

**Belgium-Brussels: External Support to the Back Office Arrangement for the Joint Undertakings**

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Contract notice

Services

**Legal Basis:**

Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 2018/1046

**Section I: Contracting authority**

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**I.1. Name and addresses**

Official name: Europe's Rail Joint Undertaking (EU-RAIL)

Town: Brussels

NUTS code: BE100 Arr. de Bruxelles-Capitale/Arr. Brussel-Hoofdstad

Postal code: 1060

Country: Belgium

Contact person: Europe's Rail Joint Undertaking (EU-RAIL)

E-mail: [procurement@rail-research.europa.eu](mailto:procurement@rail-research.europa.eu)**Internet address(es):**Main address: <https://rail-research.europa.eu/>Address of the buyer profile: <https://rail-research.europa.eu/participate/procurement/ongoing-calls-for-tender/>**I.1. Name and addresses**

Official name: Circular Bio-based Europe Joint Undertaking (CBE JU)

Town: Brussels

NUTS code: BE100 Arr. de Bruxelles-Capitale/Arr. Brussel-Hoofdstad

Postal code: 1060

Country: Belgium

Contact person: Circular Bio-based Europe Joint Undertaking (CBE JU)

E-mail: [procurement@rail-research.europa.eu](mailto:procurement@rail-research.europa.eu)**Internet address(es):**Main address: <https://www.cbe.europa.eu/>Address of the buyer profile: <https://rail-research.europa.eu/participate/procurement/ongoing-calls-for-tender/>**I.1. Name and addresses**

Official name: Clean Aviation Joint Undertaking (CAJU)

Town: Brussels

NUTS code: BE100 Arr. de Bruxelles-Capitale/Arr. Brussel-Hoofdstad

Postal code: 1060

Country: Belgium

Contact person: Clean Aviation Joint Undertaking (CAJU)

E-mail: [procurement@rail-research.europa.eu](mailto:procurement@rail-research.europa.eu)**Internet address(es):**Main address: <https://www.clean-aviation.eu/>Address of the buyer profile: <https://rail-research.europa.eu/participate/procurement/ongoing-calls-for-tender/>**I.1.**

**Name and addresses**

Official name: European High-Performance Computing Joint Undertaking (EuroHPC JU)

Town: Luxembourg

NUTS code: LU Luxembourg

Postal code: 1882

Country: Luxembourg

Contact person: European High-Performance Computing Joint Undertaking (EuroHPC JU)

E-mail: [procurement@rail-research.europa.eu](mailto:procurement@rail-research.europa.eu)

**Internet address(es):**

Main address: [https://eurohpc-ju.europa.eu/index\\_en](https://eurohpc-ju.europa.eu/index_en)

Address of the buyer profile: <https://rail-research.europa.eu/participate/procurement/ongoing-calls-for-tender/>

**I.1. Name and addresses**

Official name: Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking (GHEDCTP3)

Town: Brussels

NUTS code: BE100 Arr. de Bruxelles-Capitale/Arr. Brussel-Hoofdstad

Postal code: 1060

Country: Belgium

Contact person: Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking (GHEDCTP3)

E-mail: [procurement@rail-research.europa.eu](mailto:procurement@rail-research.europa.eu)

**Internet address(es):**

Main address: <https://www.globalhealth-edctp3.eu/>

Address of the buyer profile: <https://rail-research.europa.eu/participate/procurement/ongoing-calls-for-tender/>

**I.1. Name and addresses**

Official name: Innovative Health Initiative Joint Undertaking (IHIJU)

Town: Brussels

NUTS code: BE100 Arr. de Bruxelles-Capitale/Arr. Brussel-Hoofdstad

Postal code: 1060

Country: Belgium

Contact person: Innovative Health Initiative Joint Undertaking (IHIJU)

E-mail: [procurement@rail-research.europa.eu](mailto:procurement@rail-research.europa.eu)

**Internet address(es):**

Main address: <https://www.ih.europa.eu/>

Address of the buyer profile: <https://rail-research.europa.eu/participate/procurement/ongoing-calls-for-tender/>

**I.1. Name and addresses**

Official name: Key Digital Technologies Joint Undertaking (KDT JU)

