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Monitoring European Tenders

Summary

Monitoring European Tenders – MET (<https://monitoringeutenders.eu>) – is a risk assessment software for public authorities to assess the degree of integrity of European public procurement procedures. MET is based on data collected from the Tenders Electronic Daily (TED) for the period 2009-2017 and on the risk indicators developed by the project DIGIWHIST.

The aim of MET is to provide public authorities engaged in procurement activities with an easy-to-use software that can guide the users in the identification of risky contracts. Moreover, the MET software provides insights on the degree of integrity of the suppliers, based on their participation in opaque procedures and other characteristics at firm level.

To reach these goals, the software provides three main channels for data exploration. The first is the search by country. Data have been collected for 34 jurisdictions (28 EU Member States, Armenia, Switzerland, Georgia, Iceland, Norway and Serbia). The second way to explore data is on the basis of the actor (contracting authority or supplier) name. The third is by typing the tender id. In the following, more details are provided on the different data searching strategies.

Once accessed, the software provides a detailed tutorial introducing the exploration modes. Along with the tutorial, MET provides a glossary which defines the procurement indicators used (procurement integrity and administrative capacity indicators).

Besides static information, the software allows to customise the risk associated to each lot. The function allows to differentially weight indicators based on their relative importance attributed by the user.

After some filtering procedures, it is possible to download the selected data. This allows the users to integrate and process these data alongside with their own information.

Finally, the sustainability and maintenance of the software is guaranteed for a period of three years from the delivery of the product (February 2018). Università Cattolica – Transcrime will be in charge of the maintenance during this period (till February 2021).

MET Data

Data have been gathered from the same sources used to build the portal opentender.eu. For a better understanding of the way data have been collected, structured and systematised please refer to the material of the WP2.

The following table describes the amount of information presented in the MET software. Only TED data from 2009 to 2017 have been integrated.

Table 1. List of countries and number of records (lots) included in MET

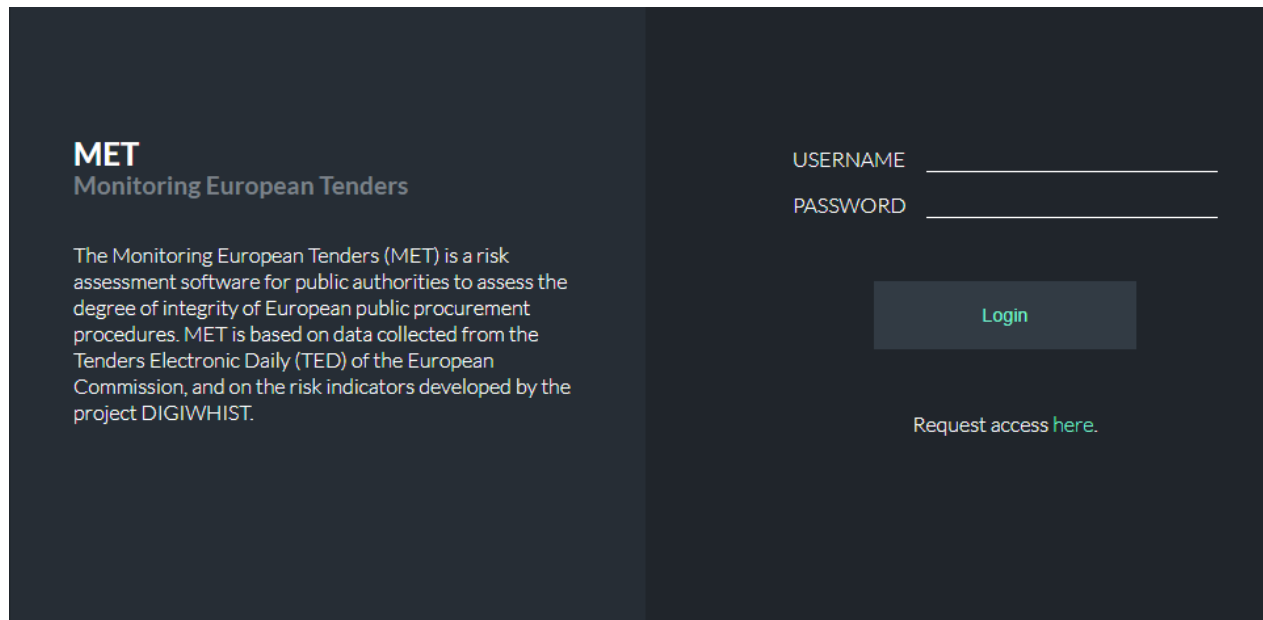
| Country | N° records | Country | N° records |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Armenia | 9 | Italy | 91,754 |
| Austria | 28,048 | Latvia | 15,572 |
| Belgium | 54,124 | Lithuania | 24,459 |
| Bulgaria | 34,826 | Luxembourg | 3,488 |
| Croatia | 12,642 | Malta | 4,158 |
| Cyprus | 4,847 | Netherlands | 49,544 |
| Czech Republic | 79,093 | Norway | 38,426 |
| Denmark | 30,212 | Poland | 263,736 |
| Estonia | 13,523 | Portugal | 22,717 |
| Finland | 33,600 | Romania | 97,337 |
| France | 457,675 | Serbia | 132 |
| Georgia | 22 | Slovakia | 19,198 |
| Germany | 239,145 | Slovenia | 25,724 |
| Greece | 27,934 | Spain | 97,762 |
| Hungary | 26,454 | Sweden | 66,048 |
| Iceland | 1,030 | Switzerland | 22,846 |
| Ireland | 12,694 | United Kingdom | 125,659 |

