

**Sweden-Solna: Developing an Infrastructure and Performing Vaccine Effectiveness Studies for Covid-19 Vaccine in the EU/EEA**

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Contract award notice

Services

**Legal Basis:**

Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 2018/1046

**Section I: Contracting authority**

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**I.1. Name and addresses**

Official name: European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control

Postal address: Gustav III:s Boulevard 40

Town: Solna

NUTS code: SE Sverige

Postal code: 16973

Country: Sweden

Contact person: Procurement Back Office

E-mail: [ECDC.procurement@ecdc.europa.eu](mailto:ECDC.procurement@ecdc.europa.eu)**Internet address(es):**Main address: <http://www.ecdc.europa.eu>Address of the buyer profile: <http://ecdc.europa.eu/en/aboutus/calls/Pages/procurementsandgrants.aspx>**I.4. Type of the contracting authority**

European institution/agency or international organisation

**I.5. Main activity**

Health

**Section II: Object**

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**II.1. Scope of the procurement****II.1.1. Title**

Developing an Infrastructure and Performing Vaccine Effectiveness Studies for Covid-19 Vaccine in the EU/EEA

Reference number: NP/2020/DPR/12456

**II.1.2. Main CPV code**

85100000 Health services

**II.1.3. Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4. Short description**

Developing an infrastructure and performing vaccine effectiveness studies for Covid-19 vaccine in the EU/EEA.

**II.1.6.**

## **Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: yes

### **II.1.7. Total value of the procurement**

Value excluding VAT: 1 680 000,00 EUR

## **II.2. Description**

### **II.2.1. Title**

Project Monitoring and Study Designs and Methods for Assessment of Covid#19 Vaccine Effectiveness

Lot No: 1

### **II.2.2. Additional CPV code(s)**

85100000 Health services

### **II.2.3. Place of performance**

NUTS code: SE Sverige

### **II.2.4. Description of the procurement**

Project monitoring and study designs and methods for assessment of Covid#19 vaccine effectiveness. Services.

### **II.2.5. Award criteria**

Price

### **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:  
no

### **II.2.14. Additional information**

## **II.2. Description**

### **II.2.1. Title**

Vaccine Effectiveness Studies within a Hospital Based System

Lot No: 2

### **II.2.2. Additional CPV code(s)**

85100000 Health services

### **II.2.3. Place of performance**

NUTS code: SE Sverige

### **II.2.4. Description of the procurement**

Vaccine effectiveness studies within a hospital based system. Services.

### **II.2.5. Award criteria**

Price

### **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:  
no

### **II.2.14. Additional information**

#### **II.2. Description**

##### **II.2.1. Title**

Other Studies to Assess Vaccine Effectiveness  
Lot No: 3

##### **II.2.2. Additional CPV code(s)**

85100000 Health services

##### **II.2.3. Place of performance**

NUTS code: SE Sverige

##### **II.2.4. Description of the procurement**

Other studies to assess vaccine effectiveness.

##### **II.2.5. Award criteria**

Price

### **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:  
no

### **II.2.14. Additional information**

#### **II.2. Description**

##### **II.2.1. Title**

Infrastructure of an Outpatient Based System to Assess Vaccine Effectiveness  
Lot No: 4

##### **II.2.2. Additional CPV code(s)**

85100000 Health services

##### **II.2.3. Place of performance**

NUTS code: SE Sverige

##### **II.2.4. Description of the procurement**

Infrastructure of an outpatient based system to assess vaccine effectiveness. Services.

##### **II.2.5. Award criteria**

Price

### **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:  
no

## II.2.14. Additional information

### Section IV: Procedure

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#### 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

- Extreme urgency brought about by events unforeseeable for the contracting authority and in accordance with the strict conditions stated in the directive

Explanation:

The compulsory conditions justifying the use of the exceptional procedure are met as described here below:

1) Events unforeseeable by the contracting authority

- the current Covid-19 pandemic and the concentrated efforts for vaccine productions could not have been predicted in advance, especially in terms of concrete timelines, global disease spread as well as number of possible vaccine candidates. Therefore, the deliverables included in this procedure were unforeseeable by the contracting authority.

2) Extreme urgency making compliance with general deadlines impossible

- monitoring vaccine effectiveness once Covid-19 vaccines are on the market and are implemented in Member States' vaccination programmes is a key element to adapt the vaccination strategies. Even if the vaccines are not on the market yet, some candidates vaccines are in phase III trials and it is likely that they will be in the market in the early spring, if not earlier. By the time the vaccination programmes are rolled out, a system has to be already in place in order to provide timely results on vaccine effectiveness. Timely vaccine effectiveness monitoring will allow the results to have the greatest impact and relevancy for addressing the Covid-19 pandemic. Therefore, it is impossible to comply with the normal procurement timelines.

3) Causal link between the unforeseen event and the extreme urgency

- the extreme urgency for this exceptional negotiated procedure (e.g. the need to respond to a pandemic) is directly linked to the need to rapidly obtain information to vaccine effectiveness in order to adapt and better inform vaccination strategies.

4) Only used in order to cover the gap until more stable solutions can be found

- there are plans for a larger call for tender to set up vaccine effectiveness, burden and impact studies in the EU/EEA, to include a range of diseases including influenza, pertussis, IPD, and Covid-19. The VPI Disease Programme is already developing the terms of reference for this call for tender, the goal to have the FWCs signed in 2021. The eventual contract/s to come out of that call will take over from the studies being set up under this contract to address the Covid-19 pandemic.

##### 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: no

#### 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

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**Contract No:** ECD.11486

**Lot No:** 1,2,3,4

**Title:**

Establishing Severe Acute Respiratory Infections (SARI) Surveillance and Performing Hospital-based Covid-19 Transmission Studies

A contract/lot is awarded: yes

#### V.2. Award of contract

##### V.2.1. Date of conclusion of the contract

27/11/2020

##### V.2.2. Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

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

##### V.2.3. Name and address of the contractor

Official name: Epiconcept SAS

Town: Paris

NUTS code: FR France

Country: France

The contractor is an SME: no

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

Total value of the contract/lot: 1 680 000,00 EUR

##### V.2.5. Information about subcontracting

### Section VI: Complementary information

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#### VI.3. Additional information

#### VI.4. Procedures for review

##### VI.4.1. Review body

Official name: General Court

Postal address: Rue du Fort Niedergrünewald

Town: Luxembourg

Postal code: 2925

Country: Luxembourg

E-mail: [GeneralCourt.Registry@curia.europa.eu](mailto:GeneralCourt.Registry@curia.europa.eu)

Telephone: +352 43031

Internet address: <http://curia.europa.eu>

**VI.4.3. Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures:  
See internet address provided in section I.3).

**VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice**

05/02/2021