

CORRUPTION RISK INDEX (CRI) OF PUBLIC PROCUREMENTS



Characteristics of the Index

- ▶ Based on a representative sample of **166 procedures**, amounting **259.9 million levass (BGN)**.
- ▶ The sample is drawn by random selection of a total of **1224 procedures**, announced in the period between 01 January 2020 – 30 June 2023, which subject-matter is public works (public construction) and with a total estimated value of **2,73 billion levass (BGN)**. The scope of analysis encompasses public works (construction) of all regional municipalities centers in the country.
- ▶ As the sample is representative, the results may be referred to **all public works (construction) procurements, awarded by the 27 municipalities – centers of regions in Bulgaria**, through the electronic system CAIS Electronic Public Procurement.
- ▶ The **166 procedures** included in the sample are monitored by observers with an instrument which includes the main indicators of the Index.

Theoretical limits of the Index are between 0 and 100

0

100

The best condition, lack of any subjectivism and zero risk of corruption in awarding public procurements

The worst condition, showing serious problems, prerequisites for subjectivism and corruption in awarding public procurements

The Index functions as an instrument aggregating results (for all monitored public procurements) and on the level of a separate public procurement, assessing, according to the same scale, how close or distant to the ideal condition (lack of subjectivism) is the respective public procurement.

Components of the Index

Selection Criteria and Manner of Assessment

Criteria for assessment
of tenders

Urgency arguments

Inconsistency between
questions and answers

Significant changes after
answers of questions

Inconsistency between
the criteria of
assessments of tenders

Criteria for former
experience

Criteria for turnover to the
upper limit of the public
procurement

Criteria for assessment of
experts and resources

Requirements of
certificates

Other signs of subjectivism
in the assessment methods

Requirements for trade
marks, patents and
standards

Components of the Index

Assessment Process

Reasoning of the assessments of tenders

Inconsistency between reasoning and criteria

Cumulation of tenders

Disqualified candidates and reasoning of disqualification

Reasoning of a price proposal when it is 20% lower than the average

One proposal per tender

Only one tender is approved for assessment (the others are disqualified)

Criteria for assessment of experts or resources of a candidate

Termination of public procurement – reasoning

Components of the Index

Prices

Disqualified candidates because of unapproved price reasoning or other criteria

How many candidates are disqualified because of unapproved price reasoning or reasoning of other favorable criteria

% of the sum of the contract (awarded proposal) to estimated value of the procurement

Others

Direct negotiations

Is the procedure appealed?

Results from appealing

*RESULTS OF PILOT TESTING
OF CRI*

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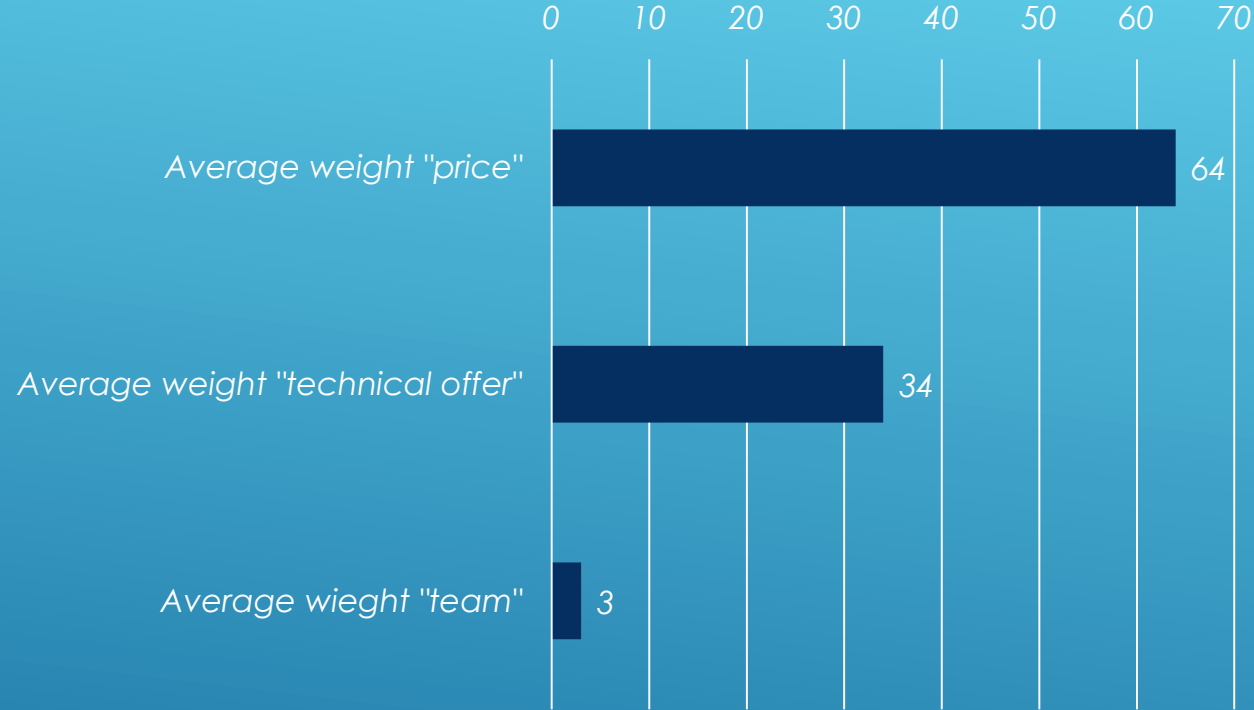
Index Testing Results



