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:

![Screenshot A](image1)

Screenshot B:

![Screenshot B](image2)
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%
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**:

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

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.