Source: Monitoring EU Tenders (MET)

MET Access

The software is accessible from the following link <https://monitoringeutenders.eu>

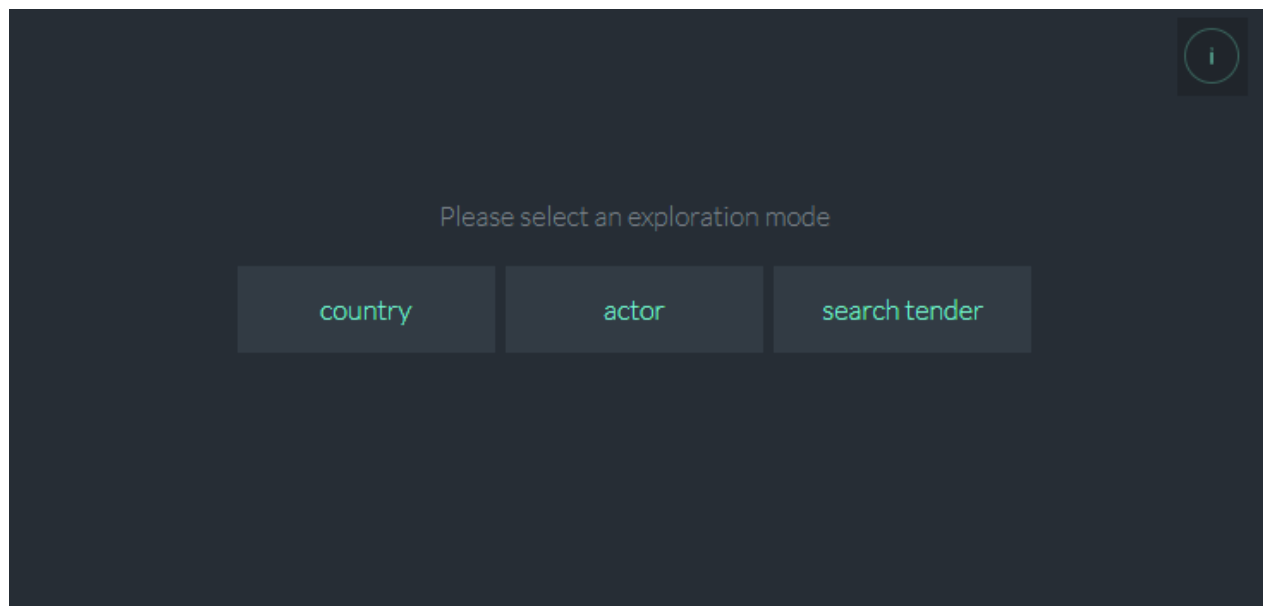
Login credentials are available for the public authorities through request at the e-mail address linked to the MET (log@monitoringeutenders.eu).



The screenshot shows the MET login interface. On the left, the title 'MET Monitoring European Tenders' is displayed above a descriptive paragraph: 'The Monitoring European Tenders (MET) is a risk assessment software for public authorities to assess the degree of integrity of European public procurement procedures. MET is based on data collected from the Tenders Electronic Daily (TED) of the European Commission, and on the risk indicators developed by the project DIGIWHIST.' On the right, there are input fields for 'USERNAME' and 'PASSWORD', followed by a 'Login' button. Below the button, a link 'Request access [here](#).' is visible.

