

## **The Mission d'Appui aux PPP (MAPPP)**

### *History & Structure*

After France enacted a new PPP procedure in June 2004, the Ministry of Finance felt that the complexity of this new procedure required a task force that would be responsible for supporting and regulating PPP projects. Mission d'Appui à la Réalisation des Contrats de Partenariat ('MAPPP'). The body was officially set up in May of 2005 .MAPPP sits in the Ministry of Finance as a task force and is completely government funded.

### *Roles and Responsibilities*

MAPPP's primary role is assessing PPP projects before they receive approval from the Ministry of Budget. MAPPP provides the methodology for evaluating PPP projects and validates feasibility studies prepared by the procuring authorities for governmental approval. Once a project has been proposed as a PPP, MAPPP's role is to review the preliminary assessment to ensure that it has been completed correctly, from a legal, financial and qualitative perspective.

For any project at the central government level to be approved, it must first get the go-ahead from MAPPP in terms of the PPP format providing legal and financial advantage to traditional procurement. Many other jurisdictions call this type of review a value for money analysis ('VFM'). MAPPP does not conduct this analysis itself, but reviews the work of line ministries and issues a detailed opinion on the case for using a PPP. The project must then be approved by the Ministry of Budget, to ensure that it is sustainable in the government's budget. Projects at the regional and local level do not require these approvals, but may benefit from MAPPP's technical support if they choose.

MAPPP also provides support in the preparation and negotiation of procurement and contract documents. It helps the service agency to select a private sector advisor to assist in the process. In addition, it has created user guides and methodological tools to assist the line ministries in conducting the PPP process. However, MAPPP is not involved in the day-to-day management of the procurement process.

MAPPP is also responsible for promoting the PPP market in France. It does this through publication of newsletters, participation in conferences, and establishment of an 'Observatoire des PPP' to retain knowledge and lessons learned from past projects. It is increasingly involved in bi-lateral and multilateral cooperation, through sharing of experience and good practices within the framework of the World bank Institute, UNECE, OECD or the European PPP Expertise Center sponsored by EIB & the European commission.