



Europäisches Parlament

Der Generalsekretär

D(2019) 9710

14 MARS 2019

NOTE FOR THE ATTENTION OF:

Mr Markus Winkler, Deputy Secretary-General, Director-General, DG PRES
Mr Riccardo Ribera d'Alcala, Director-General, DG IPOL
Mr Pietro Ducci, Director-General (acting), DG EXPO
Mr Anthony Teasdale, Director-General, DG EPRS
Mr Jaume Duch Guillot, Director-General, DG COMM
Mr Kristian Knudsen, Director-General, DG PERS
Ms Leena Linnus, Director-General, DG INLO
Mr Valter Mavrič, Director-General, DG TRAD
Ms Agnieszka Walter-Drop, Director-General, DG LINC
Mr Didier Klethi, Director-General, DG FINS
Mr Walter Petrucci, Director-General (acting), DG ITEC
Mr Elio Carozza, Director-General, DG SAFE
Mr Freddy Drexler, Juriconsult, Legal Service

Subject: Mainstreaming cybersecurity into procurement throughout Parliament

As the directly elected representation of EU citizens, Parliament is at the centre of the EU's system of democratic governance. Our Institution is therefore particularly exposed to threats to its good functioning, including cyber-attack and/or data theft attempts originating from malicious State and non-State actors. The reliability and integrity of **all Parliament's IT, communication technology and other connected equipment and services** must be ensured taking account of this environment. Since Parliament's core functions are based on information management and exchange, this is necessary not only for specific functions or areas, but applies throughout the services. This means that cybersecurity has to be mainstreamed into procurement everywhere in Parliament.

In order to make this approach practicable, work conducted jointly by colleagues from DG FINS, the Legal Service, DG ITEC and my office has resulted in **guidance on cybersecurity and procurement** that has now been adopted by the Public Procurement Forum, including practical advice on the choice of tender procedures and model contract clauses (annex). I would be grateful if you could ensure that your services, particularly those colleagues involved

in public procurement procedures, are informed that this is a key document to be taken into account for all procurement of IT, communication technology or otherwise connected devices or services.

In addition, I have set up a project team composed of a DG FINS, a DG ITEC and a Legal Service colleague. This project team is in charge of **meeting the colleagues most concerned to explain the approach and exchange on best practices**. Thank you in advance for ensuring all necessary support to, and attendance at, the awareness-raising and advice sessions that will be organised in the coming months.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. WELLE', with a stylized, cursive flourish.

Klaus WELLE

Annex:

EP guidelines on management of cybersecurity-sensitive tenders & contracts: good practice and recommendations