

The amounts mentioned in this document are the thresholds for procurement **without any VAT**.

***EU thresholds for services & supplies (Article 4 of Directive 2014/24/EU and its updates):***

- ≥ 209.000 € (until 2017)***
- ≥ 221.000 € (until 2019)***
- ≥ 214.000 € (2020-2021)***
- ≥ 215.000 € (2022-2023)***
- ≥ 221.000 € (2024 and 2025)***

***EU thresholds for construction work (Article 4 of Directive 2014/24/EU and its updates):***

- ≥ 5.225.000 € (until 2017)***
- ≥ 5.548.000 € (until 2019)***
- ≥ 5.350.000 € (2020-2021)***
- ≥ 5.382.000 € (2022-2023)***
- ≥ 5.538.000 € (2024 and 2025)***

## Belgium - Flanders

Thresholds	Procedure	To provide to the Programme
< 30.000€	<b><u>Low-value contracts</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Complete award file:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Invoice</li> <li>➤ Signed contract</li> <li>➤ Received offers</li> <li>➤ Award report</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Proof of market consultation with no formal requirements (emails to several suppliers, online consultation of market,...)</li> <li>✓ Considerations leading to the choice</li> <li>✓ Purchase order is welcome</li> <li>✓ Invoice</li> </ul>
30.000€ ≤ x < 143.000€	<b><u>Negotiated procedure without publication</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Specifications required</li> <li>✓ Complete award file:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Adapted specifications</li> <li>➤ Received offers</li> <li>➤ Award report</li> <li>➤ Signed award letter/rejection letter</li> <li>➤ Contract</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Proof of consultation of at least 3 offers / sending invitation to at least three market players</li> <li>✓ Offers/quotations received and/or notification of not submitting the offer</li> <li>✓ Award report or minutes of opening the offers. from which the considerations leading to the choice must be apparent</li> <li>✓ Contract signed with selected tenderer</li> <li>✓ (Intermediate) invoice(s)</li> </ul>
143.000€ ≤ x < EU threshold	<b><u>Public tender procedure</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Specifications required</li> <li>✓ Complete award file</li> <li>✓ Publication within Belgium is required</li> <li>✓ Exceptional: negotiated procedure</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Documents under the former step, and additionally</li> <li>✓ Publication proof (national)</li> </ul>
≥ EU threshold → Supplies and services ≥ EU threshold → (Construction) work	<b><u>European tendering procedure</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Specifications required</li> <li>✓ Complete award file</li> <li>✓ Publication at the national and European levels</li> <li>✓ Award dossier</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Documents under the former step, and additionally</li> <li>✓ Proof of publication of national and European tenders</li> </ul>

## Belgium – Wallonia

Thresholds	Procedure	To provide to the Programme
< 1.000€	<u><b>Low-value contracts (can be done via email)</b></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Complete award file:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Invoice</li> <li>➤ Signed contract</li> <li>➤ Received offers</li> <li>➤ Award report</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Small competitive call is welcome (min. 3 demands) – <b>mandatory to be provided for On-the-spot check but not requested/checked for the desk control.</b> From the first euro, it is up to the contracting authority to prove that it has met its fundamental obligation to hold a competitive process. With this in mind, it is important to keep evidence of that competition in the administrative file so it can be produced in the event of an control/audit.</li> <li>✓ Purchase order is welcome - <b>mandatory for On-the-spot check but not requested/checked for the desk control</b></li> <li>✓ Invoice</li> </ul>
1.000€ ≤ x < 30.000€	<u><b>Low-value contracts (can be done via email)</b></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Complete award file:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Legality check by the administration</li> <li>➤ Invoice</li> <li>➤ Signed contract</li> <li>➤ Received offers</li> <li>➤ Award report</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Small competitive call (min. 3 demands)</li> <li>✓ Purchase order</li> <li>✓ Invoice</li> <li>✓ Technical assessment notice is welcome</li> <li>✓ Legality check by the administration</li> </ul>
30.000€ ≤ x < 143.000€ (221.000€ in the special sectors)	<u><b>Negotiated procedure without publication (mandatorily via the e-procurement BOSA platform)</b></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Specifications required</li> <li>✓ Complete award file:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Legality check</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Documents under former step, and additionally</li> <li>✓ Proof of consultation of at least 3 offers</li> <li>✓ Award report or minutes of tender opening</li> <li>✓ Contract signed with selected tenderer</li> <li>✓ <b>Validated legality check is mandatory (avis de légalité)</b></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Opportunity check prior to the launch of the public tender</b></li> <li>➤ Adapted specifications</li> <li>➤ Received offers</li> <li>➤ Award report</li> <li>➤ Signed award letter / rejection letter</li> <li>➤ Contract</li> </ul> <p>✓ Publication within Belgium required</p>	<p>✓ <b>Validated opportunity check is mandatory (avis d'opportunité)</b></p>
143.000€ ≤ x < EU threshold	<p><b><u>Public tender procedure (mandatorily via the e-procurement BOSA platform)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Specifications required</li> <li>✓ Complete award file</li> <li>✓ <b>Legality check</b></li> <li>✓ <b>Opportunity check prior to the launch of the public tender</b></li> <li>✓ Publication within Belgium required</li> <li>✓ Exceptional: negotiated procedure</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Documents under former step, and additionally</li> <li>✓ Publication proof (national)</li> </ul>
<p>≥ EU threshold → Supplies and services</p> <p>≥ EU threshold → (Construction) work</p>	<p><b><u>European tendering procedure (mandatorily via the e-procurement BOSA platform)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Specifications required</li> <li>✓ Complete award file</li> <li>✓ Publication at European level</li> <li>✓ Award dossier</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Documents under former step, and additionally</li> <li>✓ Proof of publication European tender</li> </ul>

