Abstract
In this article we investigated two issues - the impact of e-procurement on competition and the final price and the savings achieved by the use of e-procurement in Slovakia. Public procurement through the electronic marketplace in average (since the introduction of it in late 2014 until October 1, 2017) had 3.54 bidders per procurement, bit more compared to standard procedures, but not enough. Based data from public procurement in Slovakia between years 2009 and 2014, we have shown that, if only one bidder was involved in the tendering procedure, the electronic auction adversely affected the amount of savings achieved If there were two or more bidders, e-auction has had a positive impact on the savings achieved compared with public procurement where the e-auction was not used. Official data claim that the electronic marketplace achieved savings in total value of more than 140 million of euro, this is roughly about 17.9% of the total estimated value of the contracts. Our data show that this is clear overestimate, because transaction costs are not calculated, but also that the final adjusted savings achieved should be positive.

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