

201227-2026 - Result

Ireland – Environmental protection – Delivery of Conservation Measures with a focus on control of Rhododendron in Twelve Bens/Garraun Plateau SAC , Mweelrea/Sheeffry/Erriff Complex SAC Maumturk Mountains SAC and the Connemara Bog Complex

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Contract or concession award notice – standard regime

Services

1. Buyer

1.1. Buyer

Official name: Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage

Email: strategy@housing.gov.ie

Legal type of the buyer: Body governed by public law, controlled by a central government authority

Activity of the contracting authority: Environmental protection

2. Procedure

2.1. Procedure

Title: Delivery of Conservation Measures with a focus on control of Rhododendron in Twelve Bens/Garraun Plateau SAC , Mweelrea/Sheeffry/Erriff Complex SAC Maumturk Mountains SAC and the Connemara Bog Complex

Description: This Call for Tender seeks a contractor to implement works as part of a multi-actor, community embedded ecosystem restoration programme. Building on pilot projects, 2021 to 2025, in Galway, Mayo, and Donegal, the contractor will focus on delivering peatland restoration whilst also building local capacity to address threats to peatland habitats, including Rhododendron ponticum, within the Connemara/SW Mayo region. Constructive engagement with farmers and landowners is a crucial element of this contract. Scope of work and deliverables The successful contractor will be responsible for delivering the following core pillars, Stakeholder Engagement and Capacity Building: Lead extensive formal and informal engagement with landowners, local authorities, NPWS and ACRES CP teams. This includes informing and engaging landowners, managing expressions of interest, EOIs, for peatland restoration, collaborating on a training programme for restoration methods, and upskilling personnel including farmers in the implementation of restoration actions, as appropriate. Surveying and Mapping: Complete comprehensive mapping of threats, invasive species, drainage, bare peat, across 15 high-priority sub catchments by 30th September 2026, see Appendix. This data will inform Site Specific Conservation Objectives, SSCOs, and blanket bog Provisional Restoration Requirements PRRs. PRRs are a new NPWS approach to identifying and prioritising areas with the highest restoration potential. Invasive Species Management: Implement Rhododendron control across c.300ha and re-treatment of c.190ha across the Twelve Bens, Connemara Bog, Mweelrea,Sheeffry,Erriff, and Maumturk Mountains SACs see Appendix.Peatland Restoration Planning: In partnership with LIFE IP Wild Atlantic Nature, oversee the restoration of c.70ha of blanket bog in Connemara following a detailed Restoration Action Plan. A draft Restoration Action Plan will be available to the successful contractor. Furthermore, the contractor will engage a hydro-ecologist or other suitably qualified person to develop three site-specific restoration plans covering c.250ha of blanket bog. Replacement of Rhododendron hedgerow: Manage a pilot scheme to replace Rhododendron

hedgerows with native species and establish monitoring protocols for soil recovery in cleared areas. Tenderers should price for approximately 450m of hedgerow replacement.

Communication, dissemination and networking: The successful tenderer will share information and findings from the project and engage in knowledge exchange with relevant stakeholders including other Natura Communities projects, Local Authorities, NPWS, FarmUP EIP, and others. This Call for Tender invites proposals from qualified contractors to further develop a multi-actor, community-led ecosystem restoration project, which is building on successful preliminary projects across Donegal, Mayo, and Galway refer to Appendix 5. Building on the foundational work established between 2021 and 2025, this contract focuses on scaling local capacity to execute restoration actions, primarily targeting *Rhododendron ponticum* control and broader peatland restoration. All actions must align with Site Specific Conservation Objectives SSCO and address identified environmental pressures within the target areas. The successful tenderer will be responsible for: Convening and facilitating a Project Steering Group comprising relevant stakeholders and technical advisors. Appointing a dedicated Project Coordinator to manage the development and implementation of the Conservation Measures programme. Providing comprehensive technical and administrative support, including specialist ecological advice on *Rhododendron* management, GIS mapping, and the provision of all necessary training materials and equipment. Maintaining continuous engagement with local landowners and community actors to ensure transparency and maximise participation.

Procedure identifier: dba1ece4-b0f7-48ad-8f08-311acb3d4980

Previous notice: 5dbec6f1-686b-4b12-bbb3-8fc099a9f9d0-03

Type of procedure: Open

The procedure is accelerated: no

2.1.1. Purpose

Main nature of the contract: Services

Main classification (cpv): 90720000 Environmental protection

Additional classification (cpv): 90722000 Environmental rehabilitation, 90710000 Environmental management

2.1.2. Place of performance

Town: West of Ireland

Country subdivision (NUTS): Dublin (IE061)

Country: Ireland

2.1.3. Value

Estimated value excluding VAT: 1 300 000,00 EUR

2.1.4. General information

Legal basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

5. Lot

5.1. Lot: LOT-0001

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Environmental management

5.1.2. Place of performance

Postal address: West of Ireland
Town: West of Ireland
Postcode: H71 YF77
Country subdivision (NUTS): Dublin (IE061)
Country: Ireland

5.1.3. Estimated duration

Duration: 12 Months

5.1.5. Value

Estimated value excluding VAT: 1 300 000,00 EUR

5.1.6. General information

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

5.1.10. Award criteria

Criterion:

Type: Quality

Description: Best price quality ratio

Description of the method to be used if weighting cannot be expressed by criteria: Best price quality ratio %

Justification for not indicating the weighting of the award criteria: Best price quality ratio %

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: The High Court of Ireland

Organisation providing offline access to the procurement documents: Department of Housing
Local Government and Heritage

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

6. Results

Value of all contracts awarded in this notice: 1 299 822,70 EUR

6.1. Result lot identifier: LOT-0001

Winner selection status: At least one winner was chosen.

6.1.2. Information about winners

Winner:

Official name: FORUM Connemara Ltd_103060

Tender:

Tender identifier: 000157515

Identifier of lot or group of lots: LOT-0001

Value of the tender: 1 299 822,70 EUR

Subcontracting: Not yet known

Contract information:

Identifier of the contract: 438419

Date on which the winner was chosen: 19/02/2026

Date of the conclusion of the contract: 12/03/2026

6.1.4. Statistical information

Received tenders or requests to participate:

Type of received submissions: Tenders

Number of tenders or requests to participate received: 2

8. Organisations

8.1. ORG-0001

Official name: Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage

Registration number: 6560282Q.

Postal address: Newtown Road

Town: Wexford

Postcode: Y35 AP90

Country subdivision (NUTS): Dublin (IE061)

Country: Ireland

Email: strategy@housing.gov.ie

Telephone: +53 9117551

Internet address: <https://www.housing.gov.ie/>

Buyer profile: <https://www.housing.gov.ie/>

Roles of this organisation:

Buyer

Organisation providing offline access to the procurement documents

8.1. ORG-0002

Official name: FORUM Connemara Ltd_103060

Size of the economic operator: Small

Registration number: 6560282Q.

Town: Clifden Co Galway

Postcode: H71 YF77

Country subdivision (NUTS): Dublin (IE061)

Country: Ireland

Email: y.keane@forumconnemara.ie

Roles of this organisation:

Tenderer

Winner of these lots: LOT-0001

8.1. ORG-0003

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-0004

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:

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Notice information

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