

Public Procurement

Our practice

ALTIUS' public procurement practice gives our clients a clear advantage by using its in-depth know-how.

We assist both tenderers and contracting authorities in procurement matters. We can assist our clients both in the tender phase and in the implementation phase of public contracts.

We regularly challenge award decisions before the Council of State or before the ordinary courts. In view of the short standstill period, this is usually a period of very intense collaboration with the client. We are committed litigators. On many occasions, our clients have expressed their admiration for our focus and our ability to study a case in-depth in a very short timeframe.

Clients have to take into account the specifics of Belgian procurement legislation, in particular the general terms and conditions applying to Belgian contracting authorities. Also, Belgian civil law (e.g. on sales or on contracting agreements) applies where there are no derogations in EU procurement law with which we are also widely experienced.

Our team's lawyers regularly publish on public procurement, regarding developments at both the EU and Belgian levels. For example, William Timmermans has co-authored a book on the latest EU procurement directive (N° 2014/24).

Our team functions within a fully-integrated law firm because we believe that this structure benefits our clients. We can involve our colleagues of other departments and their specialist knowledge if need be.

How we can help

- Reviewing tender documents
- Advising on selection and award criteria
- Sub-contracting and temporary companies
- Assisting clients in preparing tenders and the review of award decisions
- Challenging tender documents and award decisions
- Advising on implementing procurement contracts
- Litigation concerning procurement contracts

Market recognition

"William Timmermans focuses on regulatory matters, including planning, environmental issues, and permits." – Legal 500, 2022

"William focuses on public procurement matters, and he provides advice and litigates in tender proceedings." – Legal 500, 2021

William Timmermans advises clients on public procurement procedures, handling both contentious and non-contentious matters. He also has expertise in PPP projects and public zoning matters. – Chambers Europe, 2021

William Timmermans of ALTIUS is described as *"really good and reactive,"* and is praised for *"giving pertinent advice and anticipating our needs."* - Chambers Europe, 2020

William Timmermans of ALTIUS often advises pharmaceutical and energy companies on the Belgian regulatory framework and on public procurement. Clients appreciate his *"fast and accurate responses and constructive thinking"* in addition to his *"pragmatic approach"* and litigation expertise. - Chambers Europe, 2019

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