In Wallonia, even non-contracting authorities<sup>1</sup> are required to follow competitive procedures when they benefit from European funds. While they are not obliged to apply public procurement regulations, they must comply with lighter competition requirements (see the guide from the Walloon administration, which the Walloon Regional Antenna can forward).

It is the beneficiary's responsibility to demonstrate that they have fulfilled their fundamental obligation to ensure competition. To this end, it is important to keep evidence of this competitive process in the administrative file, so that it can be provided in case of an audit.

Therefore, all Walloon project partners, whether or not they are subject to public procurement law, are required to provide proof of competition (i.e., contacting at least three service providers) for any external costs (services, equipment, works) exceeding €1,000.

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<sup>1</sup> The categorisation between contracting and non-contracting authorities (pouvoir adjudicataire ou non) is to be determined by project partners by filling in a template available on the programme's website to confirm this categorisation.

## Germany – NRW

### **Supplies and services**

Thresholds	Procedure	To provide to the Programme
< 15.000€ (for municipalities up to 25.000€)	<b><u>Direct Order</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Electronic recording of direct orders with a value of € 100 or more in the state administration of NRW</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>4-eye-principle compulsory</b></li> <li>✓ <b>Invoice</b></li> <li>✓ <b>Purchase order</b></li> <li>✓ <i>Competitive check is recommended (min. 3 informal price checks)</i></li> </ul>
15.000€ ≤ x < 100.000€ (For municipalities: 25.000€ to 100.000€)  Either a restricted tender without competitive bidding or a negotiated procedure	<b><u>Restricted tender without public notice</u></b> <b><u>(Beschränkte Ausschreibung ohne Teilnahmewettbewerb)</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ At least 5 providers</li> <li>✓ Formal offer documentation required</li> </ul> <p>Or</p> <b><u>Negotiated procedure with/without competitive bidding</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Min. 3 providers must be invited to submit tenders (without competitive bidding)</li> <li>✓ Specifications required</li> <li>✓ Competitive bidding: Publication on national platform</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Proof of min. 5 market players are invited for offers</li> <li>✓ Full award file: Specifications, written offers, signed contract, award report</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Proof of publication</li> <li>✓ Proof of min. 3 written offers</li> <li>✓ (Intermediate) invoice(s), award file</li> </ul>
100.000€ ≤ x < EU threshold	<b><u>Public tender procedure</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Unlimited number of tenderers</li> <li>✓ National publication required</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Documents same as above, plus</li> <li>✓ Proof of unrestricted access to tender documents</li> <li>✓ Bid opening record</li> </ul>

		✓ Evaluation matrix
≥ EU threshold	<u><b>European tender procedure</b></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Publication at European level</li> <li>✓ unlimited number of tenderers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Same award documents as national tender, and additionally:</li> <li>✓ Proof of EU publication</li> </ul>