Town: Brussels

NUTS code: BE100 Arr. de Bruxelles-Capitale/Arr. Brussel-Hoofdstad

Postal code: 1060

Country: Belgium

Contact person: Key Digital Technologies Joint Undertaking (KDT JU)

E-mail: [procurement@rail-research.europa.eu](mailto:procurement@rail-research.europa.eu)

**Internet address(es):**

Main address: <https://www.kdt-ju.europa.eu/>

Address of the buyer profile: <https://rail-research.europa.eu/participate/procurement/ongoing-calls-for-tender/>

### **I.1. Name and addresses**

Official name: Single European Sky ATM Research 3 Joint Undertaking (SESAR)

Town: Brussels

NUTS code: BE100 Arr. de Bruxelles-Capitale/Arr. Brussel-Hoofdstad

Postal code: 1130

Country: Belgium

Contact person: Single European Sky ATM Research 3 Joint Undertaking (SESAR)

E-mail: [procurement@rail-research.europa.eu](mailto:procurement@rail-research.europa.eu)

**Internet address(es):**

Main address: <https://www.sesarju.eu/>

Address of the buyer profile: <https://rail-research.europa.eu/participate/procurement/ongoing-calls-for-tender/>

### **I.1. Name and addresses**

Official name: Smart Networks and Services Joint Undertaking (SNS JU)

Town: Brussels

NUTS code: BE100 Arr. de Bruxelles-Capitale/Arr. Brussel-Hoofdstad

Postal code: 1000

Country: Belgium

Contact person: Smart Networks and Services Joint Undertaking (SNS JU)

E-mail: [procurement@rail-research.europa.eu](mailto:procurement@rail-research.europa.eu)

**Internet address(es):**

Main address: <https://smart-networks.europa.eu/>

Address of the buyer profile: <https://rail-research.europa.eu/participate/procurement/ongoing-calls-for-tender/>

### **I.1. Name and addresses**

Official name: Clean Hydrogen Joint Undertaking (CH JU)

Town: Brussels

NUTS code: BE100 Arr. de Bruxelles-Capitale/Arr. Brussel-Hoofdstad

Postal code: 1060

Country: Belgium

Contact person: Clean Hydrogen Joint Undertaking (CH JU)

E-mail: [procurement@rail-research.europa.eu](mailto:procurement@rail-research.europa.eu)

**Internet address(es):**

Main address: [https://www.clean-hydrogen.europa.eu/index\\_en](https://www.clean-hydrogen.europa.eu/index_en)

Address of the buyer profile: <https://rail-research.europa.eu/participate/procurement/ongoing-calls-for-tender/>

### **I.2. Information about joint procurement**

The contract involves joint procurement

### **I.3. Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at: <https://etendering.ted.europa.eu/cft/cft-display.html?cftId=14242>

Additional information can be obtained from the abovementioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via: <https://etendering.ted.europa.eu/cft/cft-display.html?cftId=14242>

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### **I.4.**

## **Type of the contracting authority**

European institution/agency or international organisation

### **I.5. Main activity**

Other activity: Rail research and innovation

## **Section II: Object**

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### **II.1. Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1. Title**

External Support to the Back Office Arrangement for the Joint Undertakings  
Reference number: EU-Rail.OP.02.22

#### **II.1.2. Main CPV code**

79212000 Auditing services

#### **II.1.3. Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4. Short description**

This call for tenders aims to provide external support related to accounting services, audits, and controls to the nine joint undertakings established under Horizon Europe (Council Regulation (EU) No 2021/2085 of 19 November 2021) as well as to the European High-Performance Computing Joint Undertaking. The intention is to conclude framework contracts in cascade for the following assignments: statutory audit services (lot 1) and accounting and assurance services (lot 2).

#### **II.1.5. Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: 3 894 000,00 EUR

#### **II.1.6. Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: yes  
Tenders may be submitted for all lots

### **II.2. Description**

#### **II.2.1. Title**

Statutory Audit Services  
Lot No: 1

#### **II.2.2. Additional CPV code(s)**

79212300 Statutory audit services

#### **II.2.3. Place of performance**

NUTS code: BE100 Arr. de Bruxelles-Capitale/Arr. Brussel-Hoofdstad  
Main site or place of performance: Please consult the procurement documents available at the address indicated in Section I.3).

#### **II.2.4. Description of the procurement**

The contractor shall provide a team that will perform the services required for the statutory audit of the financial statements.

