

# WORK-BASED LEARNING THROUGH PUBLIC CONTRACTS



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#### About JST – Jeunes Schaerbeekois au Travail

- Non-profit organisation established in 1996
  - Under-qualified target population
  - Job-seekers
- Brussels regional decree on socio-vocational integration Workshops on workbased learning
  - Paving
  - Woodwork
  - Gardening
- Teaching based on executing real work and projects
  - Understanding technical processes and implementing them in public /private projects

# Funding

#### Grants

- > COCOF
- > ACTIRIS
- > BRUXELLES FORMATION
- > EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND
- > CITY OF SCHAERBEEK
- > FONDS POLITIQUE DES GRANDES VILLES

#### Contracts

- Gardening services for Schaerbeek parks
- Paving contracts
- Gardening and environment planning contracts
- > Woodwork contracts

#### Public contracts – case study in Paving

- Sidewalk paving Navez District contract with City of Schaerbeek
  - Contract dedicated to Training
    - Contract technical specifications
  - Training Condition
    - Job seekers unemployment benefit recipients Public Social Assistance Centre recipients
    - Learning Program description
    - Minimum number of hours on site
  - > Control of training program by contracting entity
  - > Trainers competency curriculum COCOF requirements
  - ➤ Quality Control- provisional and final acceptance of the work



## Public service contract – Case study in gardening

- Maintenance of the Park 'Reine-Verte' Schaerbeek
  - Public service contract with sociale clauses
    - Contract technical specifications
  - Reserved to social entities (ETA –work integration social enterprises –socio-vocational integration)

- > Control on the non-profit organisation statutes
- ➤ Quality control City of Schaerbeek
- > 7/7 service
- ➤ Agreement with the Public Social Assistance Centre - Training « ART.60 »



#### Public service contract – Staff training

- Plan Rosetta (young people) training IBGE (Brussels Institute for Environmental Management)
  - Yearly public service contract
  - Contract specifications training program

- ➤ Control on the non-profit organisation statutes Gardening training
- > Review of the training program
- > Ongoing evaluation
- > Trainer competency curriculum diploma/experience



## Public market – Case study with Woodwork

- Porch roof
  – Espace Kessels Schaerbeek
  - Public works contract –sociale clauses
  - Porch roof building project
  - Woodwork in the workshop
  - Assembly on site
  - > Sub-contracted architect concept and technical follow-up
  - > Sub-contracted WEGEBO concrete slab
  - ➤ Preparation at the workshop— trainees and trainer
  - Assembly on site
  - provisional and final acceptance of the work



#### Stock Market – renovation of school buildings

- Public works contract Schaerbeek
  - Social clause Reserved to work integration social enterprises socio-vocational integration
  - Contract technical specifications by activity

- > Competitive tender price
- > Sub-contracted renovation (work integration social enterprises)
- > Executing orders from city departments
- > Acceptance of the work and invoicing
- > Regular evaluation

## Advantages of public markets

- > Training delivered on real projects and work areas
  - > Trainees in real work situations
  - Quality needs to be delivered
- ➤ Social project
  - > Training of job seekers Public Social Assistance Centre population
  - > Participation to citizen projects
- > Funding
  - ➤ Needed for JST budgets
  - > No further paperwork once the market is awarded

#### Limitations of public markets

- > Competition with private companies
  - > Not cheaper
  - > Put trainees on employment path = priority of JST
- ➤ Organisation
  - > Pressure on deadlines for executing work
  - Quality priority
  - > Complex and technical tender process
- > Level agreement
  - > Limitations of Level 1
  - > Sub-contracting with trusted partners

#### Questions / discussion

- What is really at stake for markets with social clauses?
- Does access to this type of markets need to be facilitated?
- Is the competitive rule respected?
- Is the legal framework adapted?

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION



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