

529741-2026 - Competition

Belgium – Research and development services and related consultancy services – Public Buyers Community support

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**Contract or concession notice – standard regime - Change notice
Services**

1. Buyer

1.1. Buyer

Official name: European Commission, DG GROW - Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs

Email: grow-procurement@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: Public Buyers Community support

Description: Establishment and management of communities of practice on the Public Buyers Community - consultancy services on the subject matter of public procurement. Given the strategic role of public procurement in the new Political Guidelines for 2024-2029, the European Commission recognises its significant contribution to a resilient, sustainable and innovative European economy. With more than 250,000 public authorities across Europe spending around €2.3 trillion per year, public procurement stimulates growth, job creation and better public services in key areas such as energy, transport, waste management, health and education. To further unlock this potential, the Commission is continuing its review of the Public Procurement Directive. The reform aims to prioritise European products in strategic sectors and ensure the security of supply of essential technologies, goods and services. It will also modernise and streamline public procurement rules, making them more accessible, in particular for start-ups, innovators and local and regional authorities, while strengthening quality requirements and clarifying the interaction of public procurement rules in different EU legislation. The Public Buyers Community is an initiative supported by DG GROW to strengthen collaboration in the field of public procurement. Contracting authorities can obtain better prices and higher quality goods and services by purchasing together rather than individually. Public buyers can also benefit greatly from the exchange of knowledge and good practices across the EU. European Commission's Directorate for the Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship & SMEs (DG GROW) developed a Public Buyers Platform. This Platform is conceived as a multi-level digital structure combining public and members-only private spaces, to facilitate the exchange of knowledge on public procurement while fostering a safe and confidential environment. It offers subscribers access to the resources that are essential in shaping the future-forward landscape of public procurement in the EEA. The Platform is developed with the aim to enhance cooperation in public procurement - contracting authorities can obtain better prices as well as higher-quality goods and services by buying together instead of individually. Public buyers can also benefit greatly from the exchange of knowledge and best practices across the EU.

Procedure identifier: e12bf819-1906-4b30-92dd-3797ae6306d4

Internal identifier: EC-GROW/2026/OP/0026

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: Please consult the procurement documents.

2.1.3. Value

Estimated value excluding VAT: 250 000,00 EUR

2.1.4. General information

Additional information: 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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Internal identifier: EC-GROW/2026/OP/0026

5.1.1. Purpose

Main nature of the contract: Services

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

Additional classification (cpv): 79400000 Business and management consultancy and related services

5.1.2. Place of performance

Anywhere in the European Economic Area

Additional information: Please consult the procurement documents.

5.1.3. Estimated duration

Duration: 48 Months

5.1.5. Value

Estimated value excluding VAT: 250 000,00 EUR

5.1.6. General information

Reserved participation:

Participation is not reserved.

Procurement Project fully or partially financed with EU Funds.

Information about European Union funds:

EU funds programme: Single Market Programme, including COSME, ISA2, ESP, consumer involvement in fin. Services, financial reporting, Health, Food and Feed, consumer programme (2021/2027)

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

Information about previous notices:

Identifier of the previous notice: 210023-2026

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: 70

Criterion:

Type: Price

Description: Please consult the procurement documents.

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

Award criterion number: 30

5.1.11. Procurement documents

Deadline for requesting additional information: 04/09/2026 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/e12bf819-1906-4b30-92dd-3797ae6306d4-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/e12bf819-1906-4b30-92dd-3797ae6306d4-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=e12bf819-1906-4b30-92dd-3797ae6306d4>

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: 14/09/2026 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: 15/09/2026 10:00:00 (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 GROW - Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs

8. Organisations

8.1. ORG-0001

Official name: European Commission, DG GROW - Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs
Registration number: COM
Department: GROW.D - Competitiveness Coordination
Postal address: Avenue d'Auderghem 45
Town: Brussels
Postcode: B-1049
Country subdivision (NUTS): Arr. de Bruxelles-Capitale/Arr. Brussel-Hoofdstad (BE100)
Country: Belgium
Email: grow-procurement@ec.europa.eu
Telephone: +32 2 299 11 11
Internet address: <https://ec.europa.eu/growth/>

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 Niedergrünewald
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: grow-procurement@ec.europa.eu
Telephone: +32 2 299 11 11
Internet address: <https://commission.europa.eu/>

Roles of this organisation:

TED eSender

10. Change

Version of the previous notice to be changed
:
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Main reason for change

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Information updated

Description

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Due to changes in internal planning, the contracting authority has opted to change the contract duration breakdown. The contract will no longer include renewals, instead the contract will run directly for 48 months. The tender specifications and draft contract have been updated to reflect this change.

Notice information

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