend on each administration unit





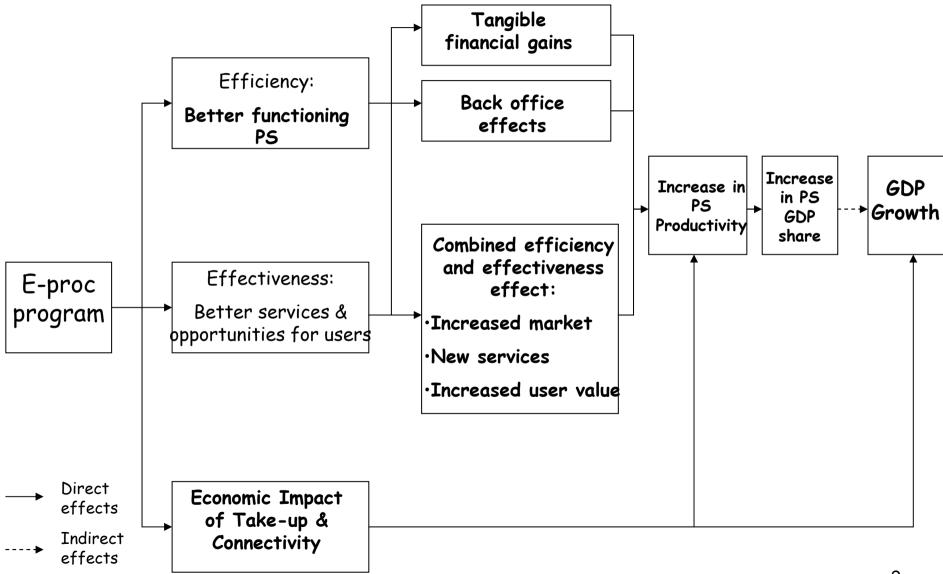
#### Old Generation E-procurement: Direct Effects







#### New Generation E-procurement: Direct and Indirect effects







# E-procurement outcomes

#### ■ Intermediate outcomes:

- □ better services;
- □ cost savings;
- $\Box$  time savings.

#### ■ Final outcomes:

- □ improvement of the labour productivity of the public sector;
- economic rationality (organizational efficiency),
   simplification, transparency and accountability;
- □ GDP growth.





#### Further outcomes

- Openess and transparency
- Increased participation in the information society
- Increased democratic participation
- Enhanced policy effectiveness





### E-procurement Models & Targets Matrix: Pros and Cons

Targets Models	Economic Rationality	Competition	Simplification	Accountability
IPS	Pros: ■Inventory coordination ■ Cost control  Cons: ■Cost of coordination	Cons:  Loss of competition (in case of preselection)	Cons: ■Lack of flexibility	Pros:  Standard decision making process  More control due to the reduction number of decision maker units
DPS	<ul> <li>Pros:</li> <li>High autonomy of single Administrations</li> <li>Cons:</li> <li>No budget and procedures coordination</li> <li>No uniform solutions for standard problems</li> </ul>	Pros:  Access for new suppliers (no pre selection)	Pros:  Procedures flexibility	Cons:  ■Loss of control due to the improved number of decision maker units,  Pros:  ■ Potential higher control over corruption  ■More Corporate Social Responsability

