

## 237860-2026 - Competition

Germany – Research and development services and related consultancy services –  
C3S2\_520\_bis Evaluation and Quality Control for Datasets in the Climate Data Store  
OJ S 68/2026 08/04/2026  
Contract or concession notice – standard regime - Change notice  
Services

### 1. Buyer

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#### 1.1. Buyer

Official name: European Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasts (ECMWF)

Email: [procurement@ecmwf.int](mailto:procurement@ecmwf.int)

Legal type of the buyer: International organisation

Activity of the contracting authority: Environmental protection

### 2. Procedure

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#### 2.1. Procedure

Title: C3S2\_520\_bis Evaluation and Quality Control for Datasets in the Climate Data Store  
Description: ECMWF, as the Entrusted Entity for the Copernicus Climate Change Service (C3S), invites Tenders for the delivery and operation of Evaluation and Quality Control (EQC) activities for datasets in the Climate Data Store (CDS). The aim of the EQC activities is to ensure that CDS datasets are subject to consistent quality assurance, scientific quality assessment, and fitness-for-purpose guidance, supporting informed and responsible use of climate data across a wide range of application contexts. EQC outputs are expected to be authoritative, transparent, traceable, and maintained as part of the operational CDS service. ECMWF intends to award a single Framework Agreement, with a maximum duration of 24 months, which shall be implemented via a single multi-annual Service Contract, expected to commence in Q3 2026.

Procedure identifier: 61937114-9584-492d-a3dd-b7e3b1c0247b

Internal identifier: C3S2\_520\_bis

Type of procedure: Open

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

Anywhere in the European Economic Area

Additional information: Service shall be performed on Contractor's premises, located either in a European Union Member State or in a Copernicus Participating State.

##### 2.1.3. Value

Estimated value excluding VAT: 2 750 000,00 EUR

Maximum value of the framework agreement: 2 750 000,00 EUR

##### 2.1.4. General information

Additional information: Procedure to be applied: The procurement will be conducted in accordance with ECMWF's procedures as set out in Invitation to Tender documents, which are available on ECMWF's eProcurement Portal (<https://procurement.ecmwf.int/>) and no other procedures will apply. In submitting this notice ECMWF does not waive the privileges and immunities granted to it by virtue of its status as an intergovernmental organisation or submit itself to any jurisdiction. Tenders must be submitted using ECMWF's eProcurement Portal. Hard copy (paper) submissions will not be accepted. Due to the need to include performance and compliance obligations in the contract, ECMWF will contract only with a single legal person or entity which is competent to undertake and commit to these obligations. ECMWF recognises that some bids will involve a number of organisations which may wish to work together to deliver the contract requirements. In such cases, these organisations must identify a lead contractor who will sign the contract with ECMWF and who will be responsible for putting in place legal arrangements to ensure that it can guarantee that all other organisations will also meet the contract obligations. ECMWF will not enter into multiple contracts with individual members of consortia or groups of service providers. Eligibility: Refer to Section 3.2 of Volume I of the ITT documents.

**Legal basis:**

Other

ECMWF Financial Regulations

**2.1.6. Grounds for exclusion**

Sources of grounds for exclusion: Procurement Document

## 5. Lot

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**5.1. Lot: LOT-0001**

Title: C3S2\_520\_bis Evaluation and Quality Control for Datasets in the Climate Data Store  
Description: To support informed and responsible use of CDS datasets, C3S has established an EQC framework that combines quality assurance, scientific quality assessment, and fitness-for-purpose guidance. The EQC framework is designed as an operational component of the CDS, ensuring that quality-related information is maintained over time, aligned with the evolving CDS catalogue, and made accessible to users in a consistent and transparent manner. EQC activities shall support both direct user access to quality information and integration with an emerging LLM-based search and discovery service. The successful Tenderer shall contribute to the delivery and operation of EQC activities as an integrated CDS service, supporting consistency, transparency, and sustainability across datasets and services. In particular, the successful Tenderer shall: support the planning, coordination, and operational delivery of EQC activities across all CDS dataset categories; contribute to the production, maintenance, and review of authoritative quality and fitness-for-purpose information; ensure that EQC outputs are aligned with CDS governance, dataset roadmaps, best practices, validation protocols, technical standards and scientific review processes; support the effective communication of quality-related information to users and user-facing services; produce ad-hoc quality assessment on specific topics as requested by ECMWF.  
Internal identifier: C3S2\_520\_bis

**5.1.1. Purpose**

Main nature of the contract: Services

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

**5.1.2. Place of performance**

Anywhere in the European Economic Area

Additional information: Service shall be performed on Contractor's premises, located either in a European Union Member State or in a Copernicus Participating State.

**5.1.3. Estimated duration**

Start date: 01/08/2026

Duration: 24 Months

**5.1.5. Value**

Estimated value excluding VAT: 2 750 000,00 EUR

Maximum value of the framework agreement: 2 750 000,00 EUR

**5.1.6. General information**

**Reserved participation:**

Participation is not reserved.

The names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to perform the contract must be given: Tender requirement

Procurement Project fully or partially financed with EU Funds.

