

Release 20: changes and additions

On the following pages, you will find a summary of the changes and additions in Release 20, divided into three main topic areas.

- 1) Procurement offices will now be able to publish **awards of “invitation procedures”** on simap.ch
- 2) Update and addition of new **VAT rates** (valid from 1.1.2024)
- 3) Technical **amendments to the TED export function** (now on eForms) and the resulting changes in simap.ch

Release 20 is available from **5 September 2023.**

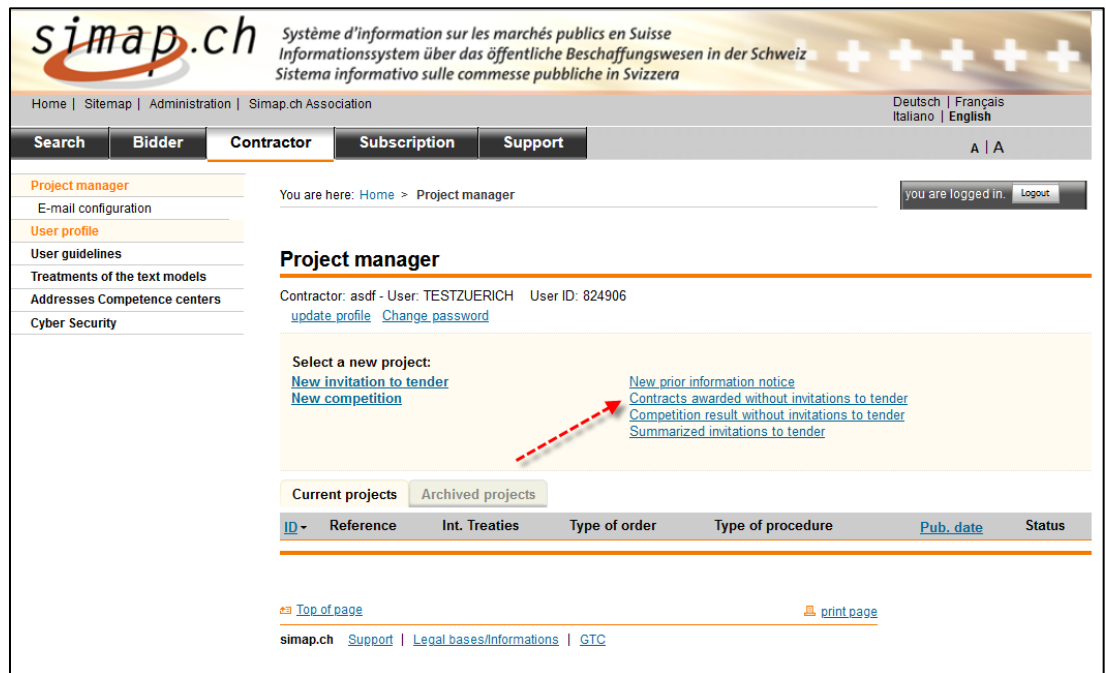
Should you have any questions or comments on the changes, please do not hesitate to contact our [support](#) team.

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1. Procedure type “Invitation procedure”

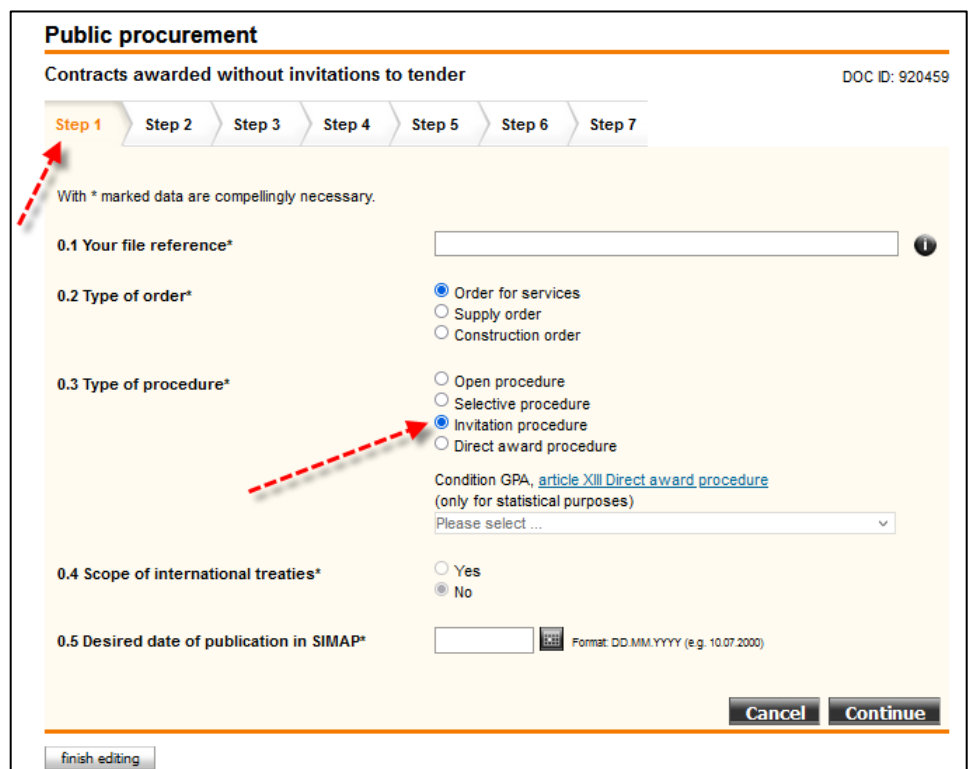
To publish awards of invitation procedures, you can now proceed as follows: first select “contracts awarded without invitations to tender” (see screenshot A), then in step 1 under point “0.3 Type of procedure”, you now have the option of selecting “invitation procedure” (see screenshot B):

