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## **STILL CHANGING: TEN YEARS OF PUBLIC PROCUREMENT IN POLAND AFTER THE ACCESSION TO THE EUROPEAN UNION**

### **ABSTRACT**

The accession of Poland to the European Union influenced Polish Public Procurement Law significantly. But Poland proved to be a quick learner and created Public Procurement System, governing not only public procurement *sensu stricto*, but also the award of concession contracts and Public-Private Partnerships, despite of the fact that rules concerning concession contracts and PPPs were absent at EU level. Thus there is no room left for legal uncertainty or any distortions in the functioning of the public procurement market in Poland. But after ten years Public Procurement System in Poland is still changing and will be a subject to major amendments during next two years.

### **Key words**

public procurement, public-private partnership, public works, concessions, European Union, law, Member States

### **1. Public Procurement System in the European Union**

The economic success of the European Union can be measured by its ability to secure the existence of the internal market. Of course, the European Union cannot act alone as one, but must bring its Member States to act together on the basis of European Union law in solidarity. Every Member State is a guarantor and a keeper of the existence of the Single Market. Yet, the Member States still strive