MET Landing Page

MET Landing page gives the users the possibility to select three different exploration modes by clicking on *country*, *actor* or *search tender*. A brief tutorial is available on the top right.



The screenshot displays the MET Landing Page. At the top right, there is a circular icon with an 'i' inside, likely for a tutorial. The main heading reads 'Please select an exploration mode'. Below this, there are three buttons: 'country', 'actor', and 'search tender'.

MET Tutorial and Glossary

Tutorial is available during all the exploration process. It provides the users a comprehensive guide to explore the MET.

EXPLORE PROCUREMENT DATASET

Filter data to identify a group of tenders relevant to your analysis and get to see the details for each tender.

group of tenders



group label
value
avg PI 0.6

single tender



HOW TO

Use the menu on the left to browse data, adding aggregations and selecting groups. You can filter the subset of tenders by risk indicator and year.

VIEW BY COUNTRY

- United Kingdom
- + select a subdivision

Sector and division

Contract type

Procedure type

Award criteria

Buyer type

Buyer main activity

Company country

Filter tenders by indicator >

Filter tenders by year >

Customize by switching on the indicators relevant to your exploration.

Current view average PI index /1

reset

- ☒ Unpublished call for tenders
- ☒ Negotiated procedure
- ☒ Unusual advertisement period
- ☒ Unusual decision period
- ☒ Single bidder contract

▼

The glossary defines the indicators of procurement integrity and administrative capacity integrated in the software.

| INTEGRITY INDICATORS | ADMINISTRATIVE CAPACITY INDICATORS |
|--|--|
| Single bidder contract Single bid signals a risk when only one bid is submitted in a tender in a competitive market. | Joint or centralized procurement Centralized procurement suggests good administrative capacity if the tender is managed by a central procuring body. |
| Unpublished call for tenders Not publishing calls for tender signals a risk when no call for tenders is published prior to a contract award, decreasing the potential bidder pool. | Use of framework agreements Framework agreement suggests good administrative capacity if the tender establishes a framework agreement. |
| Negotiated procedure Non-open procedures signal a risk of using procedures types which are less open for competition and more readily used for directly contracting connected companies (e.g. negotiated without publication). | Electronic auction Electronic auction points at good administrative capacity if the tender was conducted through an electronic auction. |
| Unusual advertisement period Advertisement period length reveals the risk of suspiciously tight bidding deadlines or when advertisement period is excessively long. | Use of WTO framework Use of the WTO framework suggests good administrative capacity if the tendering process is conducted according to the WTO framework. |
| Unusual decision period Length of decision period signals risks when the the decision period length is either suspiciously short or suspiciously long. | English as foreign language English as a foreign language suggests good administrative capacity if the bids can be submitted in English as a foreign language. |
| New company New company signals the risk of a very young company winning a tender (younger than 1 year at the time of winning). | |
| Tax haven Tax haven signals a risk when the supplier is located in a tax haven country (based on the financial secrecy index). | |

MET Exploration Modes

There are three ways to explore the data contained in the MET, by:

- Country
- Actor
- Search Tender

Both the country and actor exploration modes allow the user to download the selected data.

