

54974-2026 - Competition

Germany – Legal advisory services – Expert platform for Ukraine"s EU alignment in the rule of law

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Contract or concession notice – standard regime

Services

1. Buyer

1.1. Buyer

Official name: Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH

Email: frankfurt@crp-law.de

Legal type of the buyer: Public undertaking, controlled by a central government authority

Activity of the contracting authority: General public services

2. Procedure

2.1. Procedure

Title: Expert platform for Ukraine"s EU alignment in the rule of law

Description: 3*E4U: Ukraine"s EU accession process in the rule of law area Strengthening Ukraine"s EU Alignment in the Rule of Law - 3*E4U is a project commissioned by the German Federal Foreign Office and implemented by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH. The project aims to support the Government of Ukraine in aligning its legislation with the EU acquis, focusing on Chapters 23 (Judiciary and fundamental rights) and 24 (Justice, freedom and security). These chapters cover judiciary, anti-corruption, fundamental rights, EU citizens' rights, border control, visas, migration, police cooperation, fight against organized crime and terrorism, customs cooperation, and judicial cooperation. To meet an opening benchmark for accession negotiations, Ukraine has established the Rule of Law Roadmap with around 500 reform measures. The 3*E4U project supports these reforms through legislative projects, functional audits, organizational reforms, sectoral strategies, action plans, and leadership selection. It enhances the capacities of Ukrainian Government actors to steer and implement the EU alignment process in the rule of law. Political partners include the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister for European and Euro-Atlantic Integration of Ukraine (DPMO) and the Government Office for Coordination of European and Euro-Atlantic Integration (GOCEEI). Key implementation partners are the Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Supreme Court, Constitutional Court, High Council of Justice, High Qualification Commission of Judges, Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights, National Social Service, Asset Management and Recovery Agency, and National Police. The project works in three areas: 1. Expertise: Provides legal and policy advice, capacity building activities, and high-level expert participation in the selection of rule of law sector positions. 2. Experience: Facilitates exchanges between Ukraine, EU Member States, and candidate countries. 3. Exchange: Fosters networking, cooperation, and inclusion of civil society and academia in decision-making. The project aims to enhance the capacities of national actors, enabling them to implement a cooperative and participatory EU alignment process.

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Internal identifier: 81321425

Type of procedure: Negotiated with prior publication of a call for competition / competitive with negotiation

The procedure is accelerated: no

2.1.1. Purpose

Main nature of the contract: Services

Main classification (cpv): 79111000 Legal advisory services

Additional classification (cpv): 79540000 Interpretation services, 79611000 Job search services

2.1.2. Place of performance

Anywhere

Additional information: Ukraine

2.1.4. General information

Additional information: #Bekanntmachungs-ID: CXTRY6YT3RA2UV6# All communication takes place in English via communication tool in the project area of the procurement portal.

Legal basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

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2.1.6. Grounds for exclusion

Sources of grounds for exclusion: Notice

Breaching of obligations set under purely national exclusion grounds: In accordance with §§ 123,124 GWB, § 22 LkSG

Participation in a criminal organisation: In accordance with §§ 123,124 GWB, § 22 LkSG

Terrorist offences or offences linked to terrorist activities: In accordance with §§ 123,124 GWB, § 22 LkSG

Money laundering or terrorist financing: In accordance with §§ 123,124 GWB, § 22 LkSG

Fraud: In accordance with §§ 123,124 GWB, § 22 LkSG

Corruption: In accordance with §§ 123,124 GWB, § 22 LkSG

Child labour and including other forms of trafficking in human beings: In accordance with §§ 123,124 GWB, § 22 LkSG

Breaching obligation relating to payment of taxes: In accordance with §§ 123,124 GWB, § 22 LkSG

Breaching obligation relating to payment of social security contributions: In accordance with §§ 123,124 GWB, § 22 LkSG

Breaching of obligations in the fields of environmental law: In accordance with §§ 123,124 GWB, § 22 LkSG

Breaching of obligations in the fields of social law: In accordance with §§ 123,124 GWB, § 22 LkSG

