

#### **Public procurement**

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- Replace and update the previous guidelines
- Issued to give the guidance and consistency
- 25 most frequently found types of mistakes
- Harmonize the treatment of public procurement errors
- Set out a range of corrections of 5%, 10%, 25% and 100% that are applied to the expenditure of a contract.



What is the difference to previous guideline?

- Clearer criteria on the level of corrections
- The scope of the guidelines has been widened
- No differentiation between below and above threshold violations
   «principle» based guidance



When the Guidelines should be applied?

- In case of irregularities, which constitute breaches of public procurement rules;
- When making financial corrections related to irregularities which were detected after the date of adoption of the guidelines



The seriousness of an irregularity is assessed:

- level of competition
- transparency and equal treatment
- exclusion of potential tenderers
- award of a contract to a tender other than the one that should have been awarded



# Same tender, number of irregularities detected.. How to decide the rate of correction?

→ The rates of correction are not cumulated, the most serious irregularity has to be taken as an indication to decide the rate of correction





## When do you apply 100% financial correction?



→ In the most serious cases when the irregularity favors certain tenderer(s)/ candidate(s) or where the irregularity relates to fraud, as established by a competent judicial or administrative body.



#### **Case Study**

- You are a Controller of Lead Partner Wheelchair Tennis
  Development Agency, Project: DivTe.
- You are performing control and identify problems in application of bid-at-three rule.
- Your organisation is entitled to use Guideline for determining public procurement financial corrections to determine financial correction to be applied.
- Mark your observations and comments, decide on the % of the correction (if that is the case).
- Be prepared to present your feedback!



#### **Cooperation works**

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