

200596-2026 - Competition

Ireland – Research consultancy services – Implementation of the Water Framework Directive - Policy Coherence, Managing Trade-Offs, Financing and Capacity

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Contract or concession notice – standard regime - Change notice
Services

1. Buyer

1.1. Buyer

Official name: Tipperary County Council

Email: secretary@tipperarycoco.ie

Legal type of the buyer: Local authority

Activity of the contracting authority: General public services

2. Procedure

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Title: Implementation of the Water Framework Directive - Policy Coherence, Managing Trade-Offs, Financing and Capacity

Description: The objective of this research is to support the Forum to develop policy advice on the implementation of the 3rd cycle RBMP and development of the 4th plan. Learnings from the research are expected to inform Forum members about the existing obstacles in implementing the WFD in Ireland and to make recommendations about what can be strengthened going into the 4th cycle. In 2021, the Institute of Public Administration (IPA) assessed water governance in Ireland using the OECD Water Governance Indicator Framework to support the development of the third-cycle RBMP for Ireland 2022–2027. The primary objective of the Water Governance Indicator Framework (OECD, 2018) is to stimulate a transparent, neutral, open, inclusive and forward-looking dialogue across stakeholders on what does and does not work, what should be improved and who can do what. The IPA evaluated how Ireland was doing in relation to the 12 OCED principles of water governance, categorised each principle as “strong progress”, “good progress” or “limited progress”. In preparation for the development of the 4th cycle RBMP, the Water Forum is commissioning research to re-evaluate water governance around four OCED principles: 1. Policy coherence 2. Managing trade offs 3. Financing 4. Capacity Research Questions The Research should include an evaluation of how Ireland is doing in relation to the 4 OECD Principles below, identifying any relevant obstacles to implementation of the WFD in Ireland. Drawing on international case studies, the research should then present policy recommendations on how they could be strengthened going into the 4th cycle.

- 1. Policy Coherence
 - Review and evaluate policy coherence and cross-sectoral coordination which influence the implementation of the WFD, especially between policies for water and the environment, health, energy, agriculture, industry, spatial planning and land use.
 - Identify and evaluate the co-ordination mechanisms to facilitate coherent policies across ministries, public agencies and levels of government, including cross sectoral plans.
 - Identify and evaluate the barriers to policy coherence from practices, policies and regulations within and beyond the water sector.
- Develop policy recommendations on how to strengthen policy coherence and cross sectoral coordination to support the implementation of the WFD in Ireland.
- 2. Managing Trade-offs
 - Review and evaluate how trade-offs are managed across water users, rural and urban areas

and generations. • Review and evaluate how trade-offs are identified and communicated, and if efforts are made to minimise potential negative impacts on water. Develop policy recommendations on how to improve the management of trade-offs to support the implementation of the WFD in Ireland. 3. Financing the WFD • Provide an overview on how the implementation of the WFD is financed in Ireland and evaluate if financial resources are allocated / used in an efficient, transparent and timely manner. • Identify financial / resourcing challenges which are impeding the implementation of the WFD in Ireland. Drawing from international best practice or funding models to finance the WFD, develop policy recommendations on how to improve the financing of the WFD for strengthened implementation of the 4th RBMP. 4. Capacity • Provide an overview of the level of capacity both required and available to meet the complexity of meeting WFD objectives. • Identify capacity gaps which are impeding the implementation of the WFD in Ireland (e.g. policy, planning, project management, funding, scientists, advisory, monitoring, data, administration). Develop recommendations on how to improve capacity to strengthen the implementation of the WFD in Ireland.

