Participation in a Public Procurement Process

A Case of Digitalization of Norwegian Child Welfare Services

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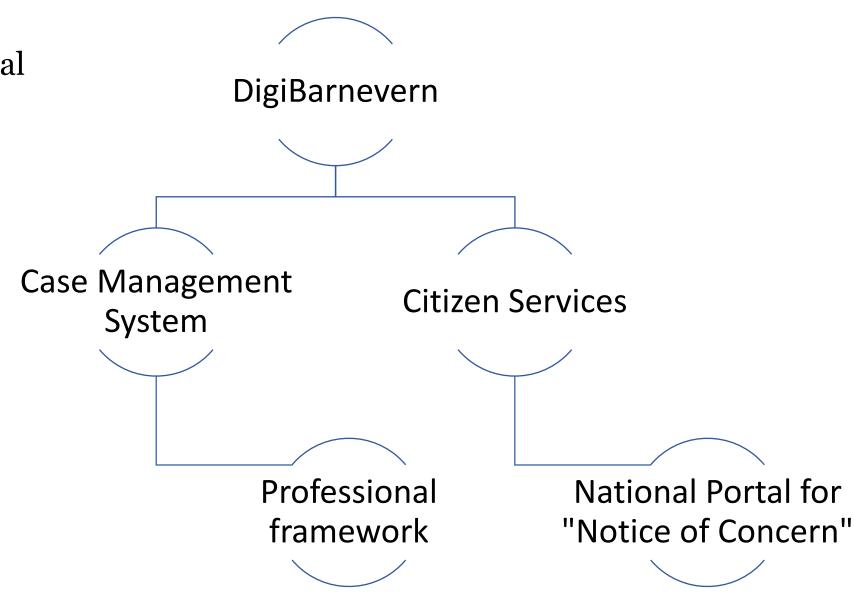
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Components

- National vs. municipal
- Procurement vs.

developed 'inhouse'



Expected outcomes

- Participating in own case
- Fast and secure communication
- Better documentation leading up to case assessment
- Offloading caseworkers

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Scaling up

- Many governmental entities = traditional contracts
- Interviews and hearings with (smaller) municipalities
- Subprojects citizen services and case management systems

Negotiating Participation

- The importance of mapping needs
- Requirement specification
 - Participation in development
- Embedding CWS workers

<u>Implications</u>

- Loads of coordination!
- A need for innovative approaches to procurement
- Allocating enough resources for participation of end-users
- Opportunities for mutual learning

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