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Public procurement is an area which has been attracting attention of the public as a whole since the beginning of the new millennium, regarding that a large proportion of national budgets goes exactly to procedures through which governments purchase goods, works, and services. This topic gains exceptional significance considering that it is one of the important areas of harmonization with the EU Law, since the perspective is oriented toward creating a common market.

In the Republic of Macedonia, public procurement was introduced at the outset of the country's transition to a market economy, in the nineties of the last century, and the set-up of a national public procurement institution, in 2005, confirmed the ambition for a coordinated introduction and establishment of good business practices in the system, which constituted the foundation for further development and improvements.

Despite the fact that this matter includes administrative elements, it is an undoubtedly creative and developing area, which includes a number of disciplines, and is both complex and creative. Anyway, anyone who is involved in the public procurement process is a potential architect of good business practices, especially because there are no universal and identic situations in the implementation, for applicative legislation cannot ideally stipulate all possible things, but on the long run there is a need for public awareness raising, and focusing in the area of implementation of the fundamental public procurement principles, with a purpose that both sides involved in the procedure, as well as the public as a whole, have a positive view on the procurement process.

This book elaborates on public procurement aspects, and the purpose of its publication is to make an introduction into this relatively new area of knowledge, as well as to earn a recognition for it, in order to raise public awareness about the public procurement system, establish business practices, and, finally, increase the interest of those who are involved in the process of researching this matter, both from the practical and theoretical viewpoint. The perspective in the RM is to introduce public procurement as a special field of education at the universities.

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