Breaching of obligations in the fields of labour law: In accordance with §§ 123,124 GWB, § 22 LkSG

Insolvency: In accordance with §§ 123,124 GWB, § 22 LkSG

Assets being administered by liquidator: In accordance with §§ 123,124 GWB, § 22 LkSG

Business activities are suspended: In accordance with §§ 123,124 GWB, § 22 LkSG

Analogous situation like bankruptcy, insolvency or arrangement with creditors under national law: In accordance with §§ 123,124 GWB, § 22 LkSG

Grave professional misconduct: In accordance with §§ 123,124 GWB, § 22 LkSG

Agreements with other economic operators aimed at distorting competition: In accordance with §§ 123,124 GWB, § 22 LkSG

Conflict of interest due to its participation in the procurement procedure: In accordance with §§ 123,124 GWB, § 22 LkSG

Direct or indirect involvement in the preparation of this procurement procedure: In accordance with §§ 123,124 GWB, § 22 LkSG

Early termination, damages, or other comparable sanctions: In accordance with §§ 123,124 GWB, § 22 LkSG

Misrepresentation, withheld information, unable to provide required documents or obtained confidential information of this procedure: In accordance with §§ 123,124 GWB, § 22 LkSG

5. Lot

5.1. Lot: LOT-0001

Title: Expert platform for Ukraine"s EU alignment in the rule of law

Description: The services to be tendered concern the management and operation of an expert platform to provide advisory services to Ukrainian government institutions responsible for managing the EU accession process. To this aim, the platform pools in three Short-Term Expert Pools (STEP) international and national expertise on the chapters and clusters of the acquis Communautaire most relevant to the rule of law. The relevant expertise which should be provided by the STEPs will focus on the following areas, but is not limited to: EU law as a distinct legal system and European integration in general; - Structure and functioning of Ukraine"s judiciary; - Fundamental rights in the EU and its Member States; - Law enforcement, particularly in relation to organised crime and illicit financial flows; - Anti-corruption measures, including asset recovery and management. Two additional STEPs with translators and interpreters support the work of the experts. The contractor will ensure the platform"s continued functioning and development with the aim to provide the requested expertise in a very short time. For each expert assignment, the contractor will develop Terms of Reference and expert profiles in line with the identified needs of Ukrainian partners as the basis for the identification of suitable experts. The contractor will be responsible for the continuous process of identification, pre-selection contracting, and mobilization of suitable experts with relevant expertise and experience to carry out these assignments. In addition, the service provider will maintain and manage the platform"s community management system, which facilitates cooperation between affiliated experts, including those engaged outside the five STEPs. This includes disseminating relevant updates, news, and resources on Ukraine"s EU accession process and legal harmonization; ensuring shared access to key documentation; promoting interactive exchanges among experts as well as coordinating all community management tasks in close cooperation with the project.

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Options:

Description of the options: GIZ may optionally commission contract amendments and/or increases based on the criteria in the tender documents to the successful bidder of this tender. For details, please see the terms of reference.

5.1.2. Place of performance

Anywhere

Additional information: Ukraine

5.1.3. Estimated duration

Start date: 20/07/2026

5.1.4. Renewal

Maximum renewals: 2

Other information about renewals: GIZ may optionally commission contract amendments and /or increases based on the criteria in the tender documents to the successful bidder of this tender. For details, please see the terms of reference.

5.1.6. General information

Reserved participation:

Participation is not reserved.

The names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to perform the contract must be given: Tender requirement

Procurement Project fully or partially financed with EU Funds.

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

This procurement is also suitable for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs): yes

Additional information: #Besonders auch geeignet für:freelance#, #Besonders auch geeignet für:selbst#

5.1.7. Strategic procurement

Aim of strategic procurement: Fulfilment of social objectives

Description: siehe oben

Social objective promoted: Ethnic equality, Gender equality, Fair working conditions, Other

5.1.9. Selection criteria

Sources of selection criteria: Notice

Criterion: References on specified services

Description of selection criterion: EN-B1: Technical and professional ability (Mit dem Teilnahmeantrag; Mittels Eigenerklärung): 1. The technical assessment is only based on reference projects with a minimum commission value of 350,000.00 EUR. 2. At least 3 reference projects in the technical field "EU Accession and Rule of Law" and at least 3 reference projects in the above-mentioned technical field in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, or Ukraine in the last 36 months (deadline: date of publication of invitation to tender).

