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### Release notes for Release 21

The following pages describe the changes and additions made in Release 21:

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Release 21 is available from 6 March 2024.

Should you have any questions or comments on the changes, please do not hesitate to contact our <u>support</u> team.

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# 1 Email address and telephone number of the tenderer optional in the publication of award

Pursuant to Art. 48 Para. 6 IvöB, procurement offices are not obliged to publish the email address and telephone number of tenderers in the publication of award. As such, the fields "email address" and "telephone number" of the tenderer in the publication of award are now optional and do not have to be completed.

These fields, however, are exported to the European platform Tenders Electronic Daily (TED). In order to guarantee the ongoing functioning of this process, the following dummy values will be exported for empty fields:

Field: Email address: not.published@for.privacy.reasons

Field: Telephone number: 0000 00 000 00

#### 2 New simap platform from 1 July 2024

According to the current schedule, the new simap.ch platform will commence operations on 1 July 2024. As a result, several changes are required to the current platform.

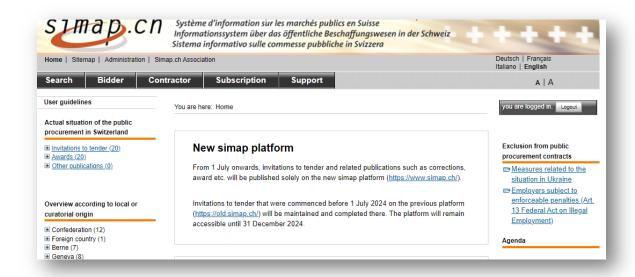
The new and current platforms will operate concurrently in the second half of 2024 until the current platform ceases operation on 31.12.2024.

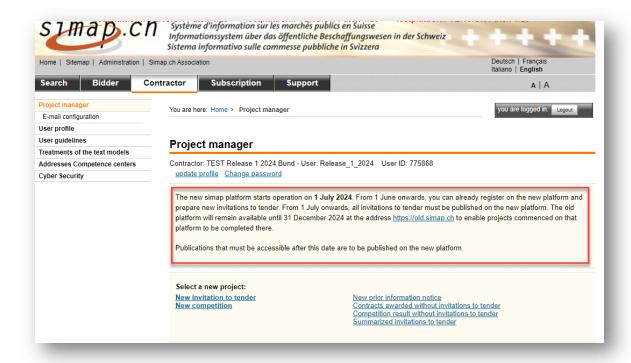
### 2.1 Publication of new prior notices, invitations to tender, summaries and design contests no longer possible

From 1 July 2024, it will no longer be possible to publish new prior notices, invitations to tender, summaries and design contests on the current platform.

Invitations to tender that were commenced before 1 July 2024 on the current platform will, however, be maintained and completed there. After logging in as a procurement office, the following information is displayed on the home page as well as on the project manager page:

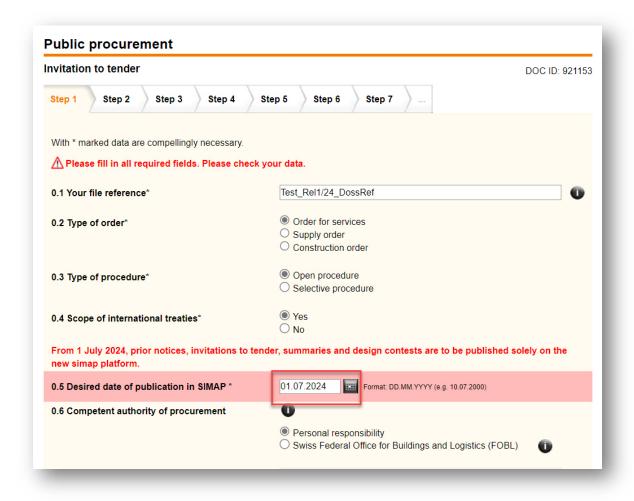






If a date later than 30 June 2024 is selected when creating a new procurement project, the process cannot be continued:

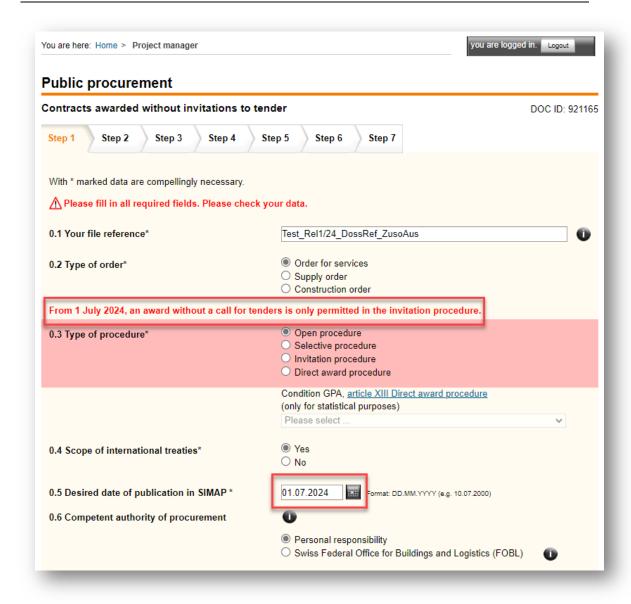




### 2.2 Publication of awards without an invitation to tender now possible solely for invitation procedures

From 1 July 2024, the publication of an award without an invitation to tender is possible solely for invitation procedures. For all other types of procedures, awards without an invitation to tender must be published on the new platform.

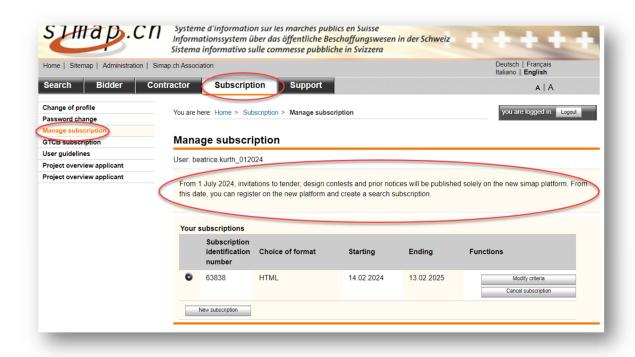




#### 2.3 Changes to subscriptions

Because all new procurement projects will be published on the new platform from 1 July 2024 onwards, subscriptions on the current platform will, depending on the selected search criteria, no longer generate results. From 1 July 2024, you can register on the new platform and create new subscriptions. This will be communicated at the beginning of June on the subscription management page. From mid-June, the subscription alerts will also contain a corresponding notification.





## 3 TED interface: eForms SDK upgrade from V1.6 to V1.10

eForms is the reporting standard for public award procedures in the EU. eForms SDK is a collection of resources that underpin the development of eForm applications.

Version V1.6, the version of eForms SDK currently in use, is only available until 6 March 2024. On this date an upgrade to the newest version (Version V1.10) will take place. The necessary changes will be made solely in the backend. **This involves no amendments for the users of simap.ch.**