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Title: *The Italian e-Procurement Experience*

Abstract: Consip is a limited company of the Italian Ministry of Economy and Finance (MEF) that has been providing, since 1997, consultancy on services, projects, organization and technology for the Ministry's innovation. In 2001 Consip was entitled by the Ministry to develop the Program on the Rationalization of Public Spending and to handle the Italian e-procurement system. The main aim is to support economic development and Public Administration's modernization. The e-procurement system offers three main procurement tools: e-shops, online auctions and the marketplace, in order to achieve efficiency, service quality and process simplification, according to specific strategies. Today, the Program and its website - www.acquistinretepa.it – allow the PA to handle their purchases on line and to gain, at the same time, cost and time reduction.

After five years of activity one of the major results achieved is the migration of a huge amount of public processes and transactions to an electronic platform, the growing number of users and the greater and greater offer of goods and services.