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## The briefing of the President of the Public Procurement Authority on the public procurement thresholds applicable in 2015

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Article 10(4) of the **Act CVIII of 2011 on Public Procurement** (hereinafter referred to as the 'PPA') stipulate that EU thresholds and national thresholds concerning each subject-matter of public procurement be published by the Public Procurement Authority in the Public Procurement Bulletin, at the beginning of each year.

In order to meet this requirement of notification, the Public Procurement Authority hereby notifies the participants of contract award procedures of the thresholds applicable in 2015, as follows.

### I. The EU thresholds

The EU thresholds established in the directives on public procurement shall be **verified** by the European Commission (hereinafter referred to as the 'Commission'), as a general rule, **every two years**, in conformity with the procedure set out in the relevant directives (Article 69 of Directive 2004/17/EC<sup>1</sup>, Article 78 of Directive 2004/18/EC<sup>2</sup> and Article 68 of Directive 2009/81/EC)<sup>3</sup>, and shall, if necessary, be revised in accordance with the thresholds set in the WTO Agreement on Government Procurement (GPA).

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<sup>1</sup> **Directive 2004/17/EC** of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 March 2004 coordinating the procurement procedures of entities operating in the water, energy, transport and postal services sectors (OJ L 134/114, 2004)

<sup>2</sup> **Directive 2004/18/EC** of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 March 2004 on the coordination of procedures for the award of public works contracts, public supply contracts and public service contracts (OJ L 134/114, 2004)

<sup>3</sup> **Directive 2009/81/EC** of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 on the coordination of procedures for the award of certain works contracts, supply contracts and service contracts by contracting authorities or entities in the fields of defence and security, and amending Directives 2004/17/EC and 2004/18/EC (OJ L 216/76, 2009)

Accordingly, Article 10(2) of the PPA provides that the EU thresholds expressed in euro and in national currencies are determined by the European Commission for a given period, and are published in the Official Journal of the European Union.

As a result of the latest verification, which has taken place in autumn 2013, **Commission Regulation (EC) No 1336/2013 amending Directives 2004/17/EC, 2004/18/EC and 2009/81/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council in respect of their application thresholds for the procedures for the awards of contract** (hereinafter referred to as the 'Regulation') has been adopted. The abovementioned source of law stipulates that the EU thresholds shall be applied for a two year period as of 1 January 2014 (for 2015 as well).

As a next step, in conformity with the relevant provisions of the EU directives on public procurement, the Commission has published **Communication n°2013/C 366/01**<sup>4</sup> (hereinafter referred to as the 'Communication'), in which it disclosed the amounts of EU thresholds expressed in national currencies.

Pursuant to Article 10(3) of the PPA, the EU thresholds concerning each subject-matter of public procurement shall be determined annually by the Budget Act of Hungary. In accordance with this provision, for the period from 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2015, Articles 68-72 of **the Act C of 2014 on the 2015 Central Budget of Hungary** (hereinafter referred to as the 'Budget Act') determine the EU thresholds for public procurements, exclusive of value added tax, expressed in euro, as follows.

In compliance with the Communication, in addition to the threshold values in euro, this briefing contains the thresholds expressed in the Hungarian national currency as well.

*1. For the purposes of Part Two – except for Chapter XIV - of the PPA:*

In case of public supplies:

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<sup>4</sup> Communication from the Commission - Corresponding values of the thresholds of Directives 2004/17/EC, 2004/18/EC and 2009/81/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council [OJC C 366/01, 3 December 2013]



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- in the case of contracting authorities under Article 6(1)(a) of the PPA, and in case of such contracting authorities for the procurement of supplies in the field of defence, provided the given supply in the field of defence is covered by Annex 2 to the PPA: **EUR 134,000 – HUF 39,287,460;**

- in the case of other contracting authorities under Article 6(1) of the PPA, and in case of contracting authorities under Article 6(1)(a) of the PPA, provided the given supply in the field of defence is not listed in Annex 2 to the PPA: **EUR 207,000 – HUF 60,690,330.**

In the case of public works:

**- EUR 5,186,000 – HUF 1,520,483,340.**

In the case of public works concessions:

**- EUR 5,186,000 – HUF 1,520,483,340.**

In the case of public services; or, where the design contest results in a public service contract; and for the total amount of the prize and the fees payable to candidates:

- in the case of contracting authorities under Article 6(1)(a) of the PPA, provided the given service is listed in Annex 3 to the PPA, except for Research and development services in category n° 8, and the telecommunication services with the CPC reference no. 7524, 7525, 7526, in category n°5: **EUR 134 000 - HUF 39 287 460;**

- in the case of other contracting authorities under Article 6(1) of the PPA, provided the given service is covered by Annex 3 to the PPA, except for Research and development services listed in category n° 8, and the telecommunication services with the CPC reference no. 7524, 7525, 7526 listed in category n°5: **EUR 207,000 – HUF 60,690,330;**

- in the case of Research and development services listed in category n° 8, and the telecommunication services with the CPC reference no. 7524, 7525, 7526 listed in category n°5 of Annex 3 to the PPA, as well

as services covered by Annex 4 to the PPA: **EUR 207,000 – HUF 60,690,330;**

*2. For the purposes of Part Two, when applied together with Chapter XIV of the PPA:*

In the case of public supplies: **EUR 414,000 – HUF 121,380,660.**

In the case of public works: **EUR 5,186,000 – HUF 1,520,483,340.**

In the case of public services; or, where the design contest results in a public service contract; and for the total amount of the prize and the fees payable to candidates: **EUR 414,000 – HUF 121,380,660.**

## **II. National thresholds**

Pursuant to Article 10(3) of the PPA, the national thresholds shall also be determined annually by the Budget Act of Hungary. Accordingly, for the period from 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2015, Article 70 of the Budget Act determines the national thresholds for public procurements – which thresholds **have remained unaltered, compared to the national thresholds in 2014** –, exclusive of value added tax, as follows.

*1. For the purposes of Part Three – except for Chapter XIV – of the PPA:*

In the case of public supplies: HUF 8 million,

In the case of public works: HUF 15 million,

In the case of public works concessions: HUF 100 million,

In the case of public services: HUF 8 million,

In the case of service concessions: HUF 25 million.

*2. For the purposes of Part Three, when applied together with Chapter XIV of the PPA:*

In the case of public supplies: HUF 50 million,

In the case of public works: HUF 100 million,

In the case of public services: HUF 50 million.