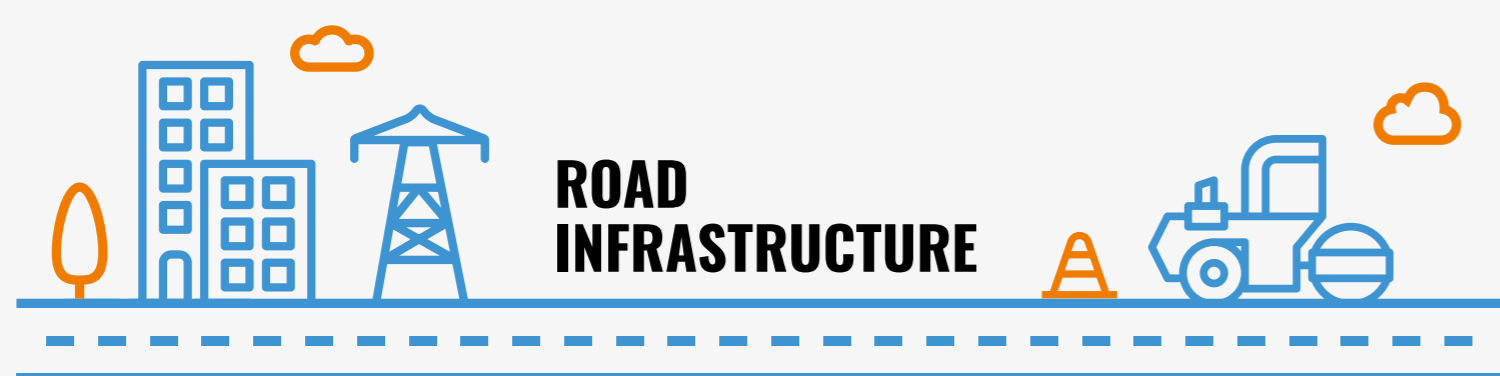


ZHELEZNITSA TUNNEL

RELEVANCE

SECTOR



PROCUREMENT



Road tunnel along Struma motorway

EXPECTED # OF BENEFICIARIES

12 MILLION PEOPLE

KEY STATS



Struma motorway:

150 KM



Zheleznitsa tunnel:

2,000 M

the longest road tunnel in Bulgaria

TRAFFIC IN 2018:



4,204,122
passenger cars



69,522
buses



767,014
freight vehicles



10,465
motorcycles

MAIN RECOMMENDATIONS



- Addressing the Protection of Competition Authority about potential collusion between bidders. Not taken on board.
- Improvement of internal rules and practice for the prevention and detection of Conflict of Interest among staff of the contracting authority. Not yet taken on board.

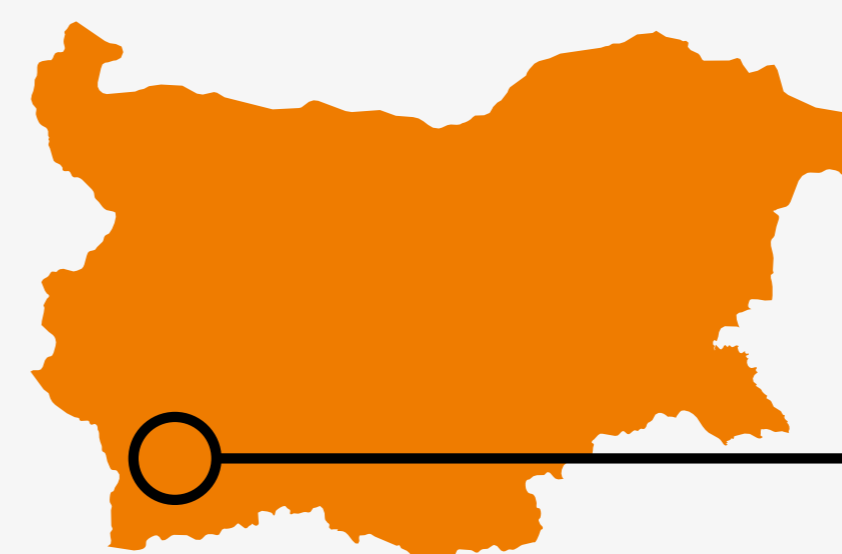
IRREGULARITIES



- One and the same company participated in three consortia "competing" among themselves.
- Politicians interfere in the procurement process and influence the decisions of the administration.
- No rules and criteria for the selection of external members of the evaluation committee.

PROJECT

LOCATION



BULGARIA

Zheleznitsa

TIMELINE



COSTS



€127.8 MILLION ORIGINAL COST

€119.5 MILLION CONTRACTUAL COST (LOT 1, 2, 3)

EU funds (Cohesion Fund):
€101.6 million

National budget:
€17.9 million

MONITORING REPORTS



DOWNLOAD
the periodic monitoring reports at:
<https://integrity.transparency.bg/en/publications/>

WHAT'S NEXT?



- Local communities outreach and engagement campaign
- Monitoring of the construction
- Publication of progress reports every six months