Criterion: Average yearly turnover

Description of selection criterion: EN-C1: Economic and financial standing (Mit dem Teilnahmeantrag; Mittels Eigenerklärung): Average annual turnover for the last three years (last-but-four financial year can be included in case of tenders held within 6 months of end of last financial year), at least: 1,500,000.00 EUR.

Criterion: Other economic or financial requirements

Description of selection criterion: EN-C2: Economic and financial standing (Mit dem Teilnahmeantrag; Mittels Eigenerklärung): Average number of employees and managers for the past three calendar years, at least 15 persons.

Criterion: Other economic or financial requirements

Description of selection criterion: EN-A1: Principles for the execution of orders (Mit dem Teilnahmeantrag; Mittels Eigenerklärung): 1. Self-declaration: name of company and address, tax ID, registration and commercial register number or equivalent register in accordance with

the legal provisions of the country of origin. 2. No grounds for exclusion pursuant to § 123, § 124 GWB, § 22 LkSG, EU-Russia sanctions 3. Declaration of bidding consortium and/or declaration of subcontractors (if applicable)

Criterion: Other economic or financial requirements

Description of selection criterion: EN-A2: Conditions for the reduction of candidates (Mit dem Teilnahmeantrag; Mittels Eigenerklärung): If we receive more than 5 requests to participate, we will make a selection on the basis of the criteria laid out in the procurement documents and invite tenders only from the 5 candidates with the highest scores. We reserve the right to cancel the procurement procedure if we receive fewer than 3 requests to participate. If it is not possible to make a clear selection of up to 5 candidates for the tendering phase on the basis of the criteria listed in the procurement documents (e.g. if a number of candidates achieve the same overall eligibility score), we reserve the right to increase the maximum number of 5.

Weighted criteria for the selection of candidates: 1. Technical experience (80%) a.

Development of the judiciary in the context of EU accession/alignment (15%) b. Fundamental Rights in the context of EU accession/alignment (15%) c. Law Enforcement and combatting organised crime in the context of EU accession/alignment (15%) d. Management for short-term expert pools (20%) e. Legal policy advice in the context of EU accession/alignment (15%) 2. Regional experience (20%) Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, or Ukraine 3. Experience of development projects (at least 50% ODA-financed) (0%)

Criterion: References on specified services

Description of selection criterion: Assessment of technical eligibility / weighted criteria for the selection of candidates - Weighted criteria for the selection of candidates: 1. Technical experience (75%) 2. Regional experience (15%) 3. Experience of development projects (at least 50% ODA-financed) (10%)

The criteria will be used to select the candidates to be invited for the second stage of the procedure

Weight (percentage, exact): 100,00

Information about the second stage of a two-stage procedure:

Minimum number of candidates to be invited for the second stage of the procedure: 5

Maximum number of candidates to be invited for the second stage of the procedure: 5

The procedure will take place in successive stages. At each stage, some participants may be eliminated

The buyer reserves the right to award the contract on the basis of the initial tenders without any further negotiations

5.1.10. Award criteria

Criterion:

Type: Price

Name: Preis

Description: Price criteria for "Bestangebots-Quotienten-Methode"

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

Award criterion number: 30

Criterion:

Type: Quality

Name: Erreichte Gesamtpunktzahl nach fachlicher Wertung (inkl. Mindbed.)

Description: Zur Ermittlung des wirtschaftlichsten Bieters wird hier von der Vergabestelle die erreichte Gesamtpunktzahl nach fachlicher Wertung eingetragen. Es werden nur Angebote mit einer fachlichen Bewertung von über 500 Punkten gewertet. Fachliche Angebote mit weniger Punkten scheiden als fachlich ungeeignet aus.

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

Award criterion number: 70

Criterion:

Type: Quality

Name: Erreichte Gesamtpunktzahl nach fachlicher Wertung (inkl. Mindbed.)

