

596875-2026 - Competition

Germany – Foreign economic-aid-related services – 10029875 - Consultancy services for strengthening the capacities of national and local actors for EU accession and alignment
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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

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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: 10029875 - Consultancy services for strengthening the capacities of national and local actors for EU accession and alignment

Description: The Republic of Moldova is undergoing an accelerated and complex European Union accession process following the opening of accession negotiations with the EU in 2024. The accession process requires comprehensive alignment of Moldova's legal, institutional and policy framework with the EU acquis, as well as strengthened governance structures, institutional coordination mechanisms and implementation capacities at national and local level. In September 2025, Moldova successfully completed the screening process for all chapters of the EU acquis, enabling the transition to structured technical negotiations and implementation of opening benchmarks and subsequent requirements identified during the screening process. These developments generate increasing demand for specialised expertise, institutional capacity development and practical support for the implementation of EU-related reforms. Particular importance is attached to reforms related to rule of law, democratic governance, public administration, justice and internal security, especially under Cluster I "Fundamentals", including Chapter 23 (Judiciary and Fundamental Rights) and Chapter 24 (Justice, Freedom and Security). At the same time, Moldova's EU accession process also requires stronger local governance capacities, improved multi-level coordination and increased participation of civil society, diaspora organisations and other stakeholders in EU-related reform processes. In this context, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH implements the projects "EU Integration Support Project" (EUIISP), financed by the German Federal Foreign Office (FFO), and "Facilitating the EU Accession process through Coordination and Engagement in Moldova" (FACE), financed by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). To support the implementation of these projects, GIZ foresees the establishment of a comprehensive Short-Term Expert Pool (STEP), enabling flexible and demand-driven mobilisation of national and international expertise. The STEP will support activities related to legislative and policy approximation to the EU acquis, negotiation preparation and benchmark fulfilment, institutional and organisational capacity development, strategic planning and coordination, strengthening local governance capacities, facilitation of international cooperation and peer-to-peer exchange, as well as structured stakeholder engagement and support for local initiatives. The

contractor implementing the STEP will provide technical advisory services, analytical support, capacity development measures, international exchange formats and implementation support in close cooperation with GIZ and Moldovan partner institutions. The overall objective is to strengthen the capacities of national and local actors to effectively coordinate, implement and support Moldova's EU accession and alignment process.

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Internal identifier: 10029875

Type of procedure: Open

The procedure is accelerated: no

2.1.1. Purpose

Main nature of the contract: Services

Main classification (cpv): 75211200 Foreign economic-aid-related services

Additional classification (cpv): 79411100 Business development consultancy services

2.1.2. Place of performance

Postal address: 73/1 Stefan cel Mare si Sfânt Blvd., NBC - National Business Center, 1st floor

Town: Chişinău

Postcode: MD-2001

Country: Moldova

2.1.4. General information

Additional information: #Bekanntmachungs-ID: CXTRY6DYDCW3WA2# 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:

Terrorist offences or offences linked to terrorist activities:

Money laundering or terrorist financing:

Fraud:

Corruption:

Child labour and including other forms of trafficking in human beings:

Breaching obligation relating to payment of taxes:

Breaching obligation relating to payment of social security contributions:

Breaching of obligations in the fields of environmental law:

Breaching of obligations in the fields of social law:

Breaching of obligations in the fields of labour law:

Insolvency:

Assets being administered by liquidator:

Business activities are suspended:

Analogous situation like bankruptcy, insolvency or arrangement with creditors under national law:

Grave professional misconduct:

Agreements with other economic operators aimed at distorting competition:

Conflict of interest due to its participation in the procurement procedure:

Direct or indirect involvement in the preparation of this procurement procedure:
Early termination, damages, or other comparable sanctions:
Misrepresentation, withheld information, unable to provide required documents or obtained confidential information of this procedure:

5. Lot

5.1. Lot: LOT-0001

Title: 10029875 - Consultancy services for strengthening the capacities of national and local actors for EU accession and alignment

