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PPP and 'Energy Saving Performance Contracting' (EPSC) in France

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ABSTRACT

During the last ten years, there has been a growing tendency in most European countries to develop new procurement methods in the construction of assets needed to deliver public services. Public private partnership (PPP) procurement is one of these new methods. In France, PPP was formalised with a law enacted in 2004. Before launching this new procurement option, public authorities have to prove that it offers added value and to compare the public private partnership tender proposal with the public procurement option. Emergency or complexity can also be put forward to justify the use of the PPP procurement.

PPP is also seen in France as a way to develop Energy Saving Performance Contracting (ESPC). Growing awareness on climate change issues motivate public authorities to be proactive in the field of energy efficiency. They are also aware that building and construction are the largest energy consuming and greenhouse gas emitting sectors. However, most public authorities have not used this new procurement option to develop ESPC yet. Among the projects that have been signed for the last five years, only a limited number focus on energy performance.

The presentation will highlight the main elements concerning the new PPP procurement process, examine how it can be used for ESPC and why local authorities have been reluctant to use it so far.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Frederic Bougrain works as a researcher for the Service, Process, Innovation Centre in the Economics and Human Sciences Department at CSTB (a state-owned industrial and commercial research centre under the wings of the French Ministry of Housing). His research is concentrated on society issues with a particular focus on innovations in the building and construction industry and public private partnerships. Since he joined CSTB in September 2000, he has also been involved in three European projects. Two of them aimed at supporting innovation in SMEs of the construction sector.

He has published papers on innovation in small and medium sized enterprises and Public Private Partnerships.

Before joining CSTB he lectured at the University of Orleans (France) where he defended a thesis on innovation, small and medium-sized enterprises and the consequences for regional technology policy.

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