Description: Zur Ermittlung des wirtschaftlichsten Bieters wird hier von der Vergabestelle die erreichte Gesamtpunktzahl nach fachlicher Wertung eingetragen. Es werden nur Angebote mit einer fachlichen Bewertung von über 500 Punkten gewertet. Fachliche Angebote mit weniger Punkten scheiden als fachlich ungeeignet aus.

Category of award threshold criterion: Minimum score

Award criterion number: 500

5.1.11. Procurement documents

Languages in which the procurement documents are officially available: English

Deadline for requesting additional information: 11/02/2026 23:59:59 (UTC+01:00) Central European Time, Western European Summer Time

Address of the procurement documents: <https://ausschreibungen.giz.de/Satellite/notice/CXTRYY6YT3RA2UV6/documents>

Ad hoc communication channel:

URL: <https://ausschreibungen.giz.de/Satellite/notice/CXTRYY6YT3RA2UV6>

5.1.12. Terms of procurement

Terms of the procedure:

Estimated date of dispatch of the invitations to submit tenders: 13/03/2026

Terms of submission:

Electronic submission: Required

Address for submission: <https://ausschreibungen.giz.de/Satellite/notice/CXTRYY6YT3RA2UV6>

Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted: English

Electronic catalogue: Not allowed

Variants: Not allowed

Tenderers may submit more than one tender: Not allowed

Deadline for receipt of requests to participate: 24/02/2026 12:00:00 (UTC+01:00) Central European Time, Western European Summer Time

Information that can be supplemented after the submission deadline:

At the discretion of the buyer, some missing tenderer-related documents may be submitted later.

Additional information: GIZ asks the applicant or bidder to submit, complete or correct documents, within the framework laid down by law.

Terms of contract:

The execution of the contract must be performed within the framework of sheltered employment programmes: No

Conditions relating to the performance of the contract: The execution conditions result from the information given in the contract notice and the tender documents.

Electronic invoicing: Required

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: Die Vergabekammern des Bundes

Information about review deadlines: According to Article 160, Section 3 of the German Act Against Restraint of Competition (GWB), application for review is not permissible insofar as 1. the applicant has identified the claimed infringement of the procurement rules before submitting the application for review and has not submitted a complaint to the contracting authority within a period of 10 calendar days; the expiry of the period pursuant to Article 134, Section 2 remains unaffected, 2. complaints of infringements of procurement rules that are evident in the tender notice are not submitted to the contracting authority at the latest by the expiry of the deadline for the application or by the deadline for the submission of bids, specified in the tender notice. 3. complaints of infringements of procurement rules that first become evident in the tender documents are not submitted to the contracting authority at the latest by the expiry of the deadline for application or by the deadline for the submission of bids, 4. more than 15 calendar days have expired since receipt of notification from the contracting authority that it is unwilling to redress the complaint. Sentence 1 does not apply in the case of an application to determine the invalidity of the contract in accordance with Article 135, Section 1 (2). Article 134, Section 1, Sentence 2 remains unaffected.

Organisation providing additional information about the procurement procedure: Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH

Organisation receiving requests to participate: Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH

8. Organisations

8.1. ORG-0001

Official name: Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH

Registration number: 993-80072-52

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Roles of this organisation:

Buyer

Organisation providing additional information about the procurement procedure

Organisation receiving requests to participate

8.1. ORG-0002

Official name: Die Vergabekammern des Bundes
Registration number: t:022894990
Postal address: Kaiser-Friedrich-Straße 16
Town: Bonn
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Country subdivision (NUTS): Bonn, Kreisfreie Stadt (DEA22)
Country: Germany
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Internet address: <http://www.bundeskartellamt.de>

Roles of this organisation:

Review organisation

8.1. ORG-0003

Official name: Datenservice Öffentlicher Einkauf (in Verantwortung des Beschaffungsamts des BMI)
Registration number: 0204:994-DOEVD-83
Town: Bonn
Postcode: 53119
Country subdivision (NUTS): Bonn, Kreisfreie Stadt (DEA22)
Country: Germany
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Roles of this organisation:

TED eSender

Notice information

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