

Assumption of multiannual commitments: regulation approved by the Government

Multiannual commitments represent the amount of future payment obligations, subject to the fulfilment of the conditions of the contract for the procurement of goods, works and services, the period of performance of which exceeds one year, within the limits of the expenditure forecast for that purpose for the years concerned. The regulation approved by the Government on September 6 at the initiative of the Ministry of Finance sets out the procedure and the list of goods, works, and services for which multi-year commitments are allowed, thus making it possible to extend the period of a procurement contract beyond the usual budgetary cycle.

The list of goods, works, and services eligible for the application of the provisions of the Regulation includes: preparation of normative documents in construction, preparation of technical projects and execution of works for the reinforcement of flood protection infrastructure, weapons, ammunition, weapons systems, military equipment, spare parts and accessories related to them, intervention equipment and machinery, as well as special-purpose vehicles, including for the transport of special categories of passengers.

According to the Regulation, the central public authority, based on the need for multiannual commitments, shall submit a reasoned request to the Ministry of Finance with supporting documents and calculations attached, within the limit of the expenditure foreseen in the Medium Term Budgetary Framework (MTBF) for the period concerned, and the Ministry of Finance shall examine all requests and draw up the list of central public authorities for which multiannual commitments will be allowed.

The process of making multiannual commitments will be linked to the budgetary process, with central public authorities being responsible for estimating the expenditure required for certain commitments, depending on their purpose, and for submitting expenditure proposals in the processes for drawing up the MTEF and annual budgets.

The Ministry of Finance will monitor the use of the contracts throughout the period of multiannual commitments by the beneficiary and the central public authorities will be responsible for the procurement of goods, works, and services for which they have made multiannual commitments.

Source: Ministry of Finance