

REPORT ON THE RESULTS OF THE PUBLIC DISCUSSION CONDUCTED ON THE PROPOSAL OF THE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME IN THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA FOR THE PERIOD 2024 - 2028

Pursuant to Article 41 of the Rules of Procedure of the Government (“Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia”, Nos. 61/06 - consolidated text, 69/08, 88/09, 33/10, 69/10, 20/11, 37 /11, 30/13, 76/14 and 8/19 - amending regulations), the Public Procurement Office publishes the Report on the Public Debate on the Proposal for the Development Programme of Public Procurement in the Republic of Serbia for the period 2024-2028 (hereinafter referred to as: Programme).

The basis for adopting the Programme is found in two planning documents: the National Programme for the Adoption of EU Acquis 2022-2025. - NPAA, in the part related to Chapter 5 - public procurement, and within the plans for strengthening institutional and administrative capacities and the measure “Improving the strategic framework in the field of public procurement”, as well as in the Public Finance Management Reform Programme 2021-2025, within objective 2. “Efficient collection and management of budget funds” and measures 2.5. “Improving the electronic system of public procurement”.

Based on the analysis of the success of the implementation of the Public Procurement Development Programme in the Republic of Serbia for the period 2019-2023, it can be concluded that most of the defined activities were carried out in full in the established manner and within the stipulated period. Activities that have not been implemented will be an integral part of the new five-year Programme.

Bearing in mind the goals defined by the previous development program and that their implementation contributed to the development of the public procurement system in the previous period, it was assessed that in the following period we should continue in that direction, and the goals did not change significantly in the new five-year Programme. Therefore, the further development and strengthening of a sustainable and fair public procurement system was established as a general goal of the public procurement policy, and as special objectives: 1) increasing the economy and competitiveness in public procurement; 2) wider application of environmental and social aspects and techniques and instruments in public procurement; 3) reducing the risk of irregularities in public procurement.

In the process of preparing this planning document, the Public Procurement Office conducted consultations on the Programme in the period from 15 to 25 December 2023, as well as a public hearing in the period from 25 January to 15 February 2024.

The text of the Program Proposal was published on the website of the Public Procurement Office and the e-Consultation portal, and all interested parties were able to submit objections, proposals, suggestions and comments both electronically and by mail.

The Government Resolution No. 05 Number: 404-528/2024 of 24 January 2024, by which consent was given to the Public Hearing Programme, also defined the duration of the public hearing. As of 15 February 2024, which was the last day for submitting comments, comments were submitted to the Public Procurement Office by Transparency Serbia.

Bearing in mind the above, the Public Procurement Office will publish in a separate table with objections (an integral part of this report) the answers to the comments, and will send the

Programme Proposal to the competent public administration bodies for opinions and further adoption procedures.