INTEGRITY PACTS

Supporting

A flexible tool to raise transparency and fairness in public procurement and reduce corruption risks

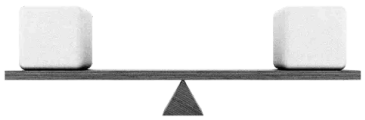
Integrity Pacts are a flexible tool that can help make public procurement more transparent and fair and reduce the risk of corruption.

commits all parties to refrain from bribery, corruption or collusion. An Integrity Pact typically involves an independent monitor and a clear process for reporting, resolving and sanctioning integrity issues.

KEY BENEFITS

Integrity Pacts have been proven in various cases to

Increase trust in public procurement among governments, businesses and citizens



Reduce the costs of procurement and contract implementation

Prevent delays in the tender cycle or project implementation

Integrity Pacts do not guarantee these benefits. In some cases, a lack of political will has led to parties not complying with the requirements and monitors withdrawing from their role. In others, cost increases or delays in the tender or contract implementation have been unavoidable. However, even in these cases

Exploring the evidence

Since Transparency International pioneered the concept in the 1990s, Integrity Pacts have been used in hundreds of procurement projects in at least 32 countries in a wide range of sectors.

In 2015, the Basel Institute on Governance and Blomeyer & Sanz conducted a Learning Review analysing the use and impact of Integrity Pacts based on rigorous research and surveys. Additional countries have implemented Integrity Pacts since then, expanding the evidence base. The European Commission launched a six-year project in 2016 that has deployed Integrity Pacts in 18 projects in 11 EU countries.

The toolbox for promoting integrity, transparency and corruption prevention in public procurement has expanded greatly in recent years. What is the comparative advantage of each of the tools? In which contexts are Integrity Pacts most valuable? Practitioners agree we need more clarity, coherence and critical analysis.

About this resource

Developed by the Basel Institute's Collective Action team in 2020 under a project funded by the KBA-NotaSys Integrity Fund, this online resource aims to provide practical and accessible insights into the what, why and how of Integrity Pacts. It is designed for anyone intending to promote, design, implement, monitor or observe an Integrity Pact, including:

- Governments and procurement authorities

- Civil society organisations
- Technical experts in various industries
- Citizens

To learn more, explore the pages below. You'll also find examples of real Integrity Pacts in our database, several case studies, plus a resources page with our recommended toolkits and other publications.

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Learn the fundamentals of Integrity Pacts as a tool for clean procurement

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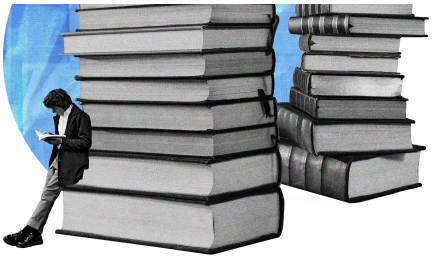
Find examples of Integrity Pacts in different countries and sectors



Practical guidelines and analyses on Integrity Pacts

CASE STUDIES

Examining Integrity Pacts around the world

The following case studies illustrate the variety of positive impacts that Integrity Pacts can have on public procurement - even if they "fail". To find out about a wide range of Integrity Pacts around the world and download useful templates and samples, please visit our Integrity Pacts database.

MEXICO

Integrity Pacts to Social Witnesses

How successful IPs in two dam projects led to the systematic use of Social Witnesses in public procurement

How Integrity Pacts can bring corruption to light even if they can't prevent it

PAKISTAN

Greater Karachi Water Supply

How an Integrity Pact reduced costs on a massive public works tender – and has since become law

HONDURAS

Medicines procurement

How Integrity Pacts helped bring transparency, fair competition and value to a deeply corrupt sector

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