



National bodies in the field of public procurement of the countries of Slovakia and Hungary, in order to exchange information with the aim of harmonizing their principles and practice, and having regard to the following:

- *that the signatories of this Agreement are autonomous and independent bodies competent in the field of public procurement;*
- *that the competence of the national bodies in public procurement is determined by national regulations and should be preserved, developed and supported, and thus it is in no way challenged by this Agreement;*
- *that observation of parallel-legal practice in the implementation of legally prescribed competencies contributes to the quality and efficiency of legal protection of participants in public procurement procedures, and contributes to the improvement of the public procurement system, in good faith and the spirit of mutual respect and trust:*

**The Public Procurement Authority of Hungary, 1026 Budapest, Riadó utca 5,
represented by Csaba Balázs Rigó President;**

and

**The Public Procurement Office of Slovakia, 821 09 Bratislava, Ružová dolina 10,
represented by Miroslav Hlivák Chairman;**

hereinafter referred to as "Parties", have concluded the following:

FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION

The basic principle of cooperation

Article 1

The cooperation activities envisaged by this Agreement are implemented voluntarily and with the consent of the Parties, subject to compliance with national legislation, in the spirit of the public procurement legal protection principle.



Objectives of cooperation

Article 2

The Parties agree that the cooperation shall take place in terms of exchange of experience, expertise and knowledge about specific legal issues relevant to their work, and for high-quality and effective implementation of statutory jurisdiction.

Methods of cooperation

Article 3

The cooperation of the Parties shall be conducted through:

- exchange of decisions and legal opinions,
- mutual exchange of information on best practices in resolving the typical legal issues including the decisions of the European Court of Justice, the organization of joint professional conferences - round tables, professional workshops, study visits and other meetings with the aim on elaboration of specific professional issues of EU and national legislation, and with the aim on developing practices in the field of public procurement,
- providing consultations on certain legal issues in case that a law-related issue arises in the performance of the Parties under their law-prescribed competencies, while consideration of comparative law practice is useful for solving of this issue.

Appointment of a coordinator

Article 4

The Parties shall, within 15 days from the date that this Agreement entered into force, appoint a Cooperation Coordinator, who shall be responsible for the conduct of communication, the conduct of operational affairs and coordination of cooperation activities.

In the event of a change of Cooperation Coordinator, the Parties shall inform one another thereof.

Planning of cooperation activities

Article 5

The Parties shall, starting from 2018, agree to establish a plan for conducting the cooperation of activities for each year.



Participation of third parties in cooperation
Article 6

Contribution to the realization of cooperation activities can be provided by international and other organizations, as well as other state bodies and institutions, which are able to provide contribution on the achievement of the set goals.

Final provisions
Article 7

The Parties may regulate by special protocols other issues arising in connection with the application of this Agreement.

In the case of any circumstance or event arises that hinders or threatens to interfere with the successful implementation of this Agreement, the Parties shall exchange specific notices on this.

The Agreement has been drafted in English, in 4 identical copies, two of which are retained by the Parties.

Amendments to the Agreement may only be made with the consent of the Parties.

The Agreement shall come into force on the day of its signing.

In Budapest, 17. 05. 2018



Csaba Balázs Rigó, President

Public Procurement Authority of Hungary



Miroslav Hlivák, Chairman

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