

**Minimum Timescales:**

<b>Choice of Procedure and Stage</b>	<b>Standard Timescales</b>	<b>Options for Central Contracting Authorities</b>	<b>Tenders Submitted Electronically</b>	<b>Requirement is urgent and longer time limit is impractical as a result</b>	<b>PIN published no more than 12 months and no less than 35 days from dispatch of contract notice</b>
<b>OPEN</b>					
Dispatch of contract notice to receipt of responses	35 days		5 day reduction	Period reduced to 15 days	Period reduced to 15 days
Standstill	10 days				
<b>RESTRICTED</b>					
Dispatch of contract notice to receipt of responses	30 days			Period reduced to 15 days	
ITT to receipt of bids	30 days	May agree time-limit with tenderers – in absence of agreement minimum period is 10 days	5 day reduction	Period reduced to 10 days	Period reduced to 10 days
Standstill	10 days				
<b>COMPETITIVE WITH NEGOTIATION</b>					
Dispatch of contract notice to expressions of responses	30 days			Period reduced to 15 days	

ITN to receipt of initial tenders	30 days	May agree time-limit with tenderers – in absence of agreement minimum period is 10 days	5 day reduction	Period reduced to 10 days	Period reduced to 10 days
Standstill	10 days				
<b>COMPETITIVE DIALOGUE</b>					
Dispatch of contract notice to expressions of responses	30 days				
Standstill	10 days				
<b>INNOVATION PARTNERSHIP</b>					
Dispatch of contract notice to expressions of responses	30 days				
Standstill	10 days				