

## EU PUBLIC PROCUREMENT ROUTE TIME FRAMES

<b>OPEN</b>	
Earliest date for last receipt of tenders from date of dispatch of OJEU notice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Normally</li> <li>• If contracting authority accepts that tenders may be submitted by electronic means</li> <li>• If a PIN notice was published at least 35 days and no more than 12 months before the OJEU notice</li> <li>• Compliance with minimum time limit is impractical due to reasons of urgency</li> </ul>	35 days 30 days 15 days 15 days
<b>RESTRICTED</b>	
Earliest date for last receipt of requests to participate from date of despatch of OJEU notice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Normally</li> <li>• Compliance with minimum time limit is impractical due to reasons of urgency</li> </ul>	30 days 15 days
Earliest date for last receipt of tenders from date of despatch of invitation to tender <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Normally</li> <li>• If contracting authority accepts that tenders may be submitted by electronic means</li> <li>• If a PIN notice was published at least 35 days and no more that 12 months before the OJEU notice</li> <li>• Compliance with minimum time limit is impractical due to reasons of urgency</li> <li>• Sub-central authorities may agree a deadline with all selected bidders (provided all selected bidders have the same time to submit their tenders). In absence of agreement, period must be at least 10 days</li> </ul>	30 days 25 days 10 days 10 days
<b>COMPETITIVE DIALOGUE</b>	
Earliest date for last receipt of requests to participate from date of despatch of OJEU notice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Normally</li> </ul>	30 days
<b>COMPETITIVE PROCEDURE WITH NEGOTIATION</b>	
Earliest date for last receipt of requests to participate from date of despatch of OJEU notice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Normally</li> <li>• If a PIN notice was published at least 35 days and no more that 12 months before the OJEU notice</li> <li>• Compliance with minimum time limit is impractical due to reasons of urgency</li> </ul>	30 days 10 days 15 days
Earliest date for last receipt of initial tenders from date of despatch of invitation to tender <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Normally</li> <li>• If contracting authority accepts that initial tenders may be submitted by electronic means</li> <li>• If a PIN notice was published at least 35 days and no more that 12 months before the OJEU notice</li> <li>• Compliance with minimum time limit is impractical due to reasons of urgency</li> <li>• Sub-central authorities may agree a deadline with all selected bidders (provided all selected bidders have the same time to submit their initial tenders). In absence of agreement, period must be at least 10 days.</li> </ul>	30 days 25 days 10 days 10 days
<b>INNOVATION PARTNERSHIP</b>	
Earliest date for last receipt of requests to participate from date of despatch of OJEU notice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Normally</li> </ul>	30 days

**This note is for guidance purposes only and should not be used as a substitute for legal advice. The above time frames are as set out in the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.**

**The timescales given are minimum requirements and any timescales used must be reasonable in all the circumstances. Please note also that the competitive dialogue, competitive procedure with negotiation and innovation partnership are only available for use in certain circumstances. The choice of procedure and procurement timetable requires careful consideration and legal advice should always be sought.**

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