**Information about European Union funds:**

EU funds programme: European Earth Observation Programme (Copernicus) (2014/2020)

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

This procurement is also suitable for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs): yes

**5.1.9. Selection criteria**

Sources of selection criteria: Procurement Document

**5.1.10. Award criteria**

**Criterion:**

Type: Quality

Description: Legal and Financial

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

Award criterion number: 5

**Criterion:**

Type: Quality

Description: Track Record

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

Award criterion number: 15

**Criterion:**

Type: Quality

Description: Quality of Resources Deployed

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

Award criterion number: 15

**Criterion:**

Type: Quality

Description: Technical Solution Proposed

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

Award criterion number: 30

**Criterion:**

Type: Quality

Description: Management and Implementation

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

Award criterion number: 20

**Criterion:**

Type: Price

Description: Price

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

Award criterion number: 15

**5.1.11. Procurement documents**

Access to certain procurement documents is restricted

Justification for restricting access to certain procurement documents: Tools, devices, or file formats not generally available

Languages in which the procurement documents are officially available: English

Deadline for requesting additional information: 29/04/2026 23:59:59 (UTC+02:00) Eastern European Time, Central European Summer Time

Information about restricted documents is available at: <https://www.ecmwf.int/en/about/suppliers>

**Ad hoc communication channel:**

Name: Please refer to Volume I of the ITT documents for a complete description of the communication and tender submission procedure. Tenderers must register their organisation on the ECMWF's eProcurement Portal to be able to access the ITT documents and to be able to submit a response to the ITT. Registration is free and the process is managed by the portal provider.

URL: <https://procurement.ecmwf.int/>

**5.1.12. Terms of procurement****Terms of submission:**

Electronic submission: Required

Address for submission: <https://procurement.ecmwf.int/>

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

Electronic catalogue: Allowed

Variants: Not allowed

Deadline for receipt of tenders: 14/05/2026 16:00:00 (UTC+02:00) Eastern European Time, Central European Summer Time

Duration during which the tender must remain valid: 9 Months

**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

Financial arrangement: Please refer to Volume V of the ITT documents.

**5.1.15. Techniques****Framework agreement:**

Framework agreement, without reopening of competition

Maximum number of participants: 1

**Information about the dynamic purchasing system:**

No dynamic purchase system

**5.1.16. Further information, mediation and review**

Review organisation: European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts (ECMWF)

Information about review deadlines: Please refer to ECMWF's Procurement Debriefing and Review Procedure published at the ECMWF Suppliers webpage (<https://www.ecmwf.int/en/about/suppliers>).

Organisation providing additional information about the procurement procedure: European Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasts (ECMWF)

Organisation providing offline access to the procurement documents: European Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasts (ECMWF)

Organisation providing more information on the review procedures: European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts (ECMWF)

Organisation receiving requests to participate: European Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasts (ECMWF)

Organisation processing tenders: European Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasts (ECMWF)

## 8. Organisations

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### 8.1. ORG-0001

Official name: European Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasts (ECMWF)

Registration number: fiscal code no. 91148050684

Postal address: Robert-Schuman-Platz 3

Town: Bonn

Postcode: 53175

Country subdivision (NUTS): Bonn, Kreisfreie Stadt (DEA22)

Country: Germany

Contact point: Procurement at ECMWF

Email: [procurement@ecmwf.int](mailto:procurement@ecmwf.int)

Telephone: +44 118 949 9000

Internet address: <https://www.ecmwf.int/>

Information exchange endpoint (URL): <https://procurement.ecmwf.int/>

Buyer profile: <https://procurement.ecmwf.int/>

#### **Roles of this organisation:**

Buyer

Organisation providing additional information about the procurement procedure

Organisation providing offline access to the procurement documents

Organisation receiving requests to participate

Organisation processing tenders

### 8.1. ORG-0002

Official name: European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts (ECMWF)

Registration number: not applicable

Postal address: Shinfield Park

Town: Reading

Postcode: RG2 9AX

Country: United Kingdom

Contact point: Procurement at ECMWF

Email: [procurement@ecmwf.int](mailto:procurement@ecmwf.int)

Telephone: +44 118 949 9000

Fax: +44 118 986 9450

Internet address: <https://www.ecmwf.int/>

Information exchange endpoint (URL): <https://procurement.ecmwf.int/>

**Roles of this organisation:**

Review organisation

Organisation providing more information on the review procedures

**8.1. ORG-0000**

Official name: Publications Office of the European Union

Registration number: PUBL

Town: Luxembourg

Postcode: 2417

Country subdivision (NUTS): Luxembourg (LU000)

Country: Luxembourg

Email: [ted@publications.europa.eu](mailto:ted@publications.europa.eu)

Telephone: +352 29291

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

**Roles of this organisation:**

TED eSender

## 10. Change

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Version of the previous notice to be changed

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177643-2026

Main reason for change

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Information updated

**10.1. Change**

Section identifier: LOT-0001

Description of changes: The deadline for receipt of tenders is changed to 14/05/2026. The deadline for requesting additional information is changed to 29/04/2026. Volume IA of the ITT is amended.

The procurement documents were changed on: 01/04/2026

## Notice information

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