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Average weight of criteria in the methods of assessment



If the methods are according to expert assessment of the commission, are there any phrases that enable subjective interpretation

34%

There is no reasoning for awarding in the working protocols of the expert commission

17%

Are there any trade marks, models, producers, standards in the technical specifications of the tender without adding "or equivalent"

2%

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2%

Are there any requirements for certificates of quality without adding "or equivalent"

0%

0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70%

Percentage of the average value of awarded contracts to the average estimated value of public procurements

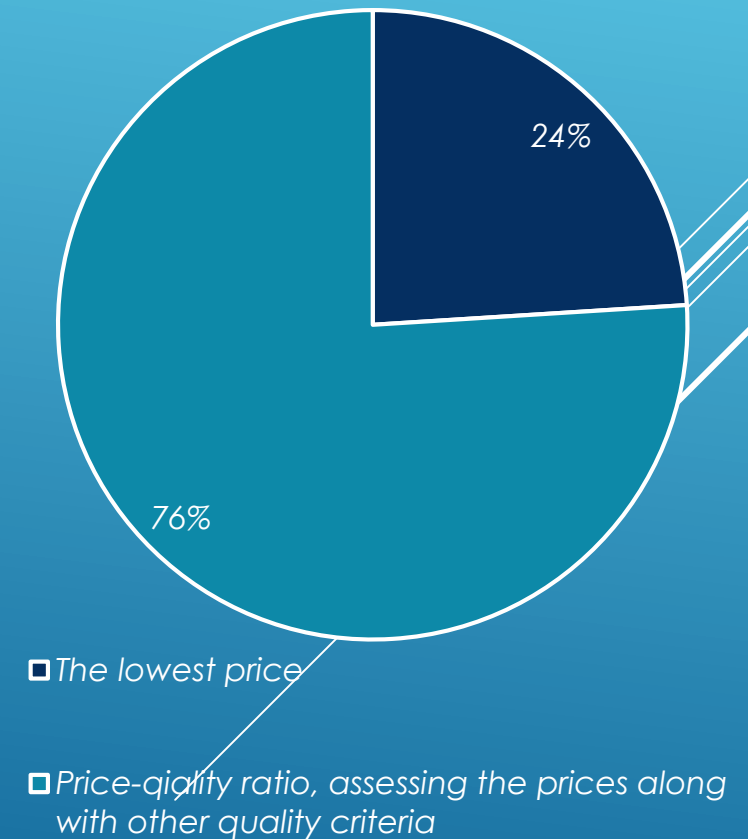
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