# Public procurement in Croatia – state of play

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## Agenda

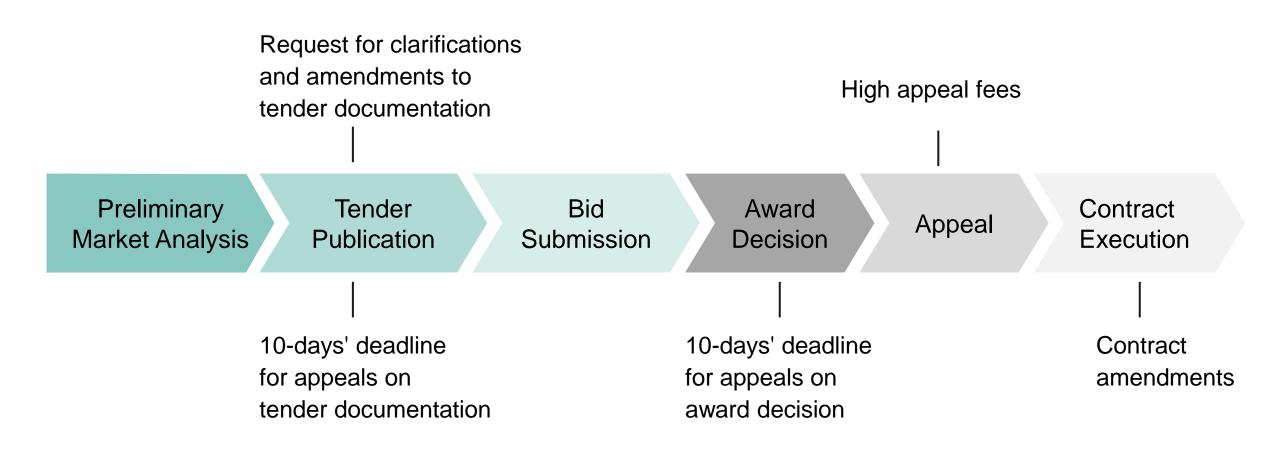
### Hot topics

- High appeal fees how to avoid them (free of charge)?
- Contract amendments don't fear (bidding due to dynamics of contemporary market)

## What's new?

• New electronic public procurement bulletin

## Procedure



## High appeal fees

- Ranging from EUR 1.320 to EUR 66.360
- Alternative cost-free solutions
  - Preliminary market analysis
  - Request for amendments to tender documentation

#### And justice for all...?

## **Preliminary market analysis**

- Before the commencement of the tender procedure
- Purpose
  - $\rightarrow$  informing the potential bidders
  - $\rightarrow$  collecting advice from experts and market participants
- Conditions
  - $\rightarrow$  market competition
  - $\rightarrow$  principles of non-discrimination and transparency
- Mandatory for high value tenders

Opportunity for bidders to take preventive action!

## **Publication of tender documentation**

- 10-day's appeal deadline
- High appeal fees (EUR 1.320 EUR 66.360)
- Alternatively: request for clarification and amendments to tender documentation

**Note**: tender documentation is usually published only in Croatian

**Recommendation**: to engage a local certified public procurement expert

Opportunity for bidders to take preventive action!

## **Construction contract amendments due to price disruption**

- Fixed contractual price is not really fixed
- Providing the possibility in advance rather than providing the evidence of extraordinary circumstances

**Recommendation**: to implement the index clause in the tender documentation

# What's new?

New bulletin

The release of the new bulletin will take place in three phases:

- 18 September 2023 user registration enabled
- 28 September 2023 31 December 2023 limited tender publication (pilot project)
- 1 January 2024 mandatory application for all contractors

**New feature**: publication of ongoing preliminary market analysis

Opportunity for bidders to take preventive action!

# Thank you for your attention! **Questions?**



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