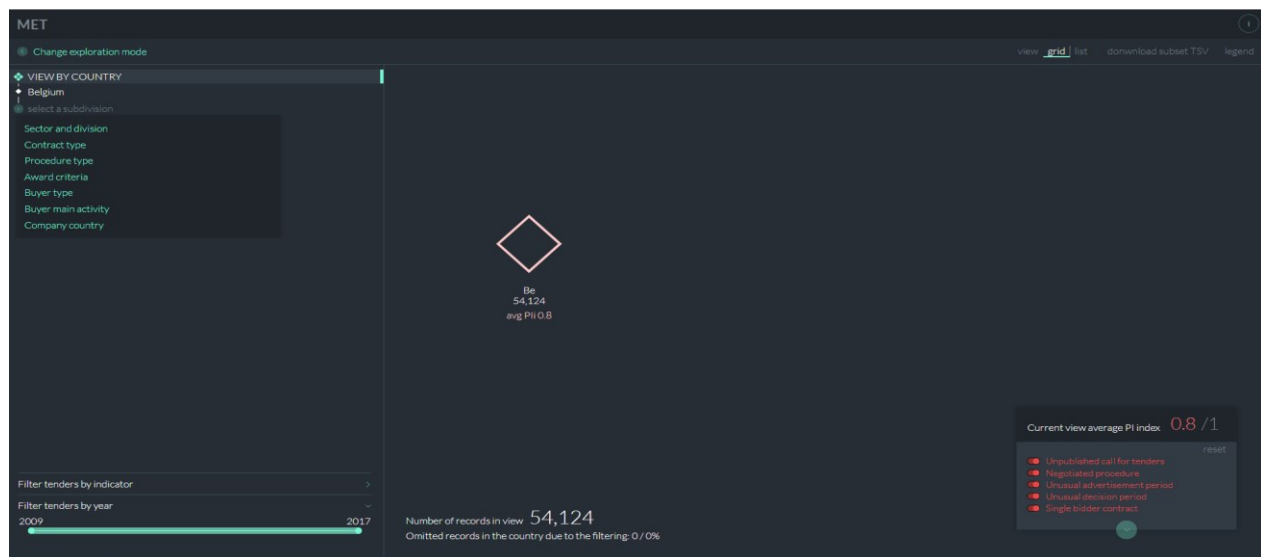
Country

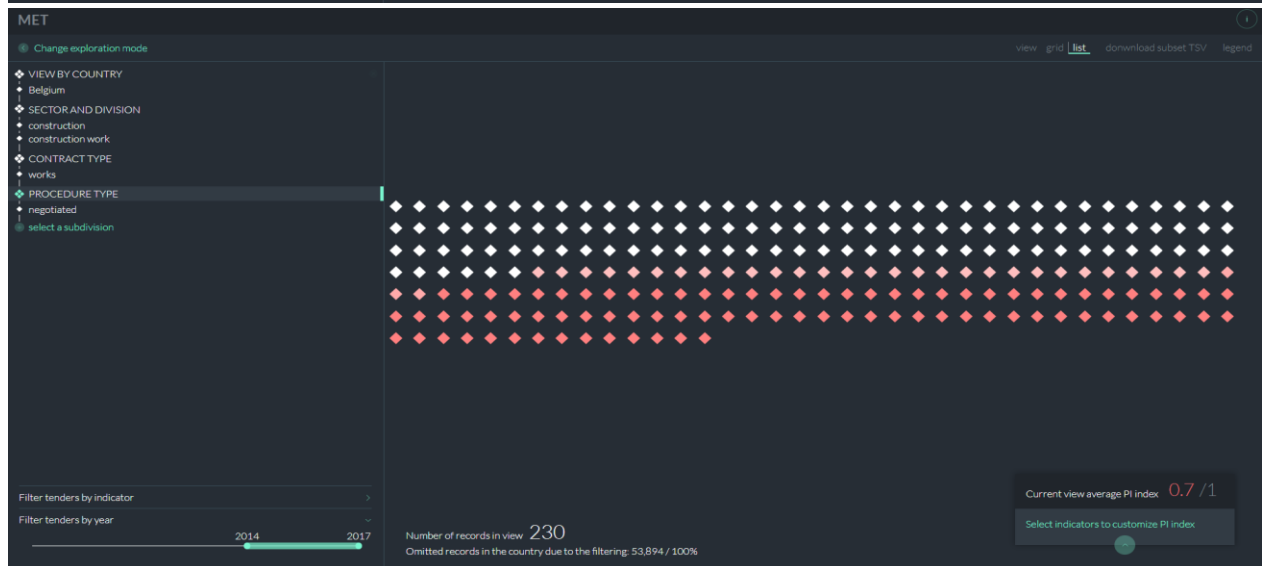
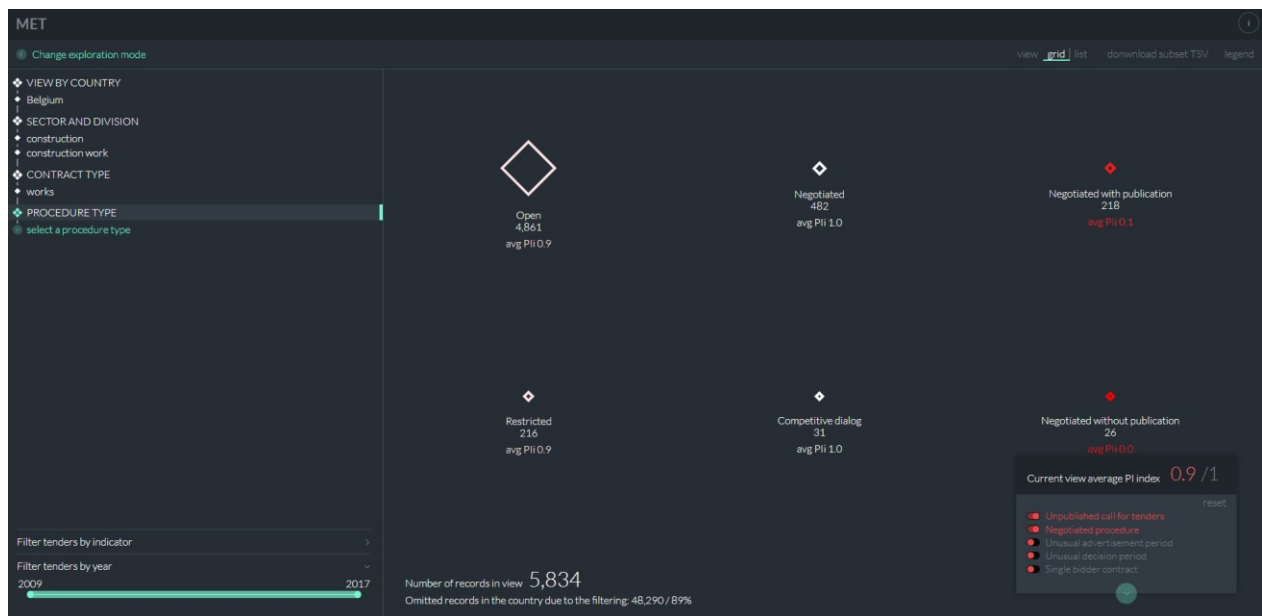
Country selection allows users to select the country of interest among the 34 jurisdictions present in the MET. A list of filters is available to identify a subset of tenders and its correspondent list.

