

Belgium-Brussels: Study Supporting the Monitoring of Care Credits in Occupational Pension Schemes and Evaluating the Situation of EU Mobile Workers

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Contract notice

Services

Legal Basis:

Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 2018/1046

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: European Commission, Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion (EMPL), EMPL.D.2 - Social Protection

Postal address: Rue Joseph II, 27

Town: Brussels

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

Postal code: 1049

Country: Belgium

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Internet address(es):

Main address: http://ec.europa.eu/info/departments/employment-social-affairs-and-inclusion_en

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=11857>

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=11857>

I.4. Type of the contracting authority

European institution/agency or international organisation

I.5. Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1. Scope of the procurement**II.1.1. Title**

Study Supporting the Monitoring of Care Credits in Occupational Pension Schemes and Evaluating the Situation of EU Mobile Workers

Reference number: EMPL/2022/OP/0014

II.1.2. Main CPV code

79400000 Business and management consultancy and related services

II.1.3. Type of contract

Services

II.1.4. Short description

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The objective of the contract is to evaluate the situation with regard to protection of pension rights during career breaks linked to care, focusing on occupational pension schemes, considering that pension credits for care periods are a key policy lever to protect the pension rights of carers and support gender equality in working lives and later on in pensions.

II.1.5. Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: 300 000,00 EUR

II.1.6. Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.2. Description

II.2.2. Additional CPV code(s)

79330000 Statistical services, 79400000 Business and management consultancy and related services

II.2.3. Place of performance

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

Main site or place of performance: The main place of performance of the tasks shall be Contractor's premises or any other place indicated in the tender, with the exception of the Commission's premises.

II.2.4. Description of the procurement

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'Pension credits' are pension rights granted to pension scheme members for non-contributory periods, i.e. periods when they do not carry out paid work or pay contributions into the scheme. Only occupational pension schemes, i.e. schemes linked to an employment relationship or professional activity, fall under the scope of this call for tender.

The study shall provide a mapping of occupational pension credits linked to care including a characterisation of the occupational pension schemes and what determines them (legislation, pension plans, collective agreements, etc.), an indication of the volume (i.e. how many workers are covered) and possible differences between economic sectors with predominantly male and female workforce (e.g. care or education sectors, IT sector). The study will contribute to the review of the application of a number of recommendations addressed to Member States (e.g. via the European semester exercise) or to the analytical underpinning for the Pension

Adequacy Report, and implementation of Principle No 15 of the European Pillar of Social Rights and provide indications and options for further action at European and national levels, considering the roles of different stakeholders.

The following forms of career breaks fall within the scope of the study:

- a) career breaks for childcare periods;
- b) career breaks for periods spent providing long-term care to a sick, disabled or dependent relative.

The geographical area covered by this contract are the Member States of the EU.

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: 300 000,00 EUR

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

Duration in months: 15

This contract is subject to renewal: no

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

II.2.14. Additional information

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

Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

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

IV.1. Description

IV.1.1. Type of procedure

Open procedure

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

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: yes

IV.2. Administrative information

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

Date: 19/09/2022 Local time: 12:00

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

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

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: 20/09/2022 Local time: 10:30

Place:

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

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1. Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: no

VI.2. Information about electronic workflows

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3. Additional information

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

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

Telephone: +352 4303-1

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

VI.4.3. Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures:

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

VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

29/07/2022