

101670-2026 - Competition

North Macedonia – Research and development services and related consultancy services – Support implementation of the Smart Specialisation Strategy

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Contract or concession notice – standard regime

Services

1. Buyer

1.1. Buyer

Official name: European Union, represented by the European Commission on behalf of and for the account of North Macedonia

Email: delegation-north-macedonia-tenders@eeas.europa.eu

Legal type of the buyer: EU institution, body or agency

Activity of the contracting authority: General public services

2. Procedure

2.1. Procedure

Title: Support implementation of the Smart Specialisation Strategy

Description: The Project will: • Set up a management and information system for implementation of the Smart Specialisation Strategy (S3) and integrated stakeholders' coordination. • Support the design and implementation of a set of support measures for technological and practice-based innovative development deriving from S3, such as: digital and green transition of SMEs; mobility scheme between academia and industry to allow highly qualified young researchers and professionals to transfer know-how in production environment, etc. • Promotion of the EU programs targeting S3, European Research Area and the European Innovation Area and strengthening the capacity of national stakeholders (small and medium sized companies, academic institutions, business support organisation, etc.) to increase the country participation in the Union programs. • Strengthen the capacity of the Ministry of Economy and Labour and other public bodies to understand and adopt the EU policy and legislation in the area of services. Support the transposition process and upgrade the Point of Single Contact for services to ensure continuous functionality and full online access of the service providers to information and administrative services.

Procedure identifier: 3d32a7a9-ed47-4969-aff1-cb66fb3dc4dd

Internal identifier: EC-ENEST/SKP/2026/EA-RP/0012

Type of procedure: Restricted

The procedure is accelerated: no

2.1.1. Purpose

Main nature of the contract: Services

Main classification (cpv): 73000000 Research and development services and related consultancy services

2.1.2. Place of performance

Country: North Macedonia

Anywhere in the given country

Additional information: Please consult the procurement documents.

2.1.3. Value

Estimated value excluding VAT: 2 800 000,00 EUR

2.1.4. General information

Additional information: For any additional information, please refer to the document A5f "Additional information about the Contract Notice". In case of unavailability or disruptions in the functioning of the electronic means of communication provided in Section 5.1.11 in the last 5 calendar days before the time limit for receipt indicated in Section 5.1.12, the contracting authority reserves the right to extend this time limit and publish the extension at the Internet address provided in Section 5.1.11, without a preceding publication of a corrigendum to this notice. Economic operators interested in this procurement are invited to subscribe to the call for tenders at the address in Section 5.1.11 in order to get notified when new information or documents are published.

Legal basis:

Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509

LocalLaw - Procurement award procedure applying to European Union external actions financed from the general budget of the European Union and the European Development Fund (EDF)

2.1.6. Grounds for exclusion

Sources of grounds for exclusion: Procurement Document

5. Lot

5.1. Lot: LOT-0001

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Options:

Description of the options: provided they are in conformity with the basic project, new services or works consisting in the repetition of similar services or works, may be entrusted up to 50 % of the initial contract to the initial contractor by negotiated procedure without prior publication of a contract notice.

5.1.2. Place of performance

Country subdivision (NUTS): Extra-Regio NUTS 3 (MKZZZ)

Country: North Macedonia

5.1.3. Estimated duration

Duration: 36 Months

5.1.5. Value

Estimated value excluding VAT: 2 800 000,00 EUR

5.1.6. General information

Reserved participation:

Participation is not reserved.

Procurement Project fully or partially financed with EU Funds.

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA): no

Additional information: The procurement is funded by the following EU programme: Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance.

5.1.9. Selection criteria

Sources of selection criteria: Procurement Document

Information about the second stage of a two-stage procedure:

The procedure will take place in successive stages. At each stage, some participants may be eliminated

5.1.10. Award criteria

Criterion:

Type: Quality

Description: Please consult the procurement documents.

Category of award weight criterion: Weight (percentage, exact)

Award criterion number: 80

Criterion:

Type: Price

Description: Please consult the procurement documents.

Category of award weight criterion: Weight (percentage, exact)

Award criterion number: 20

5.1.11. Procurement documents

Address of the procurement documents: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/tender-details/3d32a7a9-ed47-4969-aff1-cb66fb3dc4dd-CN?#anchorDocuments>

Ad hoc communication channel:

Name: Funding and Tenders Portal

URL: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/tender-details/3d32a7a9-ed47-4969-aff1-cb66fb3dc4dd-CN?#anchorDocuments>

5.1.12. Terms of procurement

Terms of submission:

Electronic submission: Required

Address for submission: <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/digit/opsys/esubmission?cftUuid=3d32a7a9-ed47-4969-aff1-cb66fb3dc4dd>

Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted: English

Electronic catalogue: Not allowed

Deadline for receipt of requests to participate: 14/04/2026 14:00:59 (UTC+02:00) Eastern European Time, Central European Summer Time

Terms of contract:

The execution of the contract must be performed within the framework of sheltered employment programmes: No

Electronic invoicing: Allowed

Electronic ordering will be used: yes

Electronic payment will be used: yes

5.1.15. Techniques

Framework agreement:

No framework agreement

Information about the dynamic purchasing system:

No dynamic purchase system

5.1.16. Further information, mediation and review

Review organisation: Court of Justice of the European Union

Organisation providing more information on the review procedures: European Union, represented by the European Commission on behalf of and for the account of North Macedonia

8. Organisations

8.1. ORG-0001

Official name: European Union, represented by the European Commission on behalf of and for the account of North Macedonia

Registration number: COM

Department: ENEST.B - Western Balkans, ENEST.B.3 - Albania, North Macedonia

Postal address: Sv. Kiril i Metodij 52b

Town: Skopje

Country subdivision (NUTS): Скопски (MK008)

Country: North Macedonia

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Telephone: +32 2 299 11 11

Internet address: https://ec.europa.eu/neighbourhood-enlargement/node_en

Roles of this organisation:

Buyer

Organisation providing more information on the review procedures

8.1. ORG-0002

Official name: Court of Justice of the European Union

Registration number: CURIA

Postal address: Rue du Fort Niedergrünwald

Town: Luxembourg

Postcode: L-2925

Country subdivision (NUTS): Luxembourg (LU000)

Country: Luxembourg

Email: GC.Registry@curia.europa.eu

Telephone: +352 4303-1

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

Roles of this organisation:

Review organisation

8.1. ORG-0003

Official name: European Commission

Registration number: EUCOM

Postal address: Mondrian (CDMA), Rue du Champ de Mars 21

Town: Brussels

Postcode: B-1050

Country subdivision (NUTS): Arr. de Bruxelles-Capitale/Arr. Brussel-Hoofdstad (BE100)

Country: Belgium

Email: delegation-north-macedonia-tenders@eeas.europa.eu

Telephone: +32 2 299 11 11

Internet address: <https://commission.europa.eu/>

Roles of this organisation:

TED eSender

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