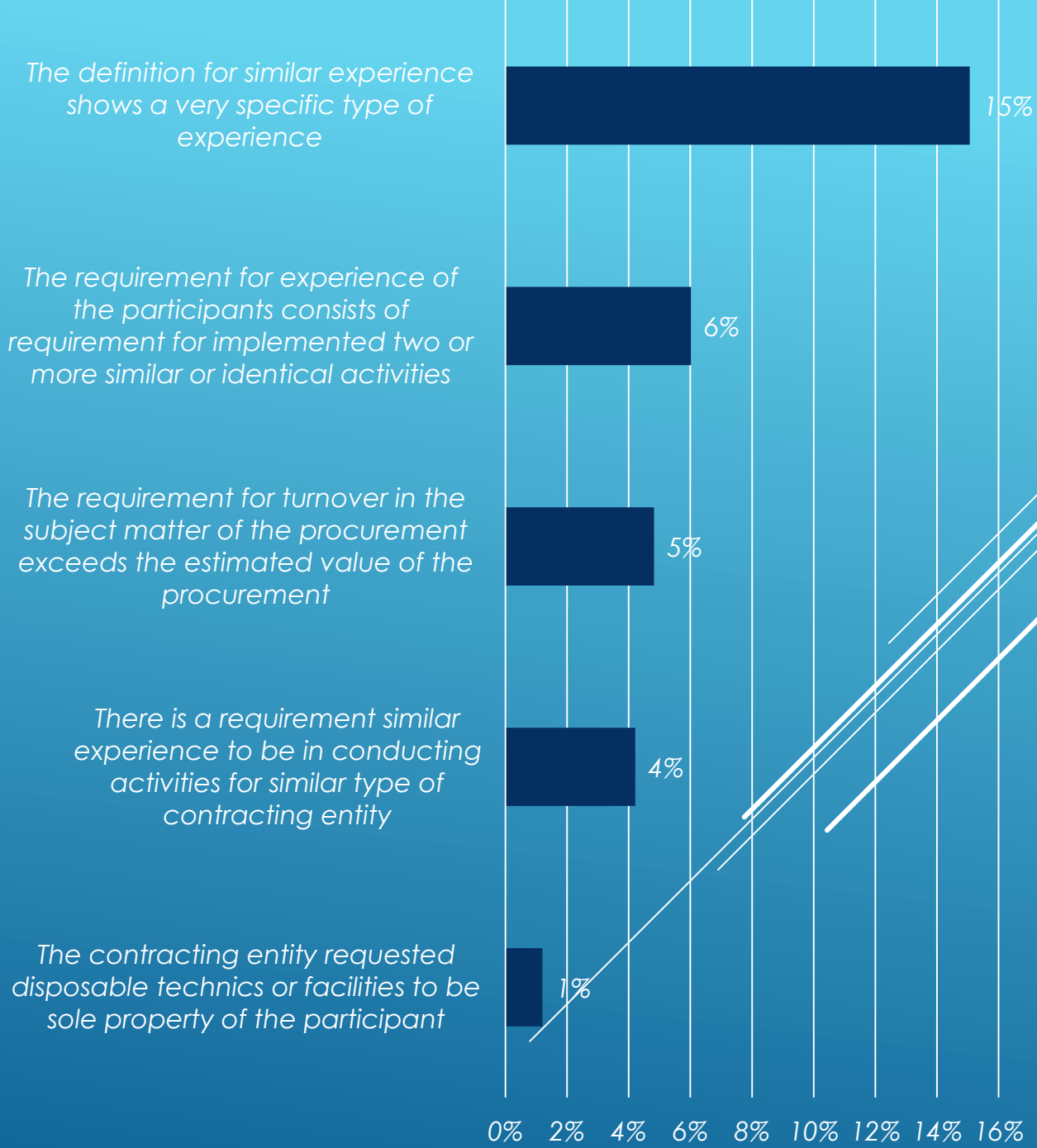
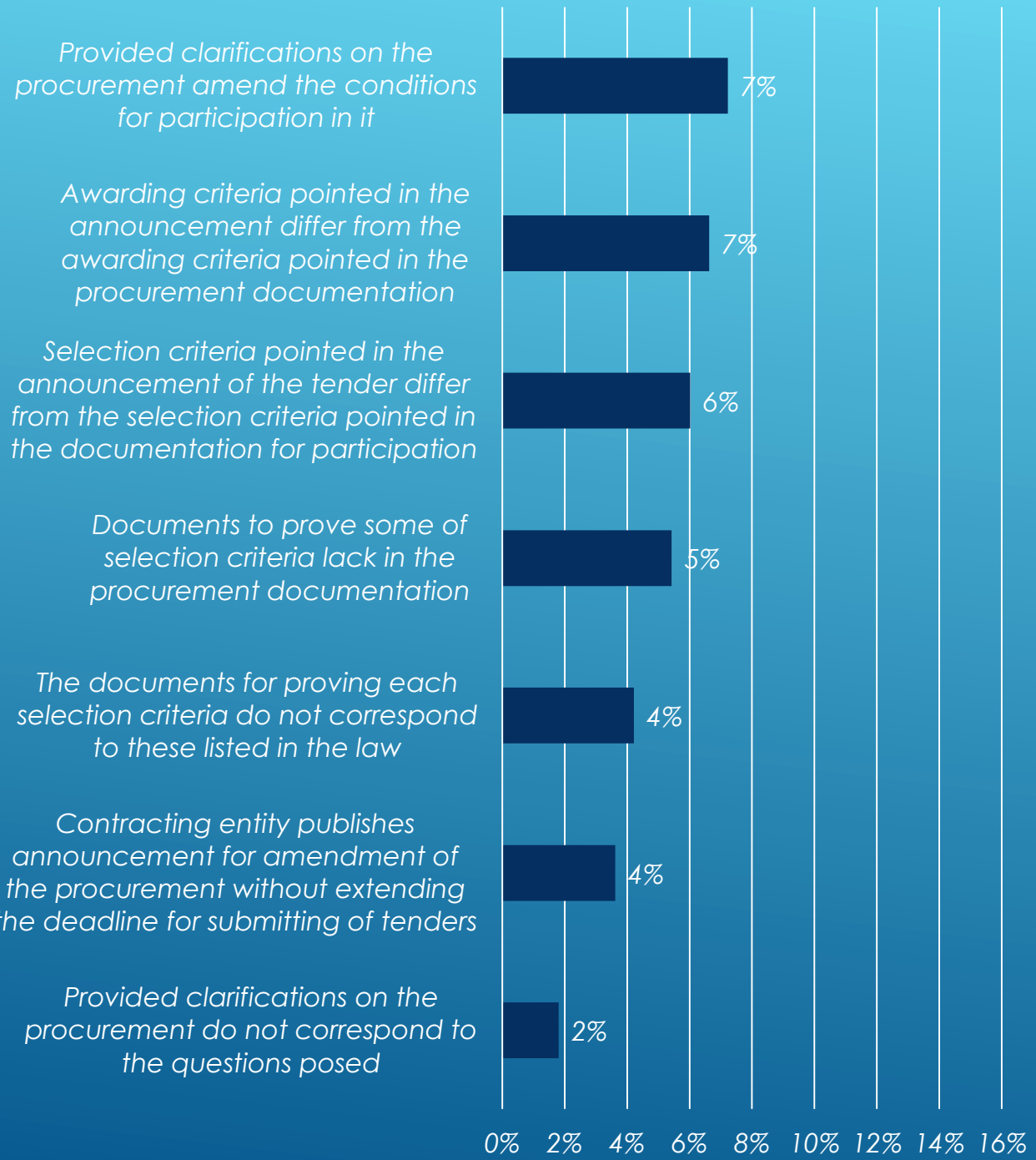
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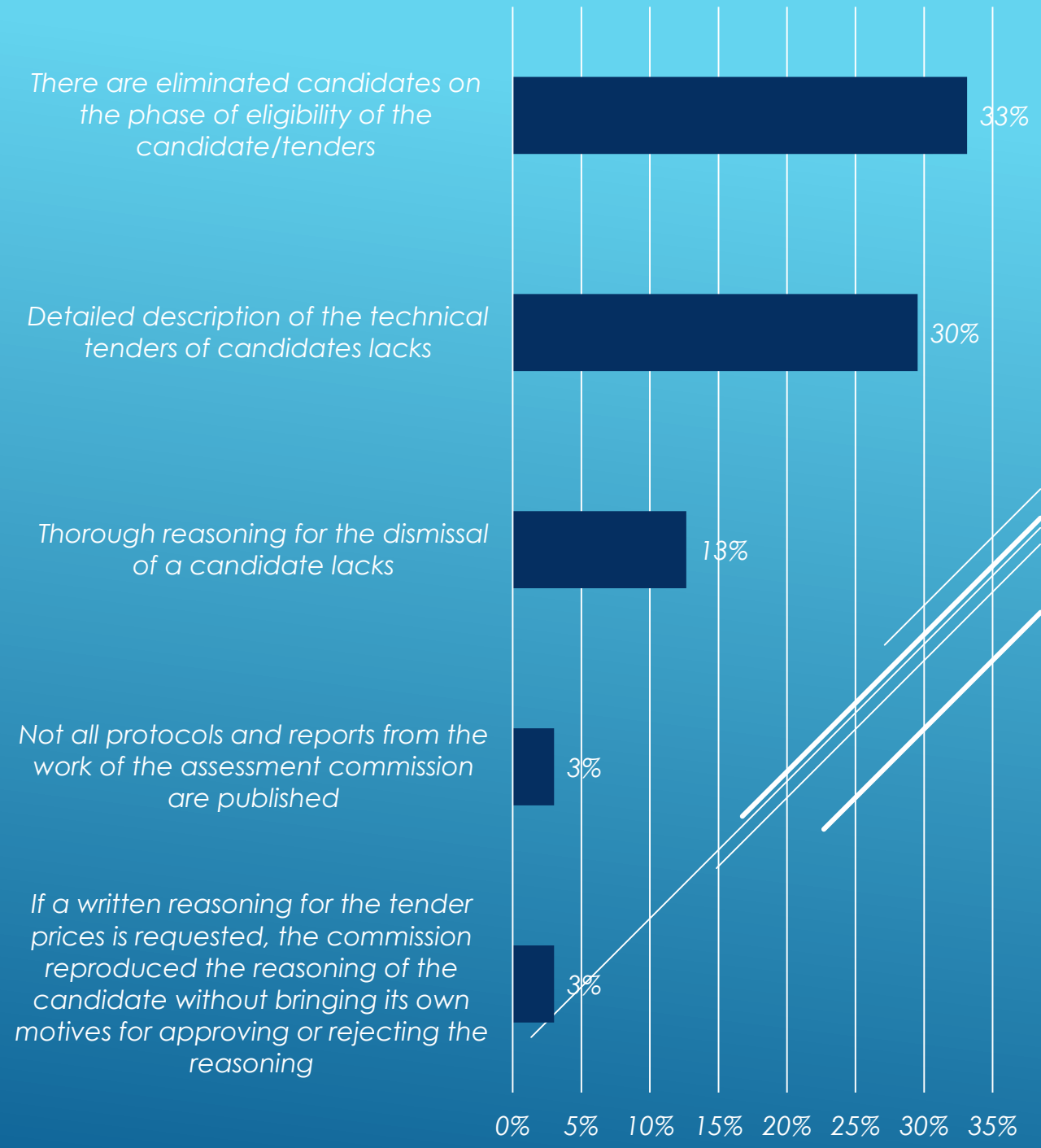
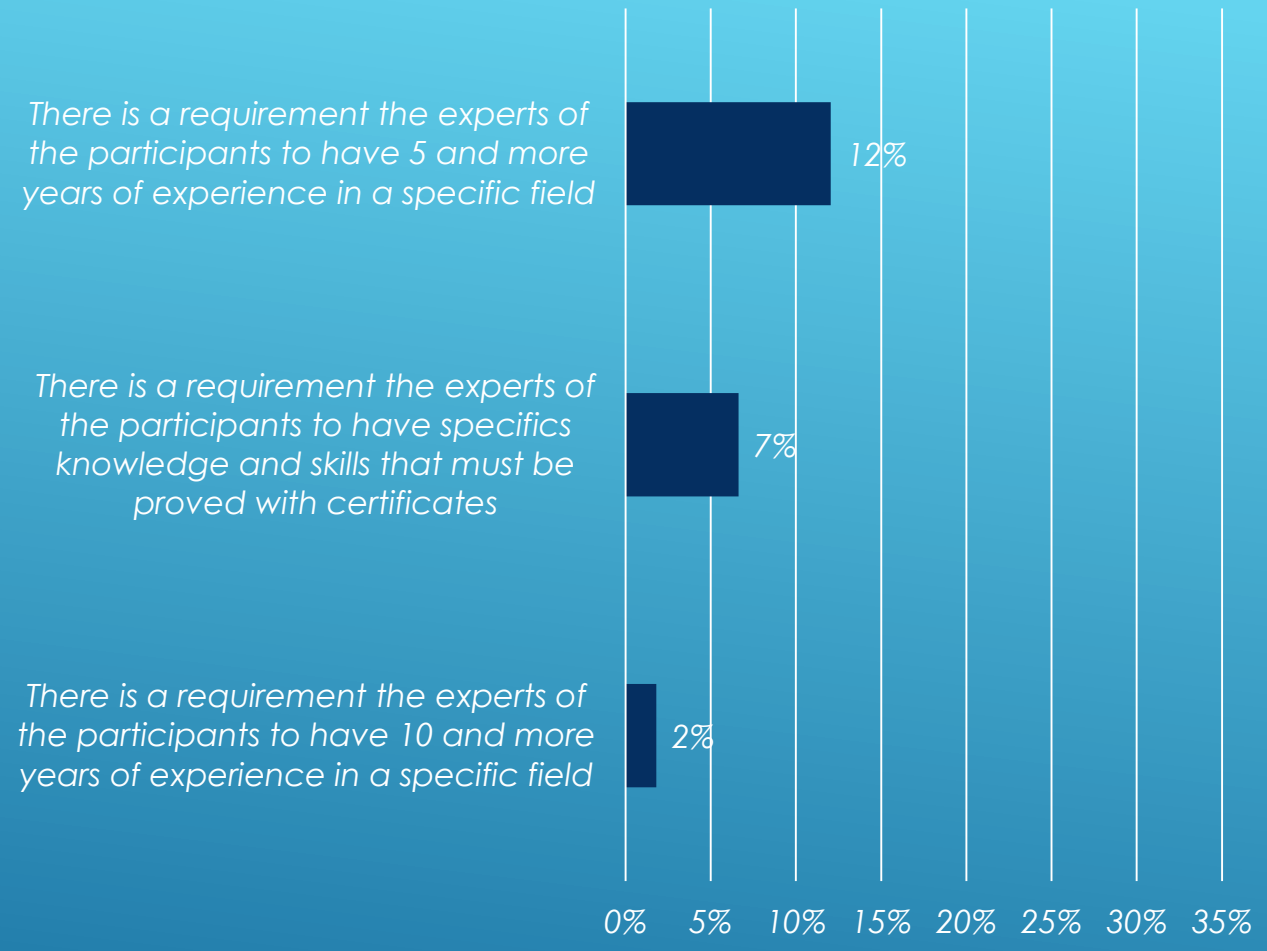
88%

