



Bratislava, 20.08.2026
To all interested parties

Explanation No. 5

The contracting authority hereby informs that in the public procurement of the above-limit contract entitled: **"Library and Information System"** published in the European OJ No. 134/2026 on July 15, 2026, and in the Journal of Public Procurement No. 141/2026 under number 9987 – MSS from July 16, 2026, the following question was received:

Question No. 1:

With respect to the requirement to be registered in the Slovak Register of Public Sector Partners (RPVS), we understand that this obligation applies only to the successful, i.e. awarded tenderer. On that basis, could the Contracting Authority please confirm that the supplier would be permitted to initiate the RPVS registration process only if and when it is awarded the contract? In addition, could the Contracting Authority please indicate the expected timeline a) from tender submission date to the award, and b) from the award to contract signature, so that the supplier may assess available time for completing the registration process if awarded?

Answer No. 1:

Regarding the obligation of RPVS registration and the commencement of the registration process:

The Contracting Authority **confirms** that the obligation to be validly registered in the Register of Public Sector Partners (RPVS) pursuant to Section 11 of Act No. 343/2015 Coll. on Public Procurement (hereinafter referred to as the "PPA") **applies exclusively to the successful tenderer** with whom the contract is to be concluded, as well as to their subcontractors, where such registration is required under Act No. 315/2016 Coll. on the Register of Public Sector Partners (in particular with regard to statutory financial thresholds for performance of the contract).

Registration in the RPVS is not required from other (unsuccessful) tenderers at the stage of submission of tenders or during the evaluation process.

Registration in the RPVS is a statutory condition for **the conclusion of the contract** itself (Section 11 (1) of the PPA). The Contracting Authority **may not enter into the contract** if the successful tenderer (or, as applicable, its relevant subcontractor) is subject to the registration obligation and is not validly registered in the RPVS at the time of conclusion of contract. The tenderer may therefore initiate the registration process only after receiving notification of the outcome of the evaluation of tenders; however, it is obliged to ensure that the registration is completed so that it is duly registered no later than at the time of conclusion of the contract.

Regarding the indicative timeline:

- **Point (a) (the period from the tender submission deadline until the notification of the outcome of the evaluation of tenders is sent):**

The Contracting Authority states that the exact duration of the tender evaluation process cannot be determined in advance with certainty, due to the substantive and technical complexity of the subject matter of the contract, the unpredictable number of submitted tenders, as well as the potential need to request clarifications of tenders, assess abnormally low tenders, or undertake other actions by the evaluation committee. The Contracting Authority will proceed without undue delay so as to complete the evaluation process within the shortest possible time.

- **Point (b) (the period from the notification of the outcome of the evaluation of tenders being sent until the contract is signed):**

Between the notification of the outcome of the evaluation of tenders being sent to all tenderers (Section 55 of the PPA) and the conclusion of the contract itself, the following statutory time limits apply:

1. **Standstill period for conclusion of contract (period for lodging objections):**
A 10-day period applies for lodging objections against the outcome of the evaluation of

tenders (Section 170 (4) (f) of the PPA). Pursuant to Section 56 (2) of the PPA, the Contracting Authority may conclude the contract with the successful tenderer no earlier than **on the 11th day** following the date on which the notification of the outcome of the evaluation of tenders was sent (where electronic communication is used), provided that no objections have been lodged.

2. **Period for providing cooperation necessary for the conclusion of the contract:**
Following the expiry of the standstill period, pursuant to Section 56 of the PPA, the successful tenderer has **10 working days** to provide the necessary cooperation for the conclusion of the contract.
3. **Possibility of extending the period for providing cooperation (Section 56 (9) of the PPA):**
The Contracting Authority further notes that, pursuant to **Section 56 (9) of the PPA**, the Contracting Authority may determine — **also upon a justified request by the successful tenderer** — that the period for providing cooperation be **longer than ten working days**. Accordingly, if the successful tenderer requires additional time to complete the RPVS registration for objective reasons (e.g., an ongoing registration procedure before the registry court), the successful tenderer may request in advance a reasonable extension of the period for providing cooperation from the Contracting Authority.

The successful tenderer therefore has the entire period from the date on which the notification of the outcome of the evaluation of tenders is sent to complete the RPVS registration process, namely during the 10-day standstill period for lodging objections and subsequently during the 10-working-day period (with the possibility of an extension pursuant to Section 56(9) of the PPA) prescribed for providing cooperation prior to the execution of the contract.

