

497012-2026 - Competition

Belgium – Research and development services and related consultancy services – Study 2026-006 – Supporting the Commission Expert Group on the Security and Resilience of Submarine Cable Infrastructures

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Contract or concession notice – standard regime
Services

1. Buyer

1.1. Buyer

Official name: European Commission, DG CNECT - Communications Networks, Content and Technology

Email: cnect-tendering@ec.europa.eu

Legal type of the buyer: EU institution, body or agency

Activity of the contracting authority: General public services

2. Procedure

2.1. Procedure

Title: Study 2026-006 – Supporting the Commission Expert Group on the Security and Resilience of Submarine Cable Infrastructures

Description: The purpose of the study will be to support the Submarine Cable Infrastructure informal Expert Group in the course of 2026/2027, notably by assessing regularly and providing recommendations aiming at improving the security and resilience of existing and new submarine cable infrastructures, and by supporting the deployment or significant upgrade of submarine cable infrastructures via Cable Projects of European Interest ('CPEIs'). It is a direct follow-up of the Commission Recommendation (EU) 2024/779 on Secure and Resilient Submarine Cable Infrastructures and the implementation of the 2025 EU Action Plan on Cable Security. The reason for purchasing is the high level of specialisation required, especially as regards the economic and technological aspects of submarine cable infrastructures, as well as the necessity to swiftly deliver on this important topic relying on limited internal resources.

Procedure identifier: c7ec99c6-6bf9-4b61-8d71-9587d7444693

Internal identifier: EC-CNECT/2026/OP/0140

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

Additional information: Please consult the procurement documents.

2.1.3. Value

Estimated value excluding VAT: 600 000,00 EUR

2.1.4. General information

Additional information: The contract may be renewed maximum up to 2 times for 12 months each. The total price quoted in the financial offer cannot exceed 200 000 EUR (two hundred thousand euros). Tenders with a higher total price will be rejected. The total price including the renewals cannot exceed 600 000 EUR (six hundred thousand euros). In case of unavailability or disruptions in the functioning of the electronic means of communication provided in Section 5.1.11 in the last 5 calendar days before the time limit for receipt indicated in Section 5.1.12, the contracting authority reserves the right to extend this time limit and publish the extension at the Internet address provided in Section 5.1.11, 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 5.1.11 in order to get notified when new information or documents are published.

Legal basis:

Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509

2.1.6. Grounds for exclusion

Sources of grounds for exclusion: Procurement Document

5. Lot

5.1. Lot: LOT-0001

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Main nature of the contract: Services

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

Options:

Description of the options: provided they are in conformity with the basic project, new services or works consisting in the repetition of similar services or works, may be entrusted up to 50 % of the initial contract to the initial contractor by negotiated procedure without prior publication of a contract notice.

5.1.2. Place of performance

Anywhere

Additional information: Please consult the procurement documents.

5.1.3. Estimated duration

Duration: 36 Months

5.1.4. **Renewal**

Maximum renewals: 2

Other information about renewals: The contract is concluded for an initial period of 12 (twelve) months, renewable 2 (two) time(s). Please consult the draft contract in the procurement documents.

5.1.5. **Value**

Estimated value excluding VAT: 600 000,00 EUR

5.1.6. **General information**

Reserved participation:

Participation is not reserved.

Procurement Project fully or partially financed with EU Funds.

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

5.1.9. **Selection criteria**

Sources of selection criteria: Procurement Document

5.1.10. **Award criteria**

Criterion:

Type: Quality

Description: Please consult the procurement documents.

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

Award criterion number: 65

Criterion:

Type: Price

Description: Please consult the procurement documents.

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

Award criterion number: 35

5.1.11. **Procurement documents**

Deadline for requesting additional information: 14/08/2026 23:59:59 (UTC+02:00) Eastern European Time, Central European Summer Time

Address of the procurement documents: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/tender-details/c7ec99c6-6bf9-4b61-8d71-9587d7444693-CN?#anchorDocuments>

Ad hoc communication channel:

Name: Funding and Tenders Portal

URL: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/tender-details/c7ec99c6-6bf9-4b61-8d71-9587d7444693-CN?#anchorDocuments>

5.1.12. **Terms of procurement**

Terms of submission:

Electronic submission: Required

Address for submission: <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/digit/opsys/esubmission?cftUuid=c7ec99c6-6bf9-4b61-8d71-9587d7444693>

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

Electronic catalogue: Not allowed

Deadline for receipt of tenders: 24/08/2026 16:00:59 (UTC+02:00) Eastern European Time, Central European Summer Time

Duration during which the tender must remain valid: 6 Months

Information about public opening:

Opening date: 25/08/2026 15:00:00 (UTC+02:00) Eastern European Time, Central European Summer Time

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

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: Court of Justice of the European Union

Organisation providing more information on the review procedures: European Commission, DG CNECT - Communications Networks, Content and Technology

8. Organisations

8.1. ORG-0001

Official name: European Commission, DG CNECT - Communications Networks, Content and Technology

Registration number: COM

Department: CNECT.E - Future Networks,CNECT.E.1 - Future Connectivity Systems

Postal address: Rue de la Loi 200, Wetstraat 200

Town: Brussels

Postcode: B-1049

Country subdivision (NUTS): Arr. de Bruxelles-Capitale/Arr. Brussel-Hoofdstad (BE100)

Country: Belgium

Email: cnect-tendering@ec.europa.eu

Telephone: +32 2 299 11 11

Internet address: https://ec.europa.eu/info/departments/communications-networks-content-and-technology_en

Roles of this organisation:

Buyer

Organisation providing more information on the review procedures

8.1. ORG-0002

Official name: Court of Justice of the European Union

Registration number: CURIA

Postal address: Rue du Fort Niedergrünwald

Town: Luxembourg

Postcode: L-2925

Country subdivision (NUTS): Luxembourg (LU000)

Country: Luxembourg
Email: GC.Registry@curia.europa.eu
Telephone: +352 4303-1
Internet address: <http://curia.europa.eu>
Roles of this organisation:
Review organisation

8.1. ORG-0003

Official name: European Commission
Registration number: EUCOM
Postal address: Mondrian (CDMA), Rue du Champ de Mars 21
Town: Brussels
Postcode: B-1050
Country subdivision (NUTS): Arr. de Bruxelles-Capitale/Arr. Brussel-Hoofdstad (BE100)
Country: Belgium
Email: cnect-tendering@ec.europa.eu
Telephone: +32 2 299 11 11
Internet address: <https://commission.europa.eu/>
Roles of this organisation:
TED eSender

Notice information

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