#### **II.2.5.**

**Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

**II.2.6. Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: 1 454 000,00 EUR

**II.2.7. Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months: 12

This contract is subject to renewal: yes

Description of renewals:

The details of the initial contract duration and possible renewals are set out in the draft framework contract for the respective lot. Please consult the procurement documents available at the address indicated in Section I.3).

**II.2.10. Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: no

**II.2.11. Information about options**

Options: no

**II.2.13. Information about European Union funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds:  
yes

Identification of the project: Horizon Europe.

**II.2.14. Additional information****II.2. Description****II.2.1. Title**

Accounting Services and Other Assurance Engagements

Lot No: 2

**II.2.2. Additional CPV code(s)**

79211000 Accounting services

**II.2.3. Place of performance**

NUTS code: BE100 Arr. de Bruxelles-Capitale/Arr. Brussel-Hoofdstad

Main site or place of performance: Please consult the procurement documents available at the address indicated in Section I.3).

**II.2.4. Description of the procurement**

The contractor shall provide individuals which will work to support the accounting officers under the overall coordination of the back-office arrangement accounting coordinator in their accounting tasks and teams that will support the performance of other assurance engagement services as requested by the contracting authorities on an ad-hoc basis.

**II.2.5. Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

**II.2.6. Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: 2 440 000,00 EUR

### **II.2.7. Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months: 12

This contract is subject to renewal: yes

Description of renewals:

The details of the initial contract duration and possible renewals are set out in the draft framework contract for the respective lot. Please consult the procurement documents available at the address indicated in Section I.3).

### **II.2.10. Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: no

### **II.2.11. Information about options**

Options: no

### **II.2.13. Information about European Union funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds:  
yes

Identification of the project: Horizon Europe.

### **II.2.14. Additional information**

## **Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

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### **III.1. Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.1. Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions:

Please consult the procurement documents available at the address indicated in Section I.3).

#### **III.1.2. Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

#### **III.1.3. Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

### **III.2. Conditions related to the contract**

#### **III.2.2. Contract performance conditions**

Please consult the procurement documents available at the address indicated in Section I.3).

#### **III.2.3. Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract**

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

## **Section IV: Procedure**

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### **IV.1. Description**

#### **IV.1.1. Type of procedure**

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.3. Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators  
In the case of framework agreements, provide justification for any duration exceeding 4 years:

The total duration of the framework contracts (60 months / 5 years) deviates from the standard maximum duration of a FWC (4 years) to guarantee the implementation of the activities related to the current multi-annual financial framework (2021-2027) as well as the gap until the start of the next period (2028-2034).

**IV.1.8. Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: no

**IV.2. Administrative information**

**IV.2.2. Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date: 28/08/2023 Local time: 15:00

**IV.2.3. Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates**

**IV.2.4. Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English, Bulgarian, Danish, German, Greek, Estonian, Finnish, French, Irish, Croatian, Hungarian, Italian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Maltese, Dutch, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Slovak, Slovenian, Spanish, Swedish, Czech

**IV.2.6. Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

**IV.2.7. Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date: 29/08/2023 Local time: 10:30

Place:

By videoconference.

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure: Tenders will be opened electronically on the date and time indicated in the contract notice. It is possible to attend the opening by videoconference. Information about authorised persons and opening procedure: Please refer to Section 3.2 ('Opening of tenders') of the Invitation to Tender available at the address indicated in Section I.3).

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**Section VI: Complementary information**

**VI.1. Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: no

**VI.3. Additional information**

Please consult the procurement documents available at the address indicated in Section I.3). In case of unavailability or disruptions in the functioning of the electronic means of communication provided in Section I.3) in the last 5 calendar days before the time limit for receipt indicated in Section IV.2.2), the contracting authority reserves the right to extend this time limit and publish the extension at the internet address provided in Section I.3), 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 I.3) in order to get notified when new information or documents are published.

**VI.4. Procedures for review**

**VI.4.1. Review body**

Official name: General Court of the European Union

Postal address: Rue du Fort Niedergrünwald

Town: Luxembourg

Postal code: L-2925

Country: Luxembourg

E-mail: [GC.Registry@curia.europa.eu](mailto:GC.Registry@curia.europa.eu)

Telephone: +352 4303-1

Internet address: <http://curia.europa.eu/>

**VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice**

06/06/2023