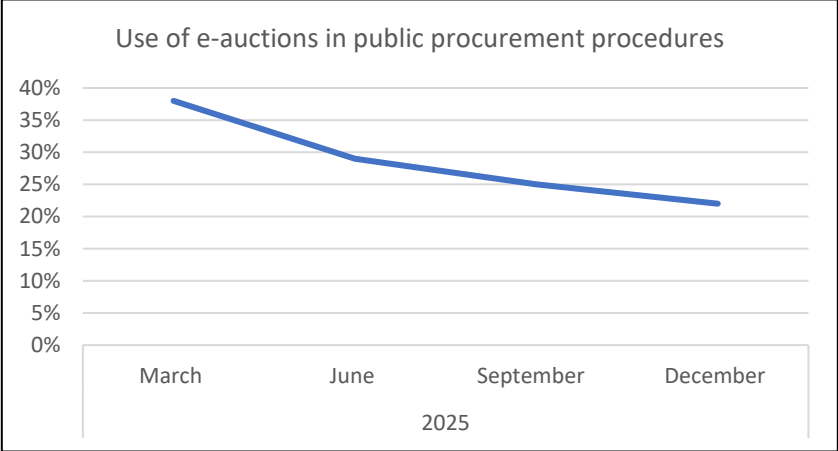


1) **Fiche to be used for each step:**

<b>The step under review</b>	Use of auctions in Tenders in Fiscal Year 2025 decreased to maximum 40% of Tenders (by December 2025)
<b>Baseline</b>	Baseline (2023) is share of 62% procurement procedures used E-auctions
<b>Deadline of the step</b>	December 2025
<b>Actual results</b>	<p>Use of auctions in Tenders in Fiscal Year 2025 is 22%.</p> <p>According to the data obtained from the Electronic System for Public Procurement on 02 January 2026, use of auctions in Tenders in the period 01.01.2025-31.12.2025 is 22%, which achieves the set target of max 40%.</p> <p>In order to timely achieve the step, Public Procurement Bureau has realized the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In December 2024, the Public Procurement Bureau prepared an “Action Plan for Achieving the Measure for Decrease the Use of E – Action in accordance with the Measures of the Reform Agenda 2024-2027 within the Growth Plan for West Balkan countries”, covering the period November 2024 – December 2025, which is fully realized – see Annex 3</li> <li>- In December 2024, an “Information on the Commitment to Decrease the Percentage of Electronic Auctions in Public Procurement in 2025 in line with the Reform Agenda under the Growth Plan”, was submitted to the Government of the Republic of North Macedonia. Upon this document, the Government of Republic of North Macedonia adopted a Conclusion no.50-580/2 of 06.02.2025, according to which all state administration bodies are obliged, while the institutions which are not state administration bodies are instructed, to undertake measures and activities for decreasing the number of e-auctions in conducting procurement procedures in 2025 – see Annex 4 and Annex 5</li> <li>- In January 2025 a Law Amending the Law on Public Procurement was adopted and published in Official Gazette of Republic of North Macedonia no.14, on 23 January 2025. The article 15 of this Law prescribes that the contracting authority may use the e-auction according to the requirements of the Law, but for up to 40% of the number of published contract notices, starting from 2025 – see Annex 6.1 and Annex 6.2</li> <li>- In March 2025, 3 online trainings were delivered, were contracting authorities were informed on the need to decrease the use of e-auction – see Annex 7.1, Annex 7.2, Annex 7.3</li> <li>- Using the Electronic System for Public Procurement, a circular notification for guidance and recommendation to limit the use of auctions was sent to all contracting authorities – see Annex 8</li> </ul>

	<p>- Using the Electronic System for Public Procurement, in October 2025, a circular notification was sent to those contracting authorities where the Public Procurement Bureau, within its periodical checks, identified use of e-auctions in more than 40% of the published procurement procedures, thus reminding them to the legal obligation for complying the practice of use of e-auctions – see Annex 9</p> <p>The undertaken activities resulted in decrease of the use of the e-auctions in 2025.</p>
<p><b>Evidence provided</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Annex 1 – Data on use of the auction in public procurement procedures, directly from Electronic System for Public Procurement, for the period 01 January 2025 – 31 December 2025, and link to access the public web page of the Electronic System for Public Procurement, where the share of use of e-auction can be checked at any time and any period of interest, with proper Instructions</li> <li>2. Annex 2 – Draft Report on fulfilment of the Reform Agenda Step “Decrease the Use of Auctions in Tenders in fiscal year 2025 to maximum 40% of Published Tenders” - deadline December 2025, submitted to the Government of Republic of North Macedonia</li> <li>3. Annex 3 – Action Plan for Achieving the Measure to Decrease the Use of E – Action in accordance with the Measures of the Reform Agenda 2024-2027 within the Growth Plan for West Balkan countries</li> <li>4. Annex 4 - Information on the Commitment to Decrease the Percentage of Electronic Auctions in Public Procurement in 2025 in line with the Reform Agenda under the Growth Plan</li> <li>5. Annex 5 – Conclusion of the 46<sup>th</sup> Session of the Government of the Republic of North Macedonia no.50-580/2 of 06.02.2025 upon the Information on the Commitment to Decrease the Percentage of Electronic Auctions in Public Procurement in 2025 in line with the Reform Agenda under the Growth Plan</li> <li>6. Annex 6.1 - Law Amending the Law on Public Procurement published in Official Gazette of Republic of North Macedonia no.14, on 23 January 2025</li> <li>7. Annex 6.2 - Excerpt of the Article 15 of Law Amending the Law on Public Procurement</li> <li>8. Annexes 7.1, 7.2, 7.3 – Proofs of delivered 3 online trainings for contracting authorities</li> <li>9. Annex 8 - Proof of sent notification</li> <li>10. Annex 9 - Proof of sent notification</li> </ol>

<p><b>Checks performed in the verification of the step and related findings</b></p>	<p>Public Procurement Bureau performed periodical checks for the use of e-auctions, and data obtained suggest a decreasing trend of the use of auctions, which is in line with expectations.</p> <p>In Table 1 and Graph 1, an overview of the use of auctions in public procurement procedures in 2025, by quarters, is presented.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="375 422 1416 548"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>March 2025</th> <th>June 2025</th> <th>September 2025</th> <th>December 2025</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Use of e-auctions in public procurement procedures</td> <td>38%</td> <td>29%</td> <td>25%</td> <td>22%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>  <p>The graph shows a steady decline in the percentage of e-auctions used in public procurement from March to December 2025. The y-axis ranges from 0% to 40% in 5% increments. The x-axis lists the months March, June, September, and December 2025. The data points are: March (38%), June (29%), September (25%), and December (22%).</p>		March 2025	June 2025	September 2025	December 2025	Use of e-auctions in public procurement procedures	38%	29%	25%	22%
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<p><b>Compliance with general principles and DNSH principle</b></p>	<p>The implementation of the steps does not contravene the general principles outlined in Article 4 and 11(4) of Regulation (EU) 2024/1449 and Article 3 of the Facility Agreement.</p> <p>The implementation of the steps does not contravene the ‘Do No Significant Harm’ principle (DNSH).</p>										
<p><b>Double funding</b></p>	<p>Donor’s contribution for achievement of the step is not used.</p>										
<p><b>Clear conclusion on the achievement of the step</b></p>	<p><b>Fully achieved</b></p>										

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