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Type of procedure: Open

The procedure is accelerated: no

2.1.1. Purpose

Main nature of the contract: Services

Main classification (cpv): 73210000 Research consultancy services

2.1.2. Place of performance

Country subdivision (NUTS): Mid-West (IE051)

Country: Ireland

2.1.3. Value

Estimated value excluding VAT: 32 500,00 EUR

2.1.4. General information

Legal basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

2.1.6. Grounds for exclusion

Sources of grounds for exclusion: Procurement Document

5. Lot

5.1. Lot: LOT-0001

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5.1.2. Place of performance

Country subdivision (NUTS): Mid-West (IE051)

Country: Ireland

5.1.3. Estimated duration

Duration: 7 Months

5.1.5. Value

Estimated value excluding VAT: 32 500,00 EUR

5.1.6. General information

Reserved participation:

Participation is not reserved.

Procurement Project not financed with EU Funds.

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA): yes

5.1.7. Strategic procurement

Aim of strategic procurement: No strategic procurement

5.1.9. Selection criteria

Sources of selection criteria: Procurement Document

5.1.11. Procurement documents

Languages in which the procurement documents are officially available: English

Languages in which the procurement documents (or their parts) are unofficially available:
English

Deadline for requesting additional information: 08/04/2026 14:00:00 (UTC+00:00) Western European Time, GMT

Address of the procurement documents: <https://www.etenders.gov.ie/epps/cft/listContractDocuments.do?resourceId=7708088>

5.1.12. Terms of procurement

Terms of submission:

Electronic submission: Required

Address for submission: <https://www.etenders.gov.ie/epps/cft/viewTenders.do?resourceId=7708088>

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

Electronic catalogue: Not allowed

Tenderers may submit more than one tender: Not allowed

Deadline for receipt of tenders: 15/04/2026 14:00:00 (UTC+00:00) Western European Time, GMT

Duration during which the tender must remain valid: 12 Days

Information about public opening:

Opening date: 15/04/2026 14:30:00 (UTC+00:00) Western European Time, GMT

Place: <https://www.etenders.gov.ie/epps/cft/prepareViewCfTWS.do?resourceId=7708088>

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

Electronic auction: no

5.1.16. Further information, mediation and review

Review organisation: The High Court of Ireland

Organisation providing offline access to the procurement documents: Tipperary County Council

Organisation providing more information on the review procedures: The High Court of Ireland

Organisation receiving requests to participate: Tipperary County Council

Organisation processing tenders: Tipperary County Council

8. Organisations

8.1. ORG-0001

Official name: Tipperary County Council
Registration number: 32452
Postal address: Civic Offices Clonmel, Civic Offices Nenagh
Town: Clonmel, Nenagh
Postcode: E91N512 E45A099
Country subdivision (NUTS): Mid-West (IE051)
Country: Ireland
Email: secretary@tipperarycoco.ie
Telephone: +353 818065000
Internet address: <https://www.tipperarycoco.ie>
Buyer profile: <https://www.tipperarycoco.ie>

Roles of this organisation:

Buyer
Organisation providing offline access to the procurement documents
Organisation receiving requests to participate
Organisation processing tenders

8.1. ORG-0002

Official name: The High Court of Ireland
Registration number: The High Court of Ireland
Department: The High Court of Ireland
Postal address: Four Courts, Inns Quay, Dublin 7
Town: Dublin
Postcode: D07 WDX8
Country subdivision (NUTS): Dublin (IE061)
Country: Ireland
Email: HighCourtCentralOffice@courts.ie
Telephone: +353 1 8886000

Roles of this organisation:

Review organisation
Organisation providing more information on the review procedures

8.1. ORG-0003

Official name: European Dynamics S.A.
Registration number: 002024901000
Department: European Dynamics S.A.
Town: Athens
Postcode: 15125
Country subdivision (NUTS): Βόρειος Τομέας Αθηνών (EL301)
Country: Greece
Email: eproc-esender@eurodyn.com
Telephone: +30 2108094500

Roles of this organisation:

TED eSender

10. Change

Version of the previous notice to be changed

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Main reason for change

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Information updated

Description

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Budget edited to 32500 excluding VAT to reflect the 40000 including VAT stated in the RFQ

Document

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