

**Belgium-Brussels: Developing a Methodology and Sustainability Standards for Mitigating the Environmental Impact of Crypto-assets**

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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 Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union (FISMA), FISMA.B.4 – Digital Finance

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**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=15551>

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=15551>

**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**

Developing a Methodology and Sustainability Standards for Mitigating the Environmental Impact of Crypto-assets

Reference number: FISMA/2023/OP/0005

**II.1.2. Main CPV code**

79314000 Feasibility study

**II.1.3. Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4. Short description**

There is evidence that crypto-assets can cause significant harm on the climate and environment and generate negative economic and social externalities, depending on the consensus mechanism used to validate transactions. The increasing demand for crypto-assets and expansion of crypto-mining, including within the EU, could undermine EU's efforts to achieve its climate and sustainability goals, in line with the Paris Agreement. The action aims at enhancing the EU capacity to assess and mitigate the impact of crypto-mining and develop specific sustainability standards.

The preparatory action intends to develop a methodology to measure the climate and environmental impact of the consensus mechanisms used by crypto-assets and assess the feasibility of establishing environmental sustainability standards for crypto-assets with a view to the adoption of future legislative action in the area of crypto-asset financial regulation.

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

Value excluding VAT: 800 000,00 EUR

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

This contract is divided into lots: no

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

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

79314000 Feasibility study, 90711200 Environmental standards other than for construction, 90711400 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) services other than for construction, 71241000 Feasibility study, advisory service, analysis

#### **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.

#### **II.2.4. Description of the procurement**

Developing a methodology and sustainability standards for mitigating the environmental impact of crypto-assets.

#### **II.2.5. Award criteria**

Criteria below

Quality criterion - Name: Proposed methodology and tools / Weighting: 70

Quality criterion - Name: Organisation of the work and resources / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Quality control measures / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 40

#### **II.2.6. Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: 800 000,00 EUR

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

Duration in months: 13

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.

### **II.2.14. Additional information**

Please consult the procurement documents.

## **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.

#### **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.

#### **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**

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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**

#### **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: 10/11/2023 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: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

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

Date: 13/11/2023 Local time: 10:00

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.

## **Section VI: Complementary information**

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### **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. In case of unavailability or disruptions in the functioning of the electronic means of communication provided in Section I.3) in the last 5 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.

### **VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice**

19/09/2023