

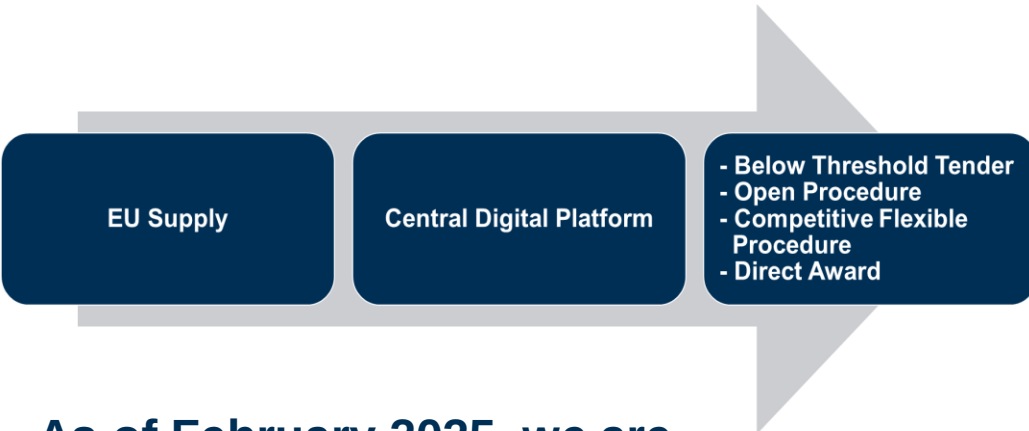


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Procurement Pipeline - Maximising Value Workshop

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UKAEA Commercial Function



As of February 2025, we are governed by [Procurement Act 2023](#)

Key Changes:

- **Introducing the Central Digital Platform** – a single platform for procurement opportunities, notices and other information
- **New Procedure – Competitive Flexible procedure** combines previous procedures (excluding Open and Direct Award), with the ability for the contracting authority to now negotiate
- **Publishing Requirements** – increased notices from pre-procurement to contract termination
- **Debarment Regime** – suppliers who violate the law and have repeated poor performance will be barred from bidding for public sector contracts

UKAEA Procurement Spend

2023/2024	£259M
2022/2023	£200M
2021/2022	£165M
2020/2021	£105.4M
2019/2020	£82.7M



In our July 2025 **Procurement Pipeline**, across our programmes we have:

- 41 tender opportunities

The next Procurement Pipeline will be published in October 2025.

Key Principles:

- Delivering value for money
- Maximising public benefit
- Transparency and the sharing of information
- Acting with integrity
- **Reducing barriers for SMEs**

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EU Supply

Central Digital Platform

- Below Threshold Tender
- Open Procedure
- Competitive Flexible
Procedure
- Direct Award

**PA23 has been designed with SME's
in mind-**

- Creates a more level playing field for businesses of all sizes
- Framework structures allow for joining on open processes
- Central Digital Platform stores all information saving duplication at each tender
- Increased visibility with transparency, pipeline and contract amendment notices

Introducing: UKAEA's SME Surgeries

About UKAEA's SME Surgeries

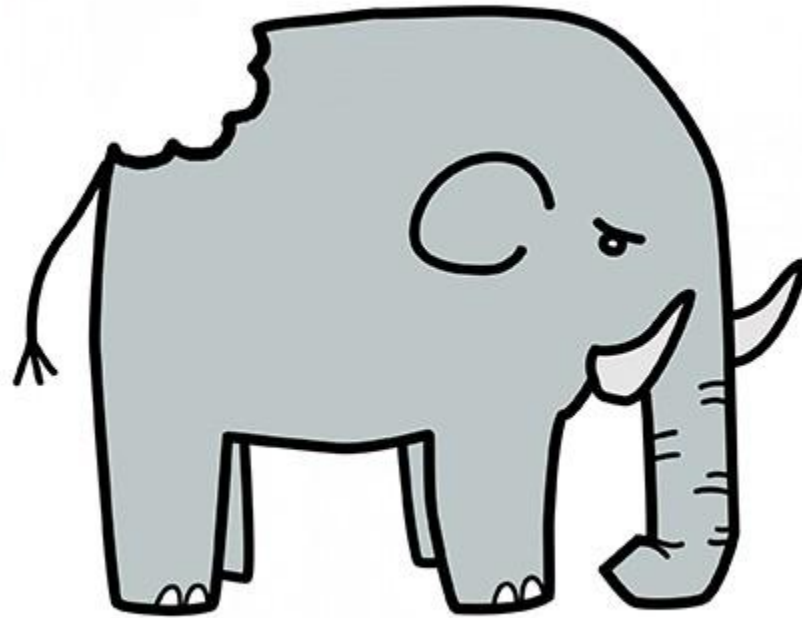
Our SME Surgeries are intended to facilitate one-to-one discussions about how UKAEA can support SMEs within the fusion industry. We aim to use the information and feedback received during these sessions to make meaningful changes at UKAEA to help increase the number of SMEs working within fusion.

We would like to hear your experiences, what works well, the barriers you face, and what is required to make fusion opportunities accessible.

The intended outcome for us is to share knowledge and to understand from an SMEs perspective what works well, what could be improved, and explore solutions to challenges faced. This will help inform our SME Action Plan going forward.

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HOW DO YOU EAT
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ONE BITE
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Reducing Barriers for SME's

- **Where are we today?**
- **Where could we be tomorrow and, working together, how do we get there?**