



**EU REPORT OF THE 5<sup>TH</sup> MEETING  
OF KOREA-EU WG ON GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT**

On Wednesday 6 November 2019, the 5th meeting of the Korea-EU Working Group on Government Procurement took place in Seoul. The discussions were held in a constructive and friendly atmosphere, with both sides open to consider various inquiries. Both parties are committed to ensure that the FTA is implemented and any irregularity in the effective public procurement market access is corrected.

Both sides updated each other on the latest developments related to public procurement (PP) and on their respective ongoing trade negotiations (and recently signed agreements).

As far as potential trade barriers are concerned, the discussion covered, among other topics, access to respective high-speed rail markets, where both sides see the need for improvements.

The EU also raised the issue of use of Korean standards in their public procurement tenders.

With regard to cooperation issues, both Parties agreed to involve in discussion on SME support policies and mutual exchange of best practices. The issues of enhancing e-procurement and of access to reliable procurement statistics and the need to exchange the relevant data were also discussed.