

**Belgium-Brussels: FWC Open Research Platform 2024-2026**

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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: European Commission, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation (RTD), RTD.A.4 – Open Science

Postal address: Espace Orban (ORBN), Square Frère-Orban 8

Town: Brussels

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

Postal code: 1040

Country: Belgium

E-mail: [rtd-call-for-tenders@ec.europa.eu](mailto:rtd-call-for-tenders@ec.europa.eu)

**Internet address(es):**

Main address: [http://ec.europa.eu/info/departments/research-and-innovation\\_en](http://ec.europa.eu/info/departments/research-and-innovation_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=12426>

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=12426>

**I.4. Type of the contracting authority**

European institution/agency or international organisation

**I.5. Main activity**

General public services

**Section II: Object**

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

FWC Open Research Platform 2024-2026

Reference number: RTD/2022/OP/0014

**II.1.2. Main CPV code**

79970000 Publishing services

**II.1.3. Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4. Short description**

Open access is the practice of providing on-line access to scientific information (publications, data, software, etc.) that is free of charge to the user and is free of many restrictions on use (e.g. copyright and license restrictions) and therefore re-usable.

The services that are the subject of this call for tender will support the continued provision of Open Research Europe (ORE) from 2024 until 2026. ORE is the European Commission's open access scholarly publishing platform, which is currently offered as an optional service for Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe beneficiaries to publish their peer-reviewed articles resulting from this funding at no cost to them.

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

Value excluding VAT: 2 000 000,00 EUR

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

This contract is divided into lots: no

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

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

79970000 Publishing services, 72200000 Software programming and consultancy services, 73210000 Research consultancy 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**

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#### **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: 2 000 000,00 EUR

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

Duration in months: 48

This contract is subject to renewal: yes

Description of renewals:

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: 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**

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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).

## **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 a single operator

#### **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: 15/12/2022 Local time: 16:00

#### **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: 9 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

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

Date: 16/12/2022 Local time: 16:00

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**

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#### **VI.1. Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: yes

#### **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 five 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

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**

14/10/2022