Once selected a country of interest, on the top left of the screen it is possible to explore the data based on some filters:

- Characteristics of the procedure and involved actors: sector and division, contract type (i.e., works, services, supplies), procedure type (e.g., negotiated), award criteria, buyer type and main activity and company country;
- Procurement integrity indicators;
- Timeframe.

On the bottom right of the screen it is possible to customise the average procurement integrity index referred to the filtered data. This function allows to calculate the average risk index based only on one or more indicators of interest. This is particularly important to allow authorities to give more weight to those features deemed to be riskier based on their experience, knowledge and specificities of their country.





Tender

TITLE

Openbaar Psychiatrisch Zorgcentrum, OPZ Geel, Vlaams
Publiekrechtelijke vormgegeven extern verzelfstandigd
agentschap.

TITLE ENG

Construction work

TENDER ID

2011/S 211-344268
2012/S 205-336479
2011/S 211-344268

country: BE

CPV: Construction work

contract type: WORKS

publication date:

2011-11-03
2012-10-24
2011-11-03

selection method: MEAT

awarding criteria: prijs: 100

INTEGRITY INDICATORS

(☐ integrity ☒ non integrity ☐ absent)

Single bidder contract

Unusual advertisement period

Unusual decision period

Unpublished call for tenders

Negotiated procedure

AVERAGE INTEGRITY VALUE



ADMINISTRATIVE CAPACITY INDICATORS

(☐ integrity ☒ non integrity ☐ absent)

Joint or centralized procurement

Wto framework

Electronic auction

Framework agreement

English as foreign language

Lots

number of lots: 1

lot 1 Company

Vanhout NV

country: BE

address: Lammerdries 12, Geel

lot number: 1

lot title: Renovatie en uitbreiding OPZ Geel.

bids count: 3

Buyer

Openbaar Psychiatrisch Zorgcentrum Geel

country: BE

address: Dr. Sanodreef 4, Geel

type: PUBLIC_BODY

main activities:

HEALTH

Company

name: Vanhout nv

country: Be

address: Lammerdries 12, 2440 - Geel

NUMBER OF TENDERS WON

no data available

TENDERS AVERAGE PI INDEX



CORRUPTION RISK INDICATORS

(☐ integrity ☒ non integrity ☐ absent)

Integrity new company

Integrity tax haven

Please choose an actor to compare

Search actor



Actor

The actor exploration mode allows to search for a specific actor, namely a buyer or a supplier. Once selected an actor the user is most interested in, the software shows the list of tenders awarded by the actor, that can be filtered and weighted in the same way as the previous exploration mode.

