**INSTRUCTIONS FOR BENEFICIARIES**

**UNDER THE BULGARIA-… IPA CROSS-BORDER PROGRAMME**

**RELATED TO PUBLICITY OF PUBLIC PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES**

Having regard to the Art. 103 of Regulation (EU, EURATOM) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 and Art. 264 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012 on the rules of application of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and considering p. 2.4.2 Open procedures, Practical Guide to contract procedures for EU external actions, the beneficiaries are obliged to ensure widest possible participation in competitive tendering and the requisite transparency.

Depending on the type of tender procedure, the following documents should be published:

* For Local open tenders – summaries of local invitations to tender and contract notices should be published in all appropriate media, in particular on the Programme’s web site and the grant beneficiary’s website (in its role of Contracting authority). Additionally, summaries of local invitations to tender should be published in national press of the country in which the action is being carried out.
* For International open tenders - contract prior information notices and contract notices should be published in all appropriate media, in particular on the Programme’s web site, in the official journal of the European Union[[1]](#footnote-1) and on the grant beneficiary’s website (in its role of Contracting authority).

In addition, the beneficiaries should submit to the Managing Authority of the Programme the tender documentation related to restricted tenders for service; local open tenders for supply; international open tenders for supply and local open tenders for works in order to be published on the Programme’s web site …

The beneficiaries bear responsibility for content and quality of tender documents published on the programme website.

The beneficiaries should respect all other requirements for publication, stipulated in the Practical Guide to Contract Procedures for EU external actions (including templates of documents, deadlines for publications, etc.).

1. Publication on EuropeAid website is optional and can be done if wished. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)