Main recommendations:

- Simplify the way of proving the qualification of bidders by not combining individual requirements. Taken on board by the contracting authority (CA).
- In the bidding phase, the CA should specify that, if a bid exceeds a certain amount, it will be automatically excluded. The tender instead only stated that the bid price must not exceed the amount. Taken on board.
- The CA should not conclude a contract for an indefinite period, as it may be disadvantageous. If the contractor terminates the contract unexpectedly, the CA may have insufficient time to run the subsequent procurement procedure on time. Not taken on board.
- The CA should supplement the draft contract and stipulate that the contractor’s remuneration will be paid at the amount corresponding to the actual performance, as certified by the timesheets. Taken on board.

Main results:

- The contracting authority has a stronger understanding of the benefits of the IP.
- Integrity Pacts as an instrument became part of wider discourse.
- Bidders and general public no longer have to pay a fee for filing a motion to the Office for protection of competition, hence there is greater openness of the controlling body and easier access to procurement processes.
- Growing demand for greater transparency in public procurement processes and involvement of civil society in the monitoring.
- TI CZ is working with other contracting authorities to implement two additional Integrity Pacts in the country in the field of health and science.

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Timeline:

- 01/01/2016 Start of IP project
- 25/11/2016 Signature of IP by CA
- 09/08/2017 Project “kick-off”
- 27/07/2017 Signature of works / goods / services contract with winning bidder
- 31/12/2018 Original end of project
- 28/02/2019 End of project

Costs:

- €133,304 incl. VAT, max. costs for 4 years
- EU: €113,310
- National funds: €19,994

Monitoring reports:

Download the periodic monitoring reports at: https://www.transparency.cz/projekty/pakty-integrity/