### (Construction) works

Thresholds	Procedure	To provide to the Programme
< 15.000€ (for municipalities up to 25.000€)	<u><b>Direct Order</b></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Electronic recording of direct orders with a value of € 100 or more in the state administration of NRW</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>4-eye-principle compulsory</b></li> <li>✓ <b>Invoice</b></li> <li>✓ <b>Purchase order</b></li> <li>✓ <i>Competitive check is recommended (min. 3 informal price checks)</i></li> </ul>
15,000€ ≤ x < 75,000€ If the individual contract value is considered (for municipalities up to 100,000€)  Or  15,000€ ≤ x < 125,000€ If the total contract value is considered (for municipalities up to 200,000€)	<u><b>Direct award with/without competitive bidding</b></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ At least 3 bidders must be invited to submit bids (without competitive bidding)</li> <li>✓ Service description</li> <li>✓ Competitive bidding: Publication on national platform</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Proof of publication</li> <li>✓ Proof of min. 3 written offers</li> <li>✓ (Intermediate) invoice(s), award file</li> </ul>
15.000€ ≤ x < 750.000€ If the individual contract value is considered (for	<u><b>Restricted call for tenders without public notice (Beschränkte Ausschreibung ohne Teilnahmewettbewerb)</b></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ At least 5 providers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Proof of min. 5 market players are invited for offers</li> <li>✓ Full award file: Specifications, written offers, signed contract, award report</li> </ul>

municipalities up to 1 million €)  $15.000\text{€} \leq x < 1.250.000\text{€}$ If the total contract value is considered (for local authorities up to 2 million €)	✓ Formal offer documentation required	
$750,000\text{€}$ (individual contracts) or $1,250,000\text{€}$ (total value) $\leq x < \text{EU threshold}$	<u><b>Public tender procedure</b></u> ✓ Unlimited number of tenderers ✓ National publication required	✓ Documents same as above, plus ✓ Proof of unrestricted access to tender documents ✓ Bid opening record ✓ Evaluation matrix
$\geq \text{EU threshold}$	<u><b>European tender procedure</b></u> ✓ Publication at European level ✓ unlimited number of tenderers	✓ Same award documents as national tender, and additionally: ✓ Proof of EU publication



## Germany – RP

### Supplies and services

Thresholds	Procedure	To provide to the Programme
≤ 10.000€ (≤ 25.000€ for Planning Services)	<b><u>Direct Order</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>4-eye-principle compulsory</b></li> <li>✓ <b>Invoice</b></li> <li>✓ <b>Purchase order</b></li> <li>✓ <i>Competitive check is recommended (min. 3 informal price checks)</i></li> </ul>
10.000€ < x ≤ 100.000€  Either a negotiated procedure without competitive bidding or a restricted call for tenders without competition)	<p><b><u>Restricted call for tenders without public notice/competition (Beschränkte Ausschreibung ohne Teilnahmewettbewerb)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ At least 5 providers</li> <li>✓ Formal offer documentation required</li> </ul> <p>Or</p> <p><b><u>Negotiated procedure with/without competitive bidding</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Min. 3 providers must be invited to submit tenders (without competitive bidding)</li> <li>✓ Specifications required</li> <li>✓ Competitive bidding: Publication on national platform</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Proof of min. 5 market players are invited for offers</li> <li>✓ Full award file: Specifications, written offers, signed contract, award report</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Proof of publication</li> <li>✓ Proof of min. 3 written offers</li> <li>✓ (Intermediate) invoice(s), award file</li> </ul>
100.000€ ≤ x < EU threshold	<p><b><u>Public tender procedure</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Unlimited number of tenderers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Documents same as above, plus</li> <li>✓ Proof of unrestricted access to tender documents</li> </ul>

	✓ National publication required	✓ Bid opening record ✓ Evaluation matrix
≥ EU threshold	<b><u>European tender procedure</u></b> ✓ Publication at European level ✓ unlimited number of tenderers	✓ Same award documents as national tender, and additionally: ✓ Proof of EU publication

