



## Control system of the Environmental Projects Management Agency of Lithuania



Public Procurement Principle: **Transparency**



Procurement Stage: **All phases**



Audience: **Procuring entity, Civil society, Policymaker**

### Description

The Environmental Projects Management Agency (APVA) under the Ministry of Environment of Lithuania acts as an intermediate body which is in charge of carrying out public procurement control for the European Structural and Investment Funds projects related to the environment. The APVA implements a two-stage ex ante control before the publication of the tender notice and before/after signing the contract with successful bidders, but only for the public procurement procedures that meet the criteria, such as:

- the estimated value of procurement is more than EUR 134 000 for the purchases of goods/services and more than EUR 5 186 000 for the procurement of public works
- for the procurement of a contracting authority (beneficiary) which has been found to be in breach of the requirements for procurement procedures in the programming period 2014-20
- the existence of certain risk factors, such as public interest/attention, negative information broadcast in the media, etc. The procurement procedures that do not meet the criteria of the two-stage ex ante control are subject to the one-stage control before signing the contract with successful bidders. Follow-up control is carried out after the contracts are signed until the confirmation of the eligibility of expenditure, but it is applied only to 5% of procurement procedures, selected at random, considering that controls have been implemented before signing of contracts.

The APVA's procedural manuals stipulate that each control shall be carried out within 30 days. Sometimes, the time frame exceeds 30 days if additional information is required. However, this does not occur often, and the control for 95% of public procurement procedures is completed on time.

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