

New public procurement thresholds from 1 January 2026 – what you need to know:

On 23 October 2025, the European Commission published a number of delegated regulations to revise the relevant procurement thresholds which will apply to public bodies and utilities from 1 January 2026. These threshold figures are updated every two years to ensure the thresholds correspond to the thresholds set in the World Trade Organisation Government Procurement Agreement. The “light touch” thresholds under the Public Sector Directive and the Utilities Directive remain unchanged.

As you will note from the table below, several of the procurement thresholds have been revised **downwards** and as a consequence it is important for contracting authorities and contracting entities to be aware of the revised thresholds that are coming into force in the New Year. The changes to the procurement thresholds will impact future procurement processes and may also have an impact on modifications to existing contracts under Article 72(2) of the Public Sector Directive (Article 89(2) of the Utilities Directive and Article 43(2) of the Concessions Directive respectively).

The revised relevant procurement thresholds are outlined below (all figures are excluding VAT).

Type	1 January 2024 – 31 December 2025 (current threshold)	1 January 2026 – 31 December 2027 (revised threshold)
Public Sector Directive (Directive 2014/24/EU)		
Public Works Contracts	€5,538,000	€5,404,000
Goods/ Services Contracts (Government Departments)	€143,000	€140,000
Goods / Services Contracts (other Contracting Authorities)	€221,000	€216,000
“Light Touch” (Social and Other Services) Contracts	€750,000	€750,000
Utilities Directive (Directive 2014/24/EU)		
Works Contracts	€5,538,000	€5,404,000
Goods / Services Contracts	€443,000	€432,000
“Light Touch” (Social and Other Services) Contracts	€1,000,000	€1,000,000
Concessions Directive (Directive 2014/23/EU)		
Concessions	€5,538,000	€5,404,000



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