### **(Construction) works**

Thresholds	Procedure	To provide to the Programme
≤ 10.000€	<b><u>Direct Order</u></b>	✓ <b>4-eye-principle compulsory</b> ✓ <b>Invoice</b> ✓ <b>Purchase order</b> ✓ <i>Competitive check is recommended (min. 3 informal price checks)</i>
10.000€ < x ≤ 100.000€ Construction Works	<b><u>Negotiated procedure without competitive bidding</u></b> ✓ Min. 3 providers must be invited to submit tenders (without competitive bidding) ✓ Specifications required	✓ Proof of publication ✓ Proof of min. 3 written offers ✓ (Intermediate) invoice(s), award file
10.000€ < x ≤ 250.000€ Construction Works  ≤ 1 million € Construction work in connection with public housing	<b><u>Restricted tender without public notice (Beschränkte Ausschreibung ohne Teilnahmewettbewerb)</u></b> ✓ At least 5 providers ✓ Formal offer documentation required	✓ Proof that at least 3 market participants were invited to submit bids ✓ Complete contract award file: service description, written bids, signed contract, contract award documentation
≥ EU threshold	<b><u>European tender procedure</u></b> ✓ Publication at European level	✓ Same award documents as national tender, and additionally:

	✓ unlimited number of tenderers	✓ Proof of EU publication
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## The Netherlands<sup>2</sup>

### Supplies and services

Thresholds	Procedure	To provide to the Programme
< 50.000€ → Supplies and services	<b><u>Simple</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Procurement policy</li> <li>✓ Small competitive call is welcome (min. 3 demands)</li> <li>✓ Purchase order is welcome</li> <li>✓ Invoice</li> </ul>
50.000€ ≤ x < EU threshold → Supplies and services	<b><u>Public tender in case of cross-border interest</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ At least 3 providers must be invited to submit an offer</li> <li>✓ Publication within the Netherlands required</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Proof of consultation of min. 3 offers</li> <li>✓ Award report or minutes of tender opening</li> <li>✓ Complete contract documentation signed with the selected tenderer</li> <li>✓ (Intermediate) invoice(s)</li> </ul>
≥ EU threshold → Supplies and services	<b><u>European tender procedure</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Specifications required</li> <li>✓ Complete award file</li> <li>✓ Publication at European level</li> <li>✓ Unlimited number of tenderers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Proof of consultation of min. 3 offers</li> <li>✓ Award report or minutes of tender opening</li> <li>✓ Complete contract documentation signed with the selected tenderer</li> <li>✓ (Intermediate) invoice(s)</li> <li>✓ Proof of publication European tender</li> </ul>

<sup>2</sup> The procurement thresholds for the single and multiple procurement procedure below the EU threshold in the Netherlands are specific to each organisation. The 'Aanbestedingswet' only provides indicative threshold-areas.

### (Construction) works

Thresholds	Procedure	To provide to the Programme
< 150.000€ → (Construction) work	<b><u>Simple</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Procurement policy</li> <li>✓ Small competitive call is welcome (min. 3 demands)</li> <li>✓ Purchase order is welcome</li> <li>✓ Invoice</li> </ul>
150.000€ ≤ x < 1.500.000€ → (Construction) work	<b><u>Public tender in case of cross-border interest</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ At least 3 providers must be invited to submit an offer</li> <li>✓ Publication within the Netherlands required</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Proof of consultation of min. 3 offers</li> <li>✓ Award report or minutes of tender opening</li> <li>✓ Complete contract documentation signed with selected tenderer</li> <li>✓ (Intermediate) invoice(s)</li> </ul>
1.500.000€ ≤ x < EU threshold → (Construction) work	<b><u>Public tender procedure</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Specifications required</li> <li>✓ Complete award file</li> <li>✓ Publication within the Netherlands required</li> <li>✓ Unlimited number of tenderers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Proof of consultation of min. 3 offers</li> <li>✓ Award report or minutes of tender opening</li> <li>✓ Complete contract documentation signed with selected tenderer</li> <li>✓ (Intermediate) invoice(s)</li> <li>✓ Proof of publication (at least national tender)</li> </ul>
≥ EU threshold → (Construction) work	<b><u>European tender procedure</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Specifications required</li> <li>✓ Complete award file</li> <li>✓ Publication at European level</li> <li>✓ Unlimited number of tenderers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Proof of consultation of min. 3 offers</li> <li>✓ Award report or minutes of tender opening</li> <li>✓ Complete contract documentation signed with the selected tenderer</li> <li>✓ (Intermediate) invoice(s)</li> <li>✓ Proof of publication (European tender)</li> </ul>