24% of public works are awarded on the criterion "the lowest price", and the rest of 76% of public procurements are awarded through an assessment methods, combining price with other criteria for quality of tenders.

Criteria for award







Only one tender is submitted for the procurement

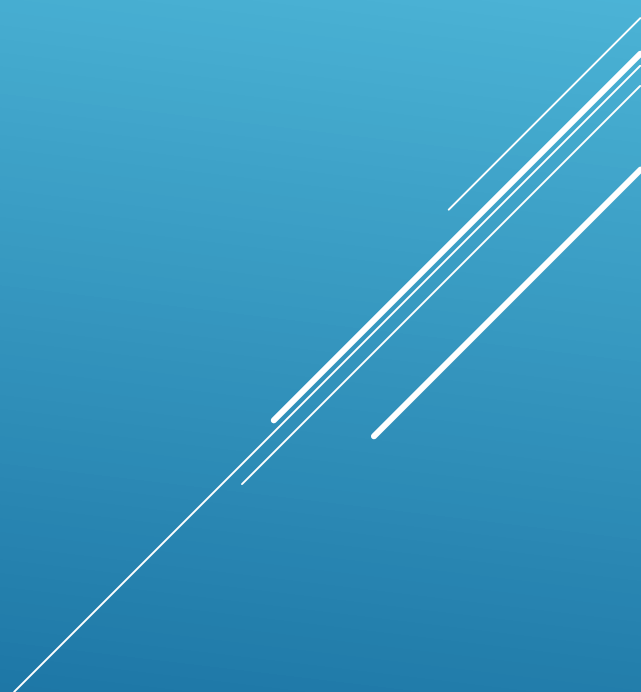
32,53%

Only one candidate is admitted for ranking

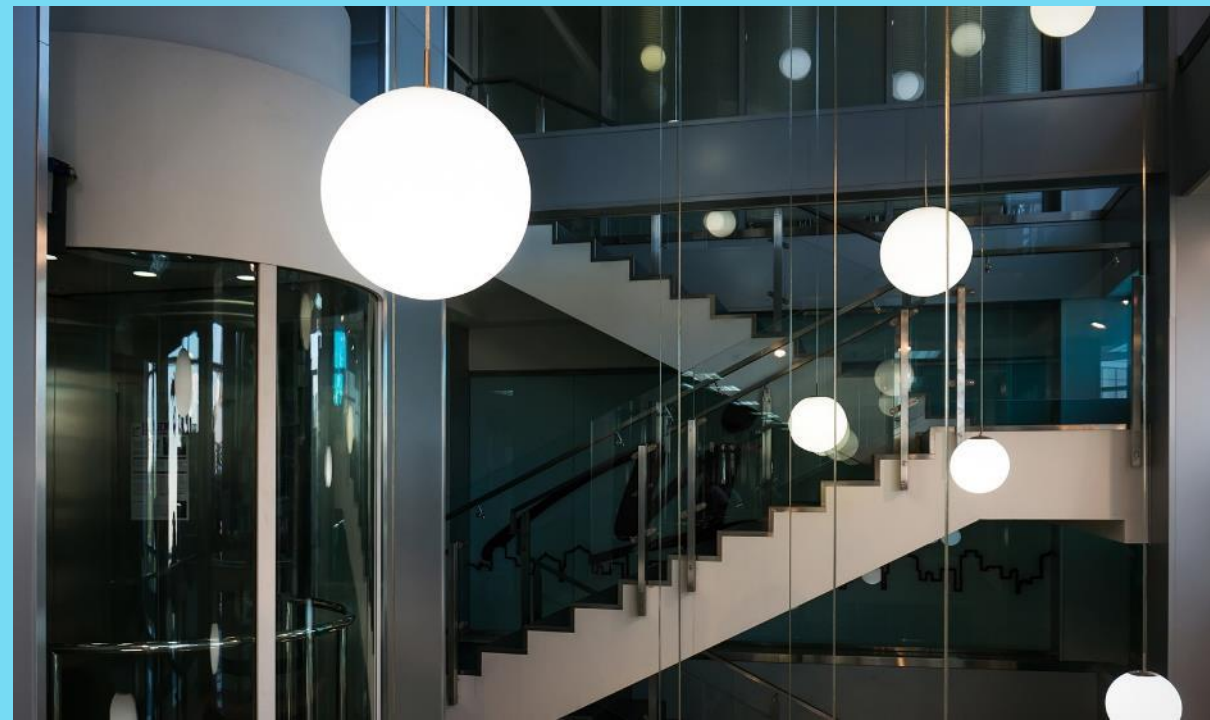
60,84%

Поръчката е прекратена защото има само един допуснат участник

3,01%



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