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SUMMARY

Consultant with extensive expertise and practical experience in public sector procurement, innovation, environmental and social policy. Over 11 years of experience in managing competitive tenders, developing procurement strategy and policy, training and commercial negotiations. 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 2015.

EXPERIENCE

ROLE	Principal Consultant, Public Procurement Analysis , London (2012-2019)
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 the UK, Ireland, Germany, Denmark, Belgium, Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Ukraine, Switzerland and the USA. Assignments have ranged from developing guidance and criteria documents on behalf of international bodies to advising local and national authorities on specific procedures, including:
2018/19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Report on innovation procurement, intellectual property & SMEs for WIPO ❖ Revision of European Commission <i>Buying Social</i> guidance on SRPP ❖ Development of Ultra Low Emission Fleet plan and business case for LFB ❖ Advice to EURECA project on procurement of energy-efficient data centres ❖ Bespoke procurement training for National Treasury Management Agency
2016/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Senior Public Procurement Expert, Harmonisation of Ukrainian Public Procurement System with EU standards responsible for co-drafting new public procurement law in line with EU/Ukraine Association Agreement ❖ Development and delivery of procurement training course for DAA ❖ Legal expert, European NGO network on GPP and several EU projects
2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Revision of European Commission <i>Buying Green</i> 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 ENV)
2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 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)
2012/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Preparation of guidance for U.S. Department of Energy SEAD initiative ❖ Research reports on financing and maintaining public-private partnerships for International Institute for Sustainable Development, Geneva ❖ 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	Associate Consultant, Greenville Procurement Partners (2017-) and Achilles Procurement Services Ltd. (2007-2016) Dublin, Ireland
ACTIVITIES	Achilles (now Greenville) 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 the Achilles team based in Dublin. As an associate consultant I have designed and conducted half-day and one-day training courses for procurement professionals on frameworks, public-public cooperation, selection and award criteria, GPP/SPP and the implications of Brexit for Irish contracting authorities.
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 led 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
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 <i>Buying Green Handbook</i> 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 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

DOCTORAL STUDIES	Ph.D. thesis at University of London (Birkbeck) entitled <i>Reform of EU Public Procurement Law: Intergovernmental or Supranational Policy-making?</i> – successful defence in <i>viva voce</i> examination, September 2018.
PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATION	Certificate in Public Procurement Institute of Public Administration, Ireland (2009) <i>Achieved distinction</i>
POSTGRADUATE QUALIFICATION	Diploma in Conflict and Dispute Resolution Studies University of Dublin, Trinity College (2009) <i>Achieved first-class honours</i>
HONOURS DEGREE	Law (LL.B.) University of Dublin, Trinity College (2007) <i>Upper second-class honours</i> LL.B. work included dissertation on the political question doctrine in U.S. and EU law; 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 they are available online.

- ❖ Training for [National Treasury Management Agency](#) (Dublin, November 2018)
- ❖ Training for [Dublin Airport Authority](#) on utility procurement rules (May 2018)
- ❖ [Public Sector Procurement Summit](#) Presentation on Collecting, Collating and Sharing Procurement Data (London, December 2017)
- ❖ [Conference on Public Sector Procurement](#) (Kyiv, Ukraine, October 2017)
- ❖ [Irish Centre for European Law Public Procurement Conference](#): paper on Damages as a Remedy for Breaches of Procurement Law (Dublin, June 2017)
- ❖ University of Nottingham Public Procurement Global Revolution VII: paper on [Living Wages in Public Contracts Before and After Brexit](#) (June 2017)
- ❖ University of Copenhagen Procurement Beyond Price: [Socially Responsible Procurement under EU Law and International Trade Agreements](#) (May 2017)
- ❖ [Law Society of Ireland](#), lectures on public procurement rules as they affect charities and voluntary sector bodies (Dublin, 2015-2019)
- ❖ OLAF seminar on fraud in public procurement, [presentation on conflicts of interest](#) (Cluj-Napoca, Romania, 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)
- ❖ 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](#) and Irish [Electricity Supply Board](#), training on staying ahead of the new EU rules (Belfast/Dublin, February/April 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)
- ❖ 5th International Public Procurement Conference, paper on [EU procurement law reform](#) (Seattle, Washington, USA, August 2012)
- ❖ Training for [Central Project Management Agency](#) (Vilnius, Lithuania November 2011)

PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ [Living Wages in Public Contracts After *RegioPost*](#) (Book chapter in Sanchez Graells ed. *Smart Public Procurement and Labour Standards*, Hart Publishing, 2018)
- ❖ [Socially Responsible Procurement under EU Law and International Trade Agreements](#) (2017 12(3) *European Procurement & PPP Law Review* 293)
- ❖ [The Link to the Subject-matter: A Glass Ceiling for Sustainable Public Contracts?](#) (Book chapter in Sjaafjell and Wiesbrock eds. *Sustainable Procurement under EU Law*, Cambridge University Press, 2016)
- ❖ [A Practical Guide to Public Procurement](#) (Oxford University Press, 2015)
- ❖ [Classification, Conflicts of Interest and Change of Contractor](#) with M. Andrecka (10/2015 *European Procurement & Public Private Partnership Law Review*)
- ❖ [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 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 in *Charting a Course in Public Procurement Innovation and Knowledge Sharing*, 2012, PrAcademics Press)
- ❖ [Mixed offerings for sustainability in new EU Procurement Directives](#) (3/12 *Public Procurement Law Review*)
- ❖ [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, 2nd ed., and 2016, 3rd ed. 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](#) (2010)

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
- ❖ Professional mediation and negotiation skills
- ❖ Understanding of statistical methods and research design
- ❖ Accredited trainer in UNEP Marrakech approach to SPP
- ❖ IT knowledge and competency including Excel, e-procurement systems

ASSOCIATIONS

I am a member of the European Commission's Expert Group on Procurement, Procurement Lawyers' Association, University Association for Contemporary European Studies (UACES), and the Irish Centre for European Law (ICEL).

SECURITY

CLEARANCE

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