



Circular No: 14 - 2020
From: LEADER Policy & Operations Unit
To: All LAGs and Implementing Partners
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Subject: Revised EU Procurement Thresholds

This Circular is being issued to update elements of Sections 15.3 and 15.4 of the LEADER 2014 – 2020 Operating Rules. These changes in Sections 15.3 and 15.4 relate only to the revision of EU procurement thresholds for advertising of contracts in The Official Journal of the EU, which is obligatory and was effective from 1st January 2020. No other changes have been made to Section 15.4 in this Circular other than those highlighted in red and strikethrough text.

Please also note that the e-mail address has been updated in Section 15.3 of this circular.

Unclean Version of Sections 15.3 and 15.4 are set out below with changes highlighted in red and strikethrough text.

15.3 Projects above the EU Thresholds

In the main, LEADER does not provide funding for activities above the EU thresholds. However, where such a project does arise, the LAG must agree the appropriate procurement requirements with the Department prior to any approval of funding so as to ensure adherence to EU public procurement requirements; contact email: OR1420@ahg.gov.ie OR1420@drctd.gov.ie

The current EU thresholds are ~~€221,000~~ €214,000 (exclusive of VAT) for Supplies & Services and Works-related Services and ~~€5,548,000~~ €5,350,00 (exclusive of VAT) for Works. These thresholds are revised every two years and LAGs should consult <http://simap.ted.europa.eu/web/simap/european-public-procurement> for the most recent thresholds. The current thresholds remain valid until 31st December 2019 2021.



15.4 National Procurement Guidelines – Category 1 (Amendments to Table only)

National Procurement Thresholds		
Contract Type	Amount (excl. VAT)	Procedure
Supplies & Services	Less than €5,000	Seek verbal quotations from one or more interested and competent suppliers/service providers - these can be sought verbally but responses must be obtained in writing. (Best Practice – Seek a minimum of 3 written quotes; a record of verbal requests must be placed on file).
	€5,000 - €25,000	Seek written quotations from a minimum of 3 suppliers on the basis of responses to written specifications.
	€25,000 - EU Threshold* (currently €221,000 €214,000)	Publish Contract Notice on eTenders www.etenders.gov.ie – Open Procedure
Works Related Services	Less than €50,000	Seek written quotations from at least 5 firms on the basis of responses to written specifications, or follow the eTenders process – Open Procedure
	€50,000 – EU Threshold* (currently €221,000 €214,000)	Publish Contract Notice on eTenders www.etenders.gov.ie – Open Procedure
Works	Less than €50,000	Seek written quotations from at least 5 firms on the basis of responses to written specifications, or follow the eTenders process – Open Procedure
	€50,000 – €250,000	Publish Contract Notice on eTenders www.etenders.gov.ie – Open Procedure
	€250,000 - EU Threshold* (currently €5,548,000 €5,350,000)	Publish Contract Notice on eTenders www.etenders.gov.ie – Open or Restricted Procedure

* Where a project exceeds the EU threshold, the LAG must agree the appropriate procurement requirements with the Department as per Section 15.3.



Clean Version of Sections 15.3 and 15.4 that have been amended are set out below:

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