

# 146822-2026 - Competition

## Belgium – Telecommunications services – IRIS2 QKD microsatellite pilot mission

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Contract or concession notice – standard regime - Change notice  
Services

### 1. Buyer

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#### 1.1. Buyer

Official name: European Commission, DG CNECT - Communications Networks, Content and Technology

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

Activity of the contracting authority: General public services

### 2. Procedure

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#### 2.1. Procedure

Title: IRIS2 QKD microsatellite pilot mission

Description: Procurement of a microsatellite pilot mission, to be deployed to validate QKD technology in space and prepare for future quantum networks. It is part of IRIS<sup>2</sup> (the Union Secure Connectivity Programme, regulation (EU) 2023/588) regulation.

Procedure identifier: 1311c199-91ff-4e11-8256-8a1774a8b357

Internal identifier: EC-CNECT/2025/OP/0129

Type of procedure: Open

The procedure is accelerated: no

##### 2.1.1. Purpose

Main nature of the contract: Services

Main classification (cpv): 64200000 Telecommunications services

##### 2.1.2. Place of performance

Anywhere

Additional information: Please consult the procurement documents.

##### 2.1.3. Value

Estimated value excluding VAT: 25 000 000,00 EUR

##### 2.1.4. General information

Additional information: 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

## 2.1.6. Grounds for exclusion

Sources of grounds for exclusion: Procurement Document

## 5. Lot

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### 5.1. Lot: LOT-0001

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Internal identifier: EC-CNECT/2025/OP/0129

#### 5.1.1. Purpose

Main nature of the contract: Services

Main classification (cpv): 64200000 Telecommunications services

Additional classification (cpv): 38970000 Research, testing and scientific technical simulator, 35631100 Communication satellites

#### 5.1.2. Place of performance

Anywhere

Additional information: Please consult the procurement documents.

#### 5.1.3. Estimated duration

Duration: 42 Months

#### 5.1.5. Value

Estimated value excluding VAT: 25 000 000,00 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): yes

#### 5.1.9. Selection criteria

Sources of selection criteria: Procurement Document

#### 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: 70

##### Criterion:

Type: Price

Description: Please consult the procurement documents.

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

Award criterion number: 30

#### 5.1.11. Procurement documents

Deadline for requesting additional information: 07/05/2026

Address of the procurement documents: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/tender-details/1311c199-91ff-4e11-8256-8a1774a8b357-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/1311c199-91ff-4e11-8256-8a1774a8b357-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=1311c199-91ff-4e11-8256-8a1774a8b357>

Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted: Bulgarian, Czech, Danish, German, Greek, English, Spanish, Estonian, Finnish, French, Irish, Croatian, Hungarian, Italian, Lithuanian, Latvian, Maltese, Dutch, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Slovak, Slovenian, Swedish

Electronic catalogue: Not allowed

Deadline for receipt of tenders: 18/05/2026 16:00:59 (UTC+02:00) Eastern European Time, Central European Summer Time

Duration during which the tender must remain valid: 6 Months

**Information about public opening:**

Opening date: 19/05/2026 10:00:00 (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 Commission, DG CNECT - Communications Networks, Content and Technology

## 8. Organisations

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**8.1. ORG-0001**

Official name: European Commission, DG CNECT - Communications Networks, Content and Technology

Registration number: COM

Department: CNECT.C - Enabling and Emerging Technologies, CNECT.C.4 - Emerging & Disruptive Technologies

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Country: Belgium  
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**Roles of this organisation:**

Buyer  
Organisation providing more information on the review procedures

**8.1. ORG-0002**

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**Roles of this organisation:**

Review organisation

**8.1. ORG-0003**

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**Roles of this organisation:**

TED eSender

## 10. Change

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