

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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## SUMMARY

Independent consultant with extensive expertise and practical experience in EU-regulated public procurement. Over the past 9+ years I have advised on public sector tenders including energy, infrastructure/PPP, fleet, IT, professional services and other strategic spend. Regular conference speaker and author of guidance, policy briefs, articles, book chapters and [A Practical Guide to Public Procurement](#), published by Oxford University Press in March 2015.

## EXPERIENCE

ROLE **Principal Consultant, [Public Procurement Analysis](#)**, London (2012-2016)

ACTIVITIES Professional advice, consultancy and training on public procurement law, practice and policy. Since founding PPA in 2012 I have undertaken work for clients in Ireland, the UK, Ukraine, Germany, Denmark, Belgium, Netherlands, Romania, Switzerland and the USA. Recent assignments have ranged from developing guidance and criteria documents on behalf of international bodies to advising local and national authorities on specific procedures, including:

2016

- ❖ Senior Public Procurement Expert, [Harmonisation of Ukrainian Public Procurement System with EU standards](#)
- ❖ Advice on design of e-auction platform for London councils/housing bodies
- ❖ Delivery of lectures on 2014 procurement directives and UK/Irish regulations at [King's College London](#), Dublin Airport Authority, etc.

2015

- ❖ Revision of European Commission *Buying Green* guidance on GPP - including consultation with DG GROW and numerous stakeholders
- ❖ Whole-Life Costing, Ethical Trade and Social Value policies for [LFB](#)
- ❖ Report on [GPP Networking](#) for European Commission (DG CLIMA)

2014

- ❖ Developing detailed guidance and procurement criteria for eight product groups on behalf of the Irish Environmental Protection Agency
- ❖ Preparation of guidance on public procurement of innovation on behalf of Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs, including consultation with OECD
- ❖ Legal expert for EU GPP Helpdesk service(ongoing since 2012)

2013

- ❖ Advice to Winning in Tendering project (Bangor University)
- ❖ Preparation of guidance on energy-efficient procurement for U.S. Department of Energy SEAD initiative
- ❖ Research reports on financing and maintaining public-private partnerships for International Institute for Sustainable Development, Geneva

2012

- ❖ Advice to COWI, Denmark on wastewater treatment plant criteria
- ❖ Advice to Joint Research Centres (Seville) on compliance with PP rules
- ❖ Work with GIZ (German international development agency) on public procurement within the EU neighbourhood policy.

ROLE **Manager, Procurement and Sourcing, [PricewaterhouseCoopers UK](#)** (2016)

ACTIVITIES I completed two projects with PwC, a major fleet outsourcing and an analysis of compliance with the Utilities Directive on behalf of a supplier management platform. I was responsible for managing other consultants in these projects.

ROLE **Public Sector Consultant, [Achilles Procurement Services Ltd.](#) (2007-2016)**  
Dublin, Ireland

ACTIVITIES Achilles advises a wide range of public and utilities sector authorities on compliance with EU public procurement legislation and strategic contract management. From 2007 to 2009, I was a full-time consultant with Achilles team based in Dublin. As an external consultant with Achilles I have designed and conducted half-day and one-day training courses for procurement professionals on the topics of public-public cooperation, selection and award criteria, sustainable public procurement and the 2014 procurement directives.

ROLE **FIREd-uP Project Officer, [London Fire Brigade](#) (2012- 2015)** London, UK

ACTIVITIES London Fire Brigade engaged in a three-year partnership with Ghent, Belgium to identify and procure innovative solutions for frontline fire service vehicles. I lead on the market engagement and procurement aspects of the project, which resulted in establishment of two framework agreements following a competitive dialogue process. We then piloted the solutions with LFB. Web: [www.fired-up.eu](http://www.fired-up.eu)

ROLE **Sustainable Public Procurement Officer, [ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability](#), (2010 – 2012)** Freiburg-im-Breisgau, Germany

ACTIVITIES The Sustainable Procurement team at ICLEI works with public authorities across Europe and internationally to implement projects on the environmental and social aspects of procurement. I was responsible for managing the GPP Helpdesk service delivered to the European Commission (DG Environment) and project work related to procurement of innovative construction works and energy-efficient products. In 2011 I co-authored the new edition of the *Buying Green Handbook* and designed and delivered several related training modules.

ROLE **Legal Researcher and Centres Co-ordinator, [Free Legal Advice Centres \(FLAC\)](#), (2004 – 2005)** Dublin, Ireland

ACTIVITIES FLAC is a legal charity operating citizen advice centres across Ireland as well as publishing research and engaging in public interest litigation. During my employment I dealt with legal queries from the public; co-ordinated volunteers for the centres and was responsible for the research, writing and presentation of legal briefs. In January 2005 I prepared FLAC's submission to the Irish Dept. of Justice, Equality and Law Reform's Working Group on Legal Costs.

**EDUCATION** Currently preparing PhD thesis at University of London (Birkbeck).

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATION Certificate in Public Procurement  
Institute of Public Administration, Ireland (2009) *Achieved distinction*

POSTGRADUATE QUALIFICATION Diploma in Conflict and Dispute Resolution Studies  
University of Dublin, Trinity College (2009) *Achieved first-class honours*

HONOURS DEGREE Law (LL.B.)  
University of Dublin, Trinity College (2007)

*LL.B. work included 18,000 word dissertation on the political question doctrine in U.S. and EU law; graduated in top 15% of class with high II.1 and served on the Trinity College Law Review board. Erasmus year at School of Law of the University of Helsinki, Finland.*

**TRAINING AND PRESENTATIONS**

Since 2010 I have delivered over sixty training seminars, conference presentations and public lectures on public procurement topics in the UK, Ireland, continental Europe and North America.

