



REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA  
**COURT OF AUDIT**

# SUMMARY REPORT

## **Purchasing medicines by pharmacies in 2020**

**Cross-sectional regularity audit of purchasing medicines**  
Audit period: the year 2020



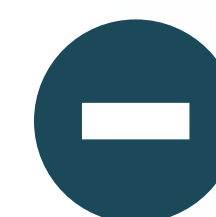


## In 2020, the situation in the field of purchasing medicines continues to be inappropriate



March 2017

Public pharmacy institutes authorised the Slovene Chamber of Pharmacy to conduct a joint public procurement.



December 2021

Public pharmacy institutes still order medicines not following the prescribed public procurement procedures.

### PURCHASES OF MEDICINES IN 2020 WERE AUDITED AT:

3 public pharmacy institutes of various sizes



PHARMACY  
POMURSKE LEKARNE



PHARMACY VELENJE



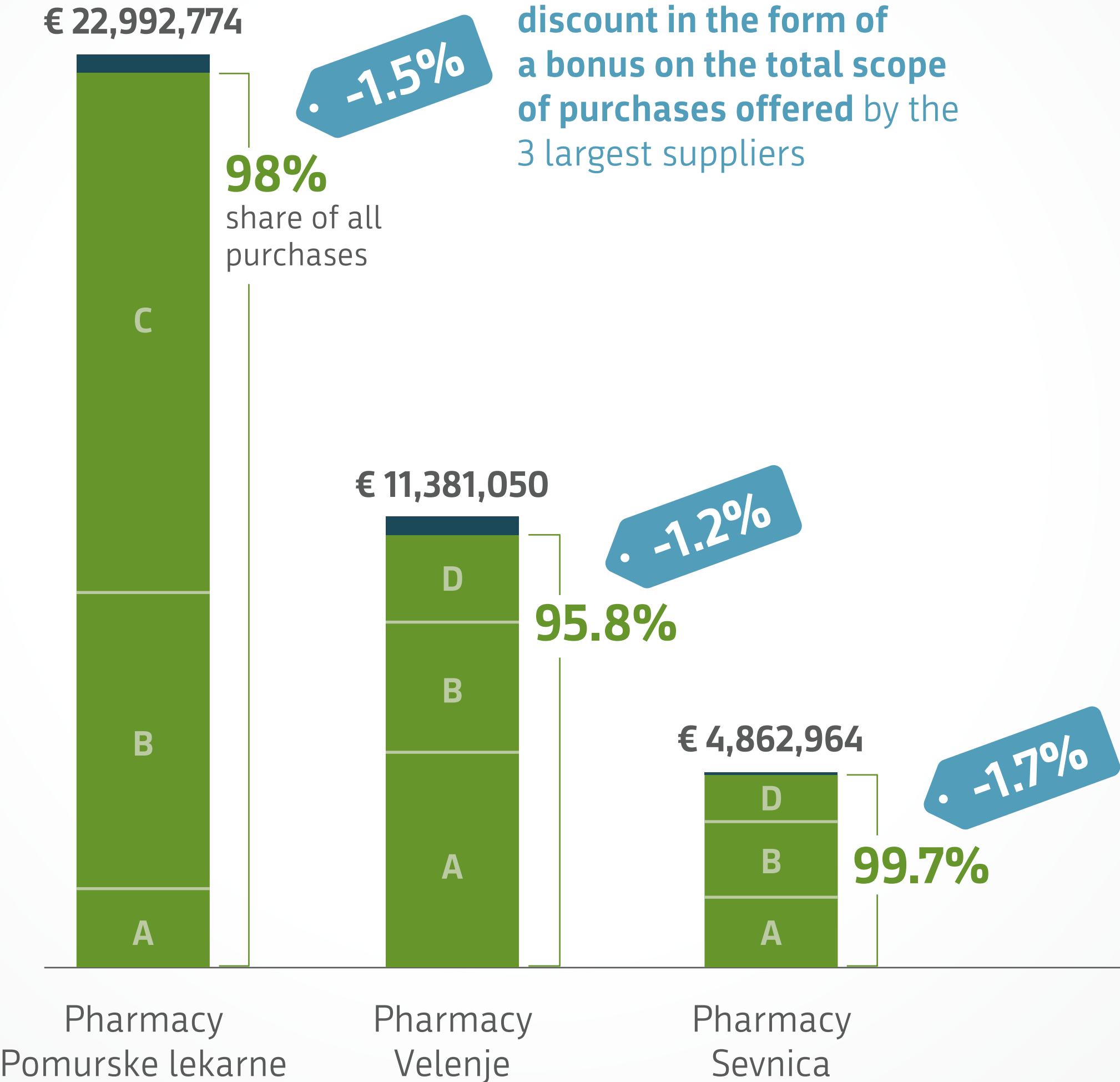
PHARMACY SEVNICA

**Audited pharmacies purchased medicines in 2020 contrary to Public Procurement Act (ZJN-3)**

Suppliers of medicines were not selected in line with the prescribed public procurement procedure.

Purchases of medicines were made on the basis of contracts for an indefinite period awarded directly to suppliers.

Share of purchases of medicines and bonuses offered by suppliers



**Differences in discounts show that the competition among suppliers is possible**

ZZdr-2 In accordance with Medicinal Products Act (ZZdr-2), the pharmacies may agree on the prices with suppliers through public procurement procedures.

the largest suppliers (A, B, C, D)  
other suppliers

# For more than 4 years, Slovene Chamber of Pharmacy has not conducted a joint public procurement



## WARNINGS FROM THE AUDITED PHARMACIES



The pharmacies are of the opinion that conducting the prescribed public procurement procedures when purchasing medicines may cause **medicinal products market disturbance and thus disruption of the supply of medicines to public.**



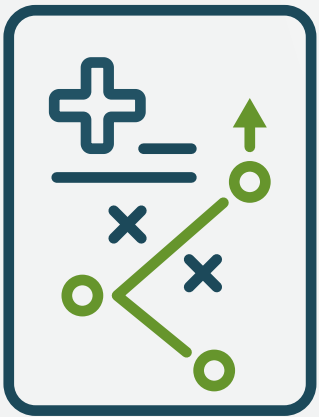
**Competent authorities at the systemic level have still not provided concrete and reasoned answers or analyses on the respective matter.**

# Opinion of the Court of Audit



The Court of Audit expressed an **adverse opinion** to the **Pharmacy Pomurske Lekarne, Pharmacy Velenje** and **Pharmacy Sevnica** on the regularity of purchasing medicines in 2020.

## CORRECTIVE MEASURE



**All 3 pharmacies** must **prepare a plan of activities to ensure the purchase of all medicines** in line with the public procurement procedure **as laid down by Public Procurement Act.**

