

## Public Procurement Thresholds – 28 March 2023

### 1. National Procurement Thresholds (Below EU Threshold)

The National Procurement thresholds (Below EU Threshold) for advertising and the procurement procedures to be used are set out below.

Note: Where Grant Recipients are required to comply with public procurement procedures it should be noted that the funding body may require additional conditions to be met for the grant funding, and this is a matter for the funding body to inform the applicant of same.

| Contract Type                             | Estimated Value of Procurement (exclusive of VAT) | Procurement Procedure   | Guidance   |
|---|---|---|--|
| <b>Works<sup>1</sup></b>                  | Less than €200,000 <sup>2</sup>                   | <b>Direct Invitation</b><br>Seek a minimum of 5 <b>Written Tenders</b> from interested and competent contractors. | See Section 3.2 'Advertising and Timeframes for the Tender' of GN 2.3 - Procurement Process for Works Contractors available to download <a href="#">here</a> |
|   | €200,000 – EU Threshold <sup>3</sup>              | <b>Open or Restricted Procedure</b><br>Publish Contract Notice on <a href="#">eTenders</a>                        | See Section 3.2 'Advertising and Timeframes for the Tender' of GN 2.3 - Procurement Process for Works Contractors available to download <a href="#">here</a> |
| <b>Works Related Services<sup>4</sup></b> | Less than €50,000                                 | <b>Direct Invitation</b><br>Seek a minimum of 5 <b>Written Tenders</b> from interested and competent consultants. | See GN 1.6 – Procurement Process for Consultancy Services (Technical) available to download <a href="#">here</a>   |
|   | €50,000 – EU Threshold <sup>5</sup>               | <b>Open Procedure</b><br>Publish Contract Notice on <a href="#">eTenders</a>                                      | See GN 1.6 – Procurement Process for Consultancy Services (Technical) available to download <a href="#">here</a>   |

<sup>1</sup> See [Construction Procurement](#) website

<sup>2</sup> Circular 05/2023 published 28/03/2023 introduced a revised national threshold for works contracts

<sup>3</sup> Works - €5,382,000 (from 01/01/2022)

<sup>4</sup> See [Construction Procurement](#) website

<sup>5</sup> Works-related Services - €140,000 (applies to Government Departments and Offices); and €215,000 (applies to Local and Regional Authorities and public bodies outside the Utilities sector) (from 01/01/2022).

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|-------------------------------------|--|---|---|
| <b>Supplies or General Services</b> | Less than €5,000   | Seek <b>Verbal Quotes</b> from one or more interested and competent suppliers/service providers. (Best Practice – Seek a minimum of 3 written quotes) | See <a href="#">Circular 05/2023 : Initiatives to assist SMEs in Public Procurement</a> |
|                                     | €5,000 – €50,000 <sup>6</sup>                            | <b>Direct Invitation</b><br>Seek a minimum of 3 <b>Written Tenders</b> from interested and competent suppliers/service providers )                    | See <a href="#">Circular 05/2023 : Initiatives to assist SMEs in Public Procurement</a> |
|                                     | €50,000 – EU Threshold <sup>7</sup>                      | <b>Open Procedure</b><br>Publish Contract Notice on <a href="#">eTenders</a>  | See <a href="#">Circular 05/2023 : Initiatives to assist SMEs in Public Procurement</a> |

### **2. Thresholds (exclusive of VAT) above which advertising of contracts in the Official Journal of the EU is obligatory, applicable from 1 January 2022 (until 31 December 2023) and on e-Tenders:**

The main advertising thresholds with effect **from 1 January 2022** are as follows:

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| <p><b>Works</b> - €5,382,000<br/>Government Departments and Offices, Local and Regional Authorities and public bodies</p> <p><b>Supplies and Services</b><br/>€140,000 - Government Departments and Offices<br/>€215,000 - Local and Regional Authorities and public bodies outside the Utilities sector<br/>€750,000 – light touch regime - social and other specific services listed in Annex XIV of the EU Directive 2014/24/EU.</p> <p><b>Utilities (for entities in Utilities sector covered by GPA)</b><br/>Works Contracts - €5,382,000<br/>Supplies and Services - €431,000</p> |
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<sup>6</sup> Circular 05/2023 published 28/03/2023 introduced a revised national threshold for supplies and services contracts

<sup>7</sup> Supplies and Services - €140,000 (applies to Government Departments and Offices); and €215,000 (applies to Local and Regional Authorities and public bodies outside the Utilities sector) (from 01/01/2022).