Screenshot A:



The screenshot shows the 'Project manager' page on the simap.ch website. The user is logged in as 'asdf - User: TESTZUERICH' with User ID: 824906. The page features a navigation menu with 'Search', 'Bidder', 'Contractor', 'Subscription', and 'Support'. A sidebar on the left lists various user management options. The main content area is titled 'Project manager' and includes a 'Select a new project:' section with several links. A red dashed arrow points to the link 'Contracts awarded without invitations to tender'. Below this is a table for 'Current projects' with columns for ID, Reference, Int. Treaties, Type of order, Type of procedure, Pub. date, and Status. At the bottom, there are links for 'Top of page' and 'print page', and a footer with 'simap.ch Support | Legal bases/Informations | GTC'.

Screenshot B:



The screenshot shows the 'Public procurement' form for 'Contracts awarded without invitations to tender' (DOC ID: 920459). The form is divided into seven steps, with 'Step 1' highlighted. A red dashed arrow points to 'Step 1'. The form contains several fields and radio button options:

- 0.1 Your file reference***: A text input field.
- 0.2 Type of order***: Radio button options for 'Order for services' (selected), 'Supply order', and 'Construction order'.
- 0.3 Type of procedure***: Radio button options for 'Open procedure', 'Selective procedure', 'Invitation procedure' (selected), and 'Direct award procedure'. Below this is a dropdown menu for 'Condition GPA, article XIII Direct award procedure (only for statistical purposes)' with the text 'Please select ...'.
- 0.4 Scope of international treaties***: Radio button options for 'Yes' and 'No' (selected).
- 0.5 Desired date of publication in SIMAP***: A date input field with a calendar icon and the format 'DD.MM.YYYY (e.g. 10.07.2000)'.

At the bottom of the form, there are 'Cancel' and 'Continue' buttons, and a 'finish editing' button.

2. Addition: new VAT rates (valid from 1.1.2024)

The higher VAT rates valid from 1.1.2024 are now provided in addition to the current rates listed in simap.ch. This allows contracts that carry over into 2024 or first start in 2024 to be correctly advertised.

- Standard rate: current 7.7% – new 8.1%
- Reduced rate: current 2.5% – new 2.6%
- Special rate for accommodation: current 3.7% – new 3.8%

The screenshot shows a web form for entering price information. The form is titled "Price (total price)*" and includes three radio button options: "without information", "Informations about the price of the considered offer", and "Price range of the received offer". The "Informations about the price of the considered offer" option is selected. Below this option, there is a dropdown menu for currency (set to "CHF") and an input field for the price. A dropdown menu for "Select VAT rate" is open, showing options: "without VAT", "with 2.5% VAT", "with 2.6% VAT", "with 3.7% VAT", "with 3.8% VAT", "with 7.7% VAT", "with 8.1% VAT", and "foreign VAT". The "with 8.1% VAT" option is highlighted. Below the price input fields, there is a "Remarks" section with a text input field. At the bottom right, there are buttons for "Car" and "ion".

3. Amendments to TED interface to accommodate eForms

The interface to the European platform Tenders Electronic Daily (TED) via the new eForms will be made available as of this release. This ensures that the new interface functions already when TED switches to eForms in the fourth quarter of 2023.

This change necessitates the following amendments:

New mandatory field, telephone number of contracting authority:

For invitations to tender (awards, cessations, corrections), the telephone number of the contracting authority is now a mandatory field:

With * marked data are compellingly necessary.

1. Contracting authority

1.1 Official name and address of the contracting authority [Copy from user profile](#)

Contracting authority/Authority of assignment*

Location of the contracting authority/authority of assignment

Canton of the contracting authority/authority of assignment *

Procurement authority/Organizer*

Attn

Address*

Postal code / Town*

Country*

Telephone * **New mandatory field**

Fax

Email *

URL

Please note the following instructions in the information text:

This entry will be published. It is inadvisable to provide person-specific details here. Instead, choose a more general entry such as a central telephone number.

New mandatory field for awards:

For awards, the following compulsory fields have been added to the tenderer data:

- Telephone number
- Email address
- Company ID

3.2 Tenderer considered

Attention

Name*

Address

Postal code / Town*

Country*

Telephone* ⓘ

Email* ⓘ

Company ID* ⓘ

Where available, this data will be taken from the tenderer data registered in simap.ch.

For manual entry of award recipients, please note the instructions in the information text (for telephone numbers and email addresses):

This entry will be published. It is inadvisable to provide person-specific details here. Where possible, enter general contact details for the award recipient.

Additions to award criteria for invitations to tender:

The award criteria in invitations to tender includes new a field for “**Type**”, and the existing “Weighting” column has been renamed “Weighting %”.

In the “Type” field, the following options are available:

- Price
- Costs
- Quality

For the “Weighting %” field, a validation process checks whether the total sum equals 100%.

The award criteria will no longer be shown in the award on simap.ch. The award criteria from the invitation to tender will be transferred to the award publication on TED.