

# Unified Price Auction

What it means to Hungarian market

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## **1st PRICE AUCTION** IS NOT NEW

- It came along together with the rise of header bidding aka a unified auction among multiple platforms.
- Then header bidding-compliant SSPs started moving to the **1st price auction** in order to eliminate inefficiencies.
- But **Google refused** to make their Adexchange available through header bidding and stayed with the **2nd price auction**.
- They still kept their "last look" advantage.

But now it is **changing!** 



## **UNIFIED PRICE** AUCTION

- Beyond the change of auction dynamics other things are changing, namely floor prices and blocklists.
- According to the official timeline the beta phase started on May 6th, then the percentage of traffic moved to UPA was increased step by step and on September the 10th Google started to transition all the traffic to UPA.
- These changes do not include **Youtube and Google AdSense** sold outside of Google Ad Manager.











### THE RISE OF BID SHADING



## **BID** SHADING

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Bidder	Bid: 2 EUR	Bid shading	Bid: 1,1 EUR	
Publisher/Bidder 2	Floor price or second bid: 1 EUR		Floor price or second bid: 1 EUR	



#### **SELLERS**

(!) The new role of floor prices

III Higher CPMs from Google in the short term





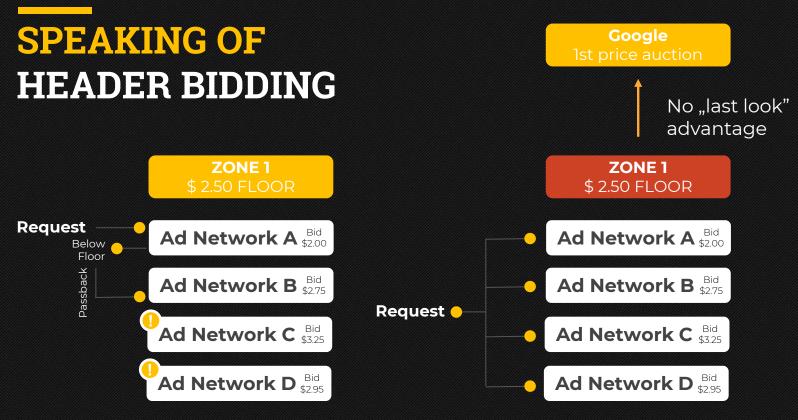


#### Google's First-Price Auction Switch Is Making Header Bidding Partners Win More

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When Google Ad Manager tested the switch to unified first-price auctions this summer, it saw a handful of ad tech players start to win a greater share of ad impressions.

"First-price auctions have created a more competitive market," director of product management Jason Bigler wrote in a blog post Thursday. DSPs, non-AdWords ad networks and header bidding partners using indirect line items collectively saw a rise in impressions won, he added.

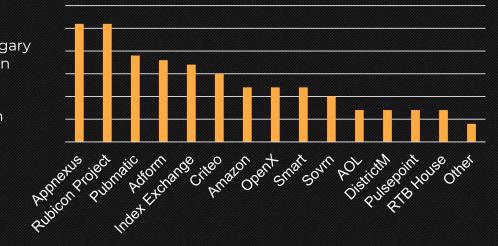




## HEADER BIDDING IN HUNGARY

- 55% or 274 out of top 500 domains in Hungary according to Alexa have implemented ads.txt
- Only 11% or 31 out of these 274 domains in Hungary have implemented prebid.js, the most common open standard for header bidding
- Whereas 41% or 112 out of these 274 domains in Hungary are using Google Ad Manager
- Eg. 46% of top 200 domains in Poland has implemented header bidding
- And 80% of top 1000 in the US

#### SSPs in Hungary





## **TO SUM UP**

- Google is the midst of a full transition to **1st price auction now**
- It is going to **affect both** buyers behaviour and publishers sales strategy
- Publishers using header bidding are likely to **take advantage of this move**
- The rate of header bidding adoption in Hungary is low, which means there is a window of opportunity for Hungarian publishers





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