



## Time limit for submitting bids in the European Union (EU)



Public Procurement Principle: **Access**



Procurement Stage: **Pre-tendering**



Audience: **Policy maker, Procuring entity, Private sector**

### Description

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#### Open procedure

In an open procedure, any business may submit a tender. The minimum time limit for submission of tenders is 35 days from the publication date of the contract notice. If a prior information notice was published, this time limit can be reduced to 15 days.

#### Restricted procedure

In a restricted procedure, any business may ask to participate, but only those who are pre-selected will be invited to submit a tender. The time limit to request participation is 37 days from the publication of the contract notice. The public authority then selects at least 5 candidates possessing the capabilities required, who then have 40 days to submit a tender from the date when the invitation was sent. This time limit can be reduced to 36 days, if a prior information notice has been published.

*Source:* OECD (2018), Public Procurement in Nuevo León, Mexico: Promoting Efficiency through Centralisation and Professionalisation, OECD Public Governance Reviews  
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