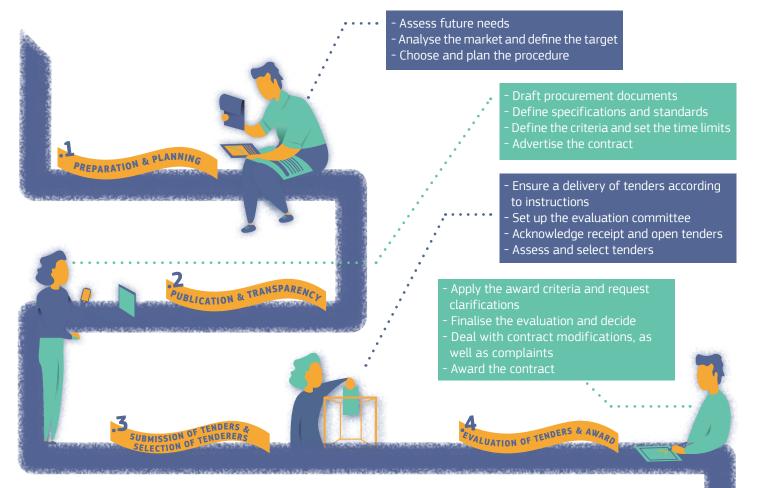


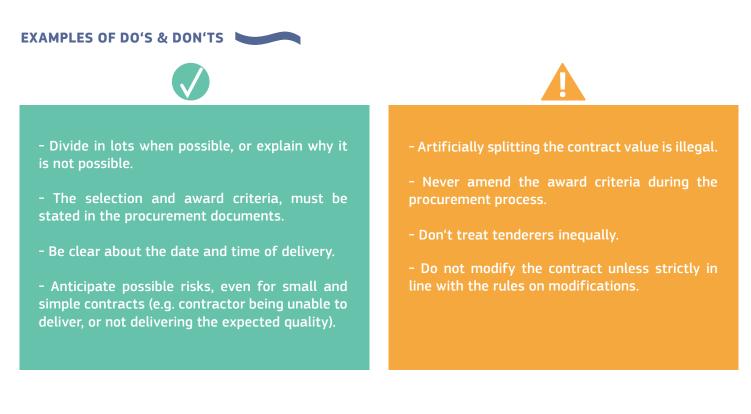
## USING TAX PAYER'S MONEY EFFICIENTY AND TRANSPARENTLY FOR THE BEST IMPACT OF EU INVESTMENTS

The guidance helps Member States public officials avoid the most common errors in public procurement. Designed to help practitioners avoid errors in EU funds investments, the guidance is a useful tool in any public investment procurement. The guidance is structured around the main stages of a public procurement process:



CONTRACT IMPLEMENTATION

- Manage the relationship with the contractor
- Terminate a contract during its term
- Close the contract





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## WHAT'S NEW?

The second edition of the guidance is updated in accordance with the 2014 Directives on public procurement:



Facilitating SME participation in public contracts by cutting red tape



Improved safeguards against corruption



More clarity on exclusion grounds and award criteria



Introduction, on a voluntary basis, of environmental, social and innovation goals in procurement procedures



Promotion of the use of online procedures