The following is a sample of these engagements, with links to presentations (where not restricted by copyright/confidentiality).

- ❖ OLAF seminar on fraud in public procurement, [presentation on conflicts of interest](#) (Cluj-Napoca, Romania, November 2015)
- ❖ Law Society of Ireland, lectures on public procurement rules as they affect charities and voluntary sector bodies (Dublin, May and November 2015)
- ❖ Procura+ seminar on [market engagement /pre-procurement consultation](#) (Barcelona, Spain, November 2015)
- ❖ Local Government Management Agency, training for local authorities on public procurement and EPA guidance (Dublin, September 2015)
- ❖ Achilles Public Sector Procurement Conference, presentation on practical insights into the new procurement directives (Dublin, April 2015)
- ❖ City of Bristol SPP Regions meeting, presentation on legal context for SPP (Bristol, April 2015)
- ❖ Procurement week - [presentation on evidence-based public procurement](#) (Bangor University, Wales, March 2015)
- ❖ Aarhus University conference, presentation on [controlling costs under framework agreements](#) (Aarhus, Denmark, February 2015)
- ❖ University of Oslo Public Law Conference, presentation on the [link to the subject-matter requirement](#) (Oslo, Norway, December 2014)
- ❖ Procurement Summit, presentation on [innovative public sector procurement](#) (Manchester, November 2014)
- ❖ Ecoprocura conference, presentation on market engagement for innovation (Ghent, Belgium, October 2014)
- ❖ Northern Ireland Electricity, training on staying ahead of the new EU rules (Belfast, April 2014)
- ❖ ESB Procurement Conference, presentation on new procurement directives (Dublin, February 2014)
- ❖ OECD conference on policy support for public procurement of innovation, presentation on EU legal framework (Paris, December 2014)
- ❖ Presentation on EU public procurement law and social considerations (Delegation from Korea, Korean Embassy, London, December 2012)
- ❖ 5<sup>th</sup> International Public Procurement Conference, paper on [EU procurement law reform](#) (Seattle, Washington, USA, August 2012)
- ❖ Training for Central Project Management Agency on Green Public Procurement (Vilnius, Lithuania November 2011)

**OTHER ACCREDITATIONS**

In May 2011 I was accredited as a trainer by the United Nations Environment Programme in the Marrakech Approach to Sustainable Public Procurement.

**PUBLICATIONS**

- ❖ [A Practical Guide to Public Procurement](#), Oxford University Press, 2015
- ❖ [Classification, Conflicts of Interest and Change of Contractor](#) 10 *European Procurement & Public Private Partnership Law Review* 2015, with M. Andrecka
- ❖ [The Link to the Subject-matter: A Glass Ceiling for Sustainable Public Contracts?](#) (*Sustainable Procurement under EU Law*, Cambridge University Press)
- ❖ [Green Procurement Guidance for the Public Sector](#) (2014, Irish Environmental Protection Agency, co-author with RPS and Achilles)
- ❖ [Guidance for public authorities on public procurement of innovation](#) (2014, PPI Platform consortium, primary author with additional contributions)
- ❖ ['Incomplete' procurement report fails to consider the frontline](#) (July 2013, Guardian Professional)
- ❖ [PPP Health Check: Managing Partnerships During their Lifetime and Financing Sustainable PPPs](#) (2013, IISD Geneva, co-author with Laura Turley)
- ❖ [Energy-efficient Public Procurement: Best Practice in Program Delivery](#) (Clean Energy Ministerial, 2013, co-author with C. Payne and A. Weber)
- ❖ [Reform of the EU Procurement Directives and WTO GPA: Forward steps for sustainability?](#) (Book chapter, published in *Charting a Course in Public Procurement Innovation and Knowledge Sharing*, 2012, PrAcademics Press)
- ❖ [Mixed offerings for sustainability in new EU Procurement Directives](#) ((3)*Public Procurement Law Review* 2012)
- ❖ [Feasibility study on future EU support to public procurement of innovation](#) (2011, co-author with University of Manchester, Corvers and Technopolis)
- ❖ [Buying Green: a Handbook on Environmental Public Procurement](#), (2011, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, European Commission Services, co-author)
- ❖ [Submission in response to the Consultation on Modernisation of EU Public Procurement Policy](#) (2011, ICLEI European Secretariat, primary author)
- ❖ [Financing and contracting sustainable construction: Innovative approaches](#) (2011, preliminary report on behalf of SCI-Network working group)

**LANGUAGES**

MOTHER TONGUE

English

OTHER LANGUAGES

Self Assessment (European Level\*)

Language	Understanding		Speaking		Writing
	Listening	Reading	Interaction	Production	
French	Very good	Very good	Very good	Good	Good
German	Good	Basic	Good	Good	Basic

(\*) *Common European Framework of Reference for Languages***OTHER SKILLS**

- ❖ Contract drafting, case analysis and legislative interpretation
- ❖ IT knowledge and competency including specialist e-procurement systems and TED, basic web design and Microsoft Excel and Project.
- ❖ Understanding of statistical methods and research design
- ❖ Professional mediation and negotiation skills
- ❖ Public speaking, presentations and training delivery

**ASSOCIATIONS**

I am a member of the Royal Institute of International Affairs(Chatham House), the Procurement Lawyers' Association and the University Association for Contemporary European Studies (UACES).

**SECURITY****CLEARANCE**

UK Government's Baseline Personnel Security Standard (BPSS).