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Innovation procurement has become a key driver on delivering solutions to social challenges that public sector is facing, including the need to modernise internal operations while delivering high quality public services. Since 2018, Centro de Desarrollo Tecnológico y la Innovación (CDTI Innovation) has been boosting Innovation and R&D through Pre-Commercial Procurement (PCP) instrument. The aim is to close the gap of those solutions whose technology is not yet near-to-the-market but could be achieved by financing R&D activities. CDTI Innovation obtains R&D services to develop first product or service prototypes, in test serie modality, technologically innovative, and that meet public needs. The prototype developed within this framework is transferred then the Public Entity interested in the solution. To this end, Public Entities provides the needed environment for validation activities. However, the prototype will be used only as a technology demonstrator, in order to validate technology, not for commercial purposes.

Far from being a fast-track approach towards overcoming challenges, PCP instruments faces several challenges towards its stablishment as a meeting point among R&D providers, solution providers, clients and users.

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