The characteristics of the Hungarian procurement system

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I. The background of the adoption of the new Act on Public Procurement (PPA)

The antecedents of the regulation:

1995 - Act XL of 1995

2003 - Act CXXIX of 2003

2010 - Act LXXXVIII of 2010

2011 - Act CVIII of 2011

Several comprehensive reforms of the public procurement law, amendments to the Act almost fifty times, the need for the revision of the Implementing Decrees.

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II. The structure of the new PPA, the objectives of making the Act

The structure of the Act

According to the main criticism expressed to the current Public Procurement Act, this regulation is *complicated and confused*, which was attributable mainly *to the structure of the Act* due to the provisions containing cross-references and multiple repetead references.

The solution in the new PPA: In order to remedy this problem, the new PPA changed the structure of the former Act → framework Act + implementing decrees.

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The structure of the new PPA

Part One: General provisions → governing all public procurements.

Part Two: The rules pertaining to public procurements reaching or exceeding European thresholds.

Part Three: The rules pertaining to public procurements below European thresholds.

Part Four: The rules pertaining to public procurement contracts.

Part Five: The rules concerning public procurement remedies.

Part Six: The rules concerning the Public Procurement Authority.

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The objectives of the new PPA

- enhancing the flexibility and the simplification of the contract award procedures, clearer regulation of certain types of procedures,
- system of tools in the new Act for preventing abuse and corruption,
- simplifying the certification of suitability.



III. The Hungarian institutional system of public procurement

- Ministry of National Development/Minister for National Development;
- Public Procurement Council;
- Directorate General for Public Procurement and Supply,
- National Development Agency
- → The division of competences for supervision.

Specific: Public Procurement Arbitration Board, quasi-judicial procedure.



IV. The national system of public procurements - problems and solutions

- A system complying with the Directives;
- the new rules applicable for the national regime;
- the issue of subcontractor organisation providing resources;
- the re-regulation of the scope of exceptions;
- aggregation;
- joint submission of tenders, performance exceeding 25 %, joint invitation to tender;
- enhancement of SMEs;
- alleviation of administrative burden;
- a new regulatory system for the prevention of go-round-debts;
- the legislative guarantees for the performance of the contract.

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