

## 251788-2026 - Result

### Malta – Exhibition, fair and congress organisation services – SERVICES TENDER FOR PROVISION OF VENUE AND THE PROVISION AND SETTING UP OF STANDS FOR THE MALTA BOOK FESTIVAL FOR YEAR 2026, YEAR 2027 AND YEAR 2028

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Contract or concession award notice – standard regime  
Services

## 1. Buyer

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### 1.1. Buyer

Official name: National Book Council

Email: [nationalbookcouncil@gov.mt](mailto:nationalbookcouncil@gov.mt)

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

Activity of the contracting authority: Education

## 2. Procedure

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### 2.1. Procedure

Title: SERVICES TENDER FOR PROVISION OF VENUE AND THE PROVISION AND SETTING UP OF STANDS FOR THE MALTA BOOK FESTIVAL FOR YEAR 2026, YEAR 2027 AND YEAR 2028

Description: The subject of this tender is the Provision of Venue and the Provision and Setting up of Stands for the Malta Book Festival for Year 2026, Year 2027 and Year 2028.

Procedure identifier: 9186e707-2478-4d42-b28d-99e18641cd07

Type of procedure: Negotiated without prior call for competition

#### 2.1.1. Purpose

Main nature of the contract: Services

Main classification (cpv): 79950000 Exhibition, fair and congress organisation services

Additional classification (cpv): 79956000 Fair and exhibition organisation services, 39154100 Exhibition stands, 39152000 Mobile bookshelves

#### 2.1.2. Place of performance

Country subdivision (NUTS): Malta (MT001)

Country: Malta

#### 2.1.3. Value

Estimated value excluding VAT: 689 800,00 EUR

#### 2.1.4. General information

Legal basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

## 5. Lot

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### 5.1. Lot: LOT-0001

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Country subdivision (NUTS): Malta (MT001)

Country: Malta

**5.1.4. Renewal**

Maximum renewals: 0

**5.1.5. Value**

Estimated value excluding VAT: 689 800,00 EUR

**5.1.6. General information**

Procurement Project not financed with EU Funds.

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

**5.1.10. Award criteria**

**Criterion:**

Type: Price

Description: The contract was awarded to the tenderer submitting the cheapest priced offer satisfying the administrative and technical criteria.

Description of the method to be used if weighting cannot be expressed by criteria: The contract was awarded to the tenderer submitting the cheapest priced offer satisfying the administrative and technical criteria.

**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: Public Contracts Review Board

Information about review deadlines: -

Organisation providing offline access to the procurement documents: National Book Council

## 6. Results

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Value of all contracts awarded in this notice: 797 586,00 EUR

**Direct award**

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Justification for direct award: The contract can be provided only by a particular economic operator because of an absence of competition for technical reasons

Other justification: The contract can be provided only by a particular economic operator because of an absence of competition for technical reasons Other justification: The National Book Council justifies the use of a negotiated procedure on the basis that the Malta Fairs and Convention Centre (MFCC) is currently the only venue in Malta capable of hosting the Malta Book Festival at the scale, quality, and safety required. The organisation of the Malta Book Festival is a statutory obligation of the National Book Council under Subsidiary Legislation 605.12. Central to the Festival's format is the participation of 40– 50 exhibitors, requiring over 2,000 square metres of uninterrupted indoor space. MFCC uniquely provides a large, open-plan hall within its 8,000 square metre capacity, allowing all exhibitors to be housed on a single level. This ensures coherent visitor flow, accessibility, and a unified experience for publishers, educators, and the public. Market analysis indicates that alternative venues would necessitate splitting exhibitors across multiple rooms or floors, fragmenting the event and diminishing both visibility and overall experience. In addition, MFCC offers superior accessibility and transport integration compared to other venues in Malta. It provides full mobility access, strong public transport connectivity, and extensive parking facilities—critical for accommodating the thousands of daily visitors attending the Festival. Its capacity has been clearly demonstrated, particularly in 2025 when the Festival hosted approximately 40,000 visitors over five days, a figure expected to remain high due to initiatives such as the Malta Book Festival voucher scheme. Other venues lack either the physical scale or logistical infrastructure to manage such attendance without compromising safety, comfort, or circulation. Finally, MFCC is uniquely equipped to handle peak demand, particularly during school visits, where over 3,000 attendees may be present simultaneously. Its spacious layout, wide access points, and proven crowd-management capabilities allow it to safely absorb these surges. By contrast, other venues in Malta, while previously used, present significant limitations due to structural constraints, reduced flexibility, and lower capacity—having already approached their limits at much lower attendance levels. Overall, no other venue in Malta matches MFCC's combination of scale, infrastructure, and proven operational performance, making it the only viable option for hosting the Malta Book Festival.

#### **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: MFCC Ltd

**Tender:**

Tender identifier: 000238798

Identifier of lot or group of lots: LOT-0001

Value of the tender: 797 586,00 EUR

Subcontracting: Yes

Subcontracting value is known: no

Subcontracting percentage is known: no

**Contract information:**

Identifier of the contract: 134537191

**Information about European Union funds:**

Identifier of EU funds: n/a

#### **6.1.4. Statistical information**

**Received tenders or requests to participate:**

Type of received submissions: Tenders submitted electronically

Number of tenders or requests to participate received: 1

**Range of tenders:**

Value of the lowest admissible tender: 797 586,00 EUR

Value of the highest admissible tender: 797 586,00 EUR

## 8. Organisations

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**8.1. ORG-0001**

Official name: National Book Council

Registration number: 429121

Department: National Book Council

Postal address: Bice Mizzi Vassallo Complex, Arnheim Road

Town: Pembroke

Postcode: PBK1776

Country subdivision (NUTS): Malta (MT001)

Country: Malta

Email: [nationalbookcouncil@gov.mt](mailto:nationalbookcouncil@gov.mt)

Telephone: +356 27131574

Internet address: <http://www.ktieb.org.mt>

Buyer profile: <http://www.ktieb.org.mt>

**Roles of this organisation:**

Buyer

Organisation providing offline access to the procurement documents

**8.1. ORG-0002**

Official name: MFCC Ltd

Size of the economic operator: Micro, small, or medium

Registration number: C39878

Department: MFCC

Postal address: Millennium Stand level 1, Ta Qali

Town: Ta Qali

Postcode: ATD4000

Country subdivision (NUTS): Malta (MT001)

Country: Malta

Email: [eric.bartoli@mfcc.com.mt](mailto:eric.bartoli@mfcc.com.mt)

Telephone: +356 99692639

**Roles of this organisation:**

Tenderer

**Winner of these lots: LOT-0001**

**8.1. ORG-0003**

Official name: Public Contracts Review Board

Registration number: TBD

Department: Ministry for Finance and Employment

Postal address: Notre Dame Ditch

Town: Floriana

Postcode: FRN 1601

Country subdivision (NUTS): Malta (MT001)

Country: Malta

Email: [info.pcrb@gov.mt](mailto:info.pcrb@gov.mt)

Telephone: +356 2139095

**Roles of this organisation:**

Review organisation

**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

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**Roles of this organisation:**

TED eSender

**Notice information**

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