## References and documentation

### EU-level

DIRECTIVE 2014/24/EU OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 26 February 2014 on public procurement and repealing Directive 2004/18/EC

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32014L0024>

For best practices and practical information:

- *European Commission: guidance for practitioners* [\*Info regio - Public Procurement - Guidance for practitioners \(2018\) \(europa.eu\)\*](#)
- *European Commission: [simplified guidance on tender procedures](#)*

### BELGIUM

<https://www.publicprocurement.be>

<https://marchespublics.wallonie.be/files/Les%20seuils%20en%20mati%C3%A8re%20de%20MP-1.pdf>

[2017/201284] 16 FEBRUARI 2017. — Wet van 16 februari 2017 tot wijziging van de wet van 17 juni 2013 betreffende de motivering, de informatie en de rechtsmiddelen inzake overheidsopdrachten en bepaalde opdrachten voor werken, leveringen en diensten

[2017/201284] 16 FEVRIER 2017. — Loi du 16 février 2017 modifiant la loi du 17 juin 2013 relative à la motivation, à l'information et aux voies de recours en matière de marchés publics et de certains marchés de travaux, de fournitures et de services

[https://www.publicprocurement.be/sites/default/files/documents/2017\\_02\\_16\\_loi\\_recours\\_wet\\_rechtsmiddelen.pdf](https://www.publicprocurement.be/sites/default/files/documents/2017_02_16_loi_recours_wet_rechtsmiddelen.pdf)

17 JUNI 2016. — Wet inzake overheidsopdrachten (1)

17 JUIN 2016. — Loi relative aux marchés publics (1)

[https://www.publicprocurement.be/sites/default/files/documents/2016\\_06\\_17\\_loi\\_marches\\_publics\\_wet\\_overheidsopdrachten.pdf](https://www.publicprocurement.be/sites/default/files/documents/2016_06_17_loi_marches_publics_wet_overheidsopdrachten.pdf)

### Practical information specific for Wallonia:

- *Wallonia: <https://marchespublics.wallonie.be/>, specific rules apply for Interreg projects*
- *Banque de données Justel (article 11 de l'arrêté)*
- *Nouveaux seuils de publicité européenne et de procédure négociée sans publication préalable à partir du 1er janvier 2024*  
<https://bosa.belgium.be/en/public-procurement-rules-and-procedures>
- *FAQ : nouvelles obligations de recours à la plateforme e-Procurement (l'obligation d'utiliser la plateforme e-Procurement pour les marchés de +30.000 €) <https://www.uvcw.be/marches-publics/vos-questions/art-8444>*

### Practical information specific for Flanders:

- *Flanders: <https://overheid.vlaanderen.be/overheidsopdrachten-en-raamcontracten/belgische-regelgeving>*

### GERMANY

Vergaberecht NRW (<https://www.vergabe.nrw.de/wirtschaft/vergaberechtsvorschriften>), as well as

<https://www.wirtschaft.nrw/oeffentliches-auftragswesen-vergaberecht-nordrhein-westfalen>

Vergaberecht Rheinland-Pfalz (<https://mwvlw.rlp.de/themen/oeffentliche-auftraege-und-vergabe>), as well as (<https://www.vergabe24.de/vergaberecht/gesetze-und-verordnungen/vergaberecht-rheinland-pfalz/>)

## NETHERLANDS

Aanbestedingswet 2012

<http://wetten.overheid.nl/BWBR0032203/2016-07-01>

Besluit van 24 juni 2016 tot vaststelling van het tijdstip van inwerkingtreding van de Wijziging van de Aanbestedingswet 2012 in verband met de implementatie van aanbestedingsrichtlijnen 2014/23/EU, 2014/24/EU en 2014/25/EU en van het Besluit wijziging Aanbestedingsbesluit inzake aanbestedingsrichtlijnen 2014/23/EU, 2014/24/EU en 2014/25/EU

<https://zoek.officielebekendmakingen.nl/stb-2016-243.html>

34 329 - Wijziging van de Aanbestedingswet 2012 in verband met de implementatie van aanbestedingsrichtlijnen 2014/23/EU, 2014/24/EU en 2014/25/EU

<https://zoek.officielebekendmakingen.nl/kst-34329-3.html>

Also valuable practical information on <https://www.pianoo.nl/>.