On the top left of the screen it is also possible to view more information on the specified actor by clicking “view details”. Besides basic information (e.g., address, VAT number, etc.), the actor card shows some statistics on the tenders won or awarded by the actor and the risk indicators (only in case of supplier). Moreover, by accessing the actor card, the user will have the possibility to compare it to other actors.

MET

Change exploration mode

VIEW BY ACTOR

select a actor >>

Search actor

vodafonej

Vodafone España, S.A.U. (Altern. 1)
Vodafone Kabel Deutschland GmbH
Vodafone Ltd
Vodafone Omnitel N.V.
Vodafone
Vodafone Portugal – Comunicações Pessoais, SA
Vodafone Romania SA
Vodafone Ireland
Vodafone Czech Republic a.s.
VODAFONE-PANAFON AET
VODAFONE MAGYARORSZAG MOBIL TAVKOZLESI ZARTKORJEN MUKODO RESZVENYTARSASAG
Vodafone Malta Limited
Fjarskipti (Vodafone)

Company

name: Vodafone ireland
country: ie
address: Mountainview, central park, leoardstown, 18 - Dublin

NUMBER OF TENDERS WON

no data available

TENDERS AVERAGE PI INDEX

PI index
0.8/1

0.0 | lower integrity | higher integrity | 1.0

CORRUPTION RISK INDICATORS

■ integrity ■ non integrity ■ absent)
Integrity new company
Integrity tax haven

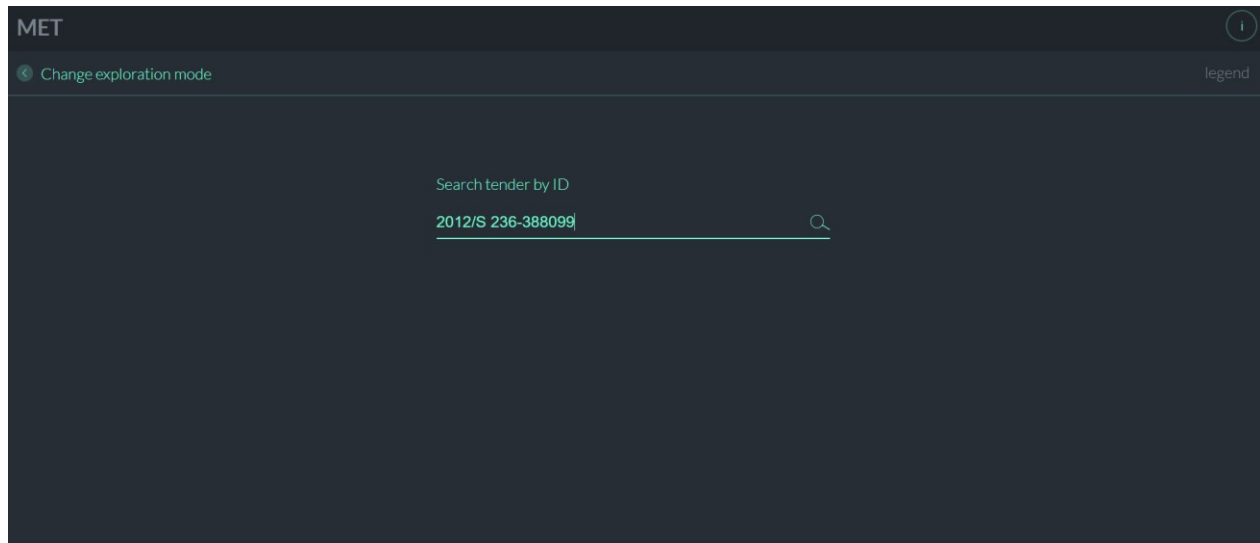
Please choose an actor to compare

Search actor

to start the search, at least three chars are needed:

Search Tender

This last exploration mode allows to directly search a tender using its official ID. This is particularly useful when the authority is interested in a specific tender.



MET Download

MET gives the opportunity to download the selected data (a maximum of 300 object). This feature allows users to integrate and process data and indicators together with personal information.

Data are available in TSV format. A TSV (Tab Separated Values) is a file extension for a tab-delimited file used with spreadsheet software. TSV files are used for raw data and can be imported into and exported from spreadsheet software. TSV files are text files and the raw data can be displayed by text editors or spreadsheet software (Microsoft Excel).

Sustainability

MET sustainability and maintenance is guaranteed from 28 February 2018 (date of launch) to 28 February 2021. Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore – Transcrime is in charge of MET sustainability.