

Belgium-Brussels: State of Vaccine Confidence in the EU 2022
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Contract award notice
Services

Legal Basis:

Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 2018/1046

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: European Commission

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I.4. Type of the contracting authority

European institution/agency or international organisation

I.5. Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1. Scope of the procurement

II.1.1. Title

State of Vaccine Confidence in the EU 2022

II.1.2. Main CPV code

85000000 Health and social work services

II.1.3. Type of contract

Services

II.1.4. Short description

The purpose of the study is to develop a systematic overview and analysis of the current climate of vaccine hesitancy activities and best practices and its evolution from 2018 and 2020 and establish how the Covid-19 pandemic has affected national-level perceptions to vaccines. Both for general public and healthcare professionals.

II.1.6. Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.1.7. Total value of the procurement

Value excluding VAT: 480 000,00 EUR

II.2. Description

II.2.3. Place of performance

NUTS code: BE Belgique / België

II.2.4. Description of the procurement

The general objective of the study is to develop a systematic overview and analysis of the current climate of vaccine hesitancy activities and best practices and its evolution from 2018 and 2020 and establish how the Covid-19 pandemic has affected national-level perceptions to vaccines. Both for general public and healthcare professionals.

Especially important will be to know how confidence has changed towards childhood vaccines for young people, since 2018, and due to the current pandemic situation. And also how the confidence of health professionals has changed, especially for HPV and influenza, since the pandemic. The introduction of novel Covid-19 vaccines in response to the pandemic have raised a number of other important questions that should be answered in order to assess both confidence in Covid-19 vaccines, but also the impact of Covid-19 vaccines and vaccination policy on attitudes to routine immunisation.

The study shall present the situation regarding confidence in vaccines in the individual 27 Member States of the EU and aggregated data for the whole EU, and will allow a follow up of the previous 2016, 2018 and 2020 report, taking a special look at the situation among health professionals, especially general practitioners and nurses. It should follow the same methodology that previous reports. The sample of health professionals should be adapted in order to reflect the different categories of professionals, and have an adequate distribution by sex, age and place of work (rural/cities).

II.2.5. Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality of the proposed methodology / Weighting: 60/100

Quality criterion - Name: Organisation of work and resources / Weighting: 30/100

Quality criterion - Name: Quality control measures / Weighting: 10/100

Price - Weighting: 40/60

II.2.11. Information about options

Options: no

II.2.13. Information about European Union funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds:
yes

Identification of the project: EU4Health Programme

II.2.14. Additional information

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1. Description

IV.1.1. Type of procedure

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the Official Journal of the European Union in the cases listed below

- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

The situation regarding vaccine confidence in the EU is very worrying. Europe is the world region where there is more hesitancy regarding vaccination, with countries like France where 42 % of the general population is hesitant. The data of the study will help the development of the Council Recommendation and present guidance that can support member States in countering vaccine hesitancy and especially in the current pandemic situation and also to learn from the current situation and for a future introduction of new vaccines.

The specificities of the work that make necessary to contract it with the VCP (at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine/Antwerp) are that the Commission needs absolutely to have the same methodology used in 2016, 2018 and 2020, same questions, same sample population, in order to make possible to do comparisons and to ensure that the changes in the public opinion are not due to changes in the study methodology, but to changes in the population's opinion. A different, independent, isolated study would lead to an inefficient use of resources. The calculation of the costs of the study has been done following those of the framework contract of the Eurobarometer.

The current contract intends to build on the 2018 and 2020 studies offering a comparison with the data of those years to allow for the identification of trends.

As this organisation is the only one having the appropriate methodology and the data at hand, it is the only entity able to perform this contract within the time frame.

IV.1.3. Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

IV.1.8. Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: yes

IV.2. Administrative information

IV.2.8. Information about termination of dynamic purchasing system

IV.2.9. Information about termination of call for competition in the form of a prior information notice

Section V: Award of contract

Title:

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A contract/lot is awarded: yes

V.2. Award of contract

V.2.1. Date of conclusion of the contract

25/01/2022

V.2.2. Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: no

V.2.3. Name and address of the contractor

Official name: Universiteit Antwerpen

Town: Antwerpen

NUTS code: BE21 Prov. Antwerpen

Country: Belgium

The contractor is an SME: no

V.2.4. Information on value of the contract/lot

Total value of the contract/lot: 479 936,75 EUR

V.2.5. Information about subcontracting

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.3. Additional information

VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

Official name: General Court of the European Union

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Postal code: L-2925

Country: Luxembourg

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VI.4.3. Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures:

Please consult the procurement documents available at the address indicated in Section I.3).

VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

25/01/2022