Description: The procurement concerns the establishment and operation of a comprehensive Short-Term Expert Pool (STEP) supporting the implementation of activities under the GIZ projects "EU Integration Support Project" (EUISP) and "Facilitating the EU Accession process through Coordination and Engagement in Moldova" (FACE), both contributing to the Republic of Moldova's EU accession and alignment process. The contractor will provide flexible, demand-driven and results-oriented consultancy and implementation support services aimed at strengthening the capacities of national and local actors involved in Moldova's EU accession process. The services will combine technical advisory support, institutional and organisational capacity development, international experience exchange, stakeholder engagement and support for local initiatives. The contractor will be responsible for identifying, mobilising, coordinating and managing national and international experts and support measures in close cooperation with GIZ and Moldovan partner institutions. The assignment may include the following services and activities: - technical, legal and methodological advisory services related to EU acquis alignment, policy development and implementation of EU-related reforms; - preparation and revision of draft laws, regulations, strategies, methodologies, guidelines and analytical documents; - institutional, legislative and implementation gap analyses, including assessment of institutional capacities and implementation readiness; - support for negotiation process, fulfilment of opening and closing benchmarks and related monitoring and reporting processes; - development and strengthening of strategic planning, coordination, monitoring and reporting mechanisms related to EU accession and EU-aligned reforms; - provision of thematic expertise related to rule of law, democratic governance, justice, internal security, public administration reform and local governance; - design and delivery of trainings, workshops, mentoring, coaching and institutional learning activities for representatives of public institutions and other stakeholders; - organisation and facilitation of international peer-to-peer exchange, study visits, policy dialogues, expert discussions and cooperation formats involving EU Member States, accession countries and international experts; - support for strengthening coordination, cooperation and communication mechanisms between national institutions, local public authorities and other stakeholders involved in the accession process; - support for participatory and stakeholder engagement processes involving civil society organisations, diaspora representatives, women's organisations and organisations representing vulnerable groups; - support for strengthening local governance capacities and practical application of EU-related planning, implementation and monitoring approaches at local level; - support for the conceptualisation, management and implementation of small-scale support initiatives and local contributions linked to EU accession-related objectives; - facilitation of innovative cooperation, consultation and policy development formats, including policy labs, simulation exercises and practical learning approaches; - monitoring, reporting, documentation and knowledge management activities related to the implementation of the assignment. The contractor will ensure process-oriented and implementation-oriented delivery of services, including quality assurance, operational coordination, backstopping and effective mobilisation of expertise throughout the contract period. Particular emphasis will be placed on

ensuring the practical applicability of delivered support, strengthening institutional ownership and supporting sustainable implementation of EU-related reforms at both national and local level. Services will be implemented in close coordination with GIZ and relevant Moldovan partner institutions, including the Bureau for European Integration within the State Chancellery, line ministries, local public authorities, civil society organisations and other relevant stakeholders. Given the dynamic nature of the EU accession process, the assignment requires a high degree of flexibility and responsiveness in order to address evolving priorities, reform needs and operational requirements related to Moldova's EU accession and alignment process.

Internal identifier: 10029875

5.1.1. Purpose

Main nature of the contract: Services

Main classification (cpv): 75211200 Foreign economic-aid-related services

Additional classification (cpv): 79411100 Business development consultancy services

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

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Town: Chişinău

Postcode: MD-2001

Country: Moldova

5.1.3. Estimated duration

Start date: 01/12/2026

Duration end date: 31/12/2028

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 not 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:other-sme#

5.1.7. Strategic procurement

Aim of strategic procurement: Reduction of environmental impacts

Description: See Section 2.5 of the ToR.

Aim of strategic procurement: Fulfilment of social objectives

Description: See Section 2.5 of the ToR.

Approach to reducing environmental impacts: Climate change mitigation, Pollution prevention and control

Social objective promoted: Gender equality

5.1.9. Selection criteria

Sources of selection criteria: Notice

Criterion: Other economic or financial requirements

Description of selection criterion: EN-A1: Principles for the execution of orders (Mit dem Angebot; Mittels Eigenerklärung): The eligibility criteria are not from the same category as stipulated above, as there is no suitable category. 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: References on specified services

Description of selection criterion: EN-B1: Technical and professional ability (Mit dem Angebot; Mittels Eigenerklärung): 1. The technical assessment is only based on reference projects with a minimum commission value of EUR 350,000.00 (net). 2. At least 3 reference projects in the technical field of "EU accession processes and EU acquis alignment" in the last 36 months, of which at least 1 reference project in the Republic of Moldova.

Criterion: Average yearly turnover

Description of selection criterion: EN-C1: Economic and financial standing (Mit dem Angebot; 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: 500,000.00 EUR (net).

Criterion: Other economic or financial requirements

Description of selection criterion: EN-C2: Economic and financial standing (Mit dem Angebot; Mittels Eigenerklärung): Average number of employees and managers in the last three calendar years, at least 10 persons.

5.1.10. Award criteria

Criterion:

Type: Price

Name: Price

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 mindestens 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 mindestens 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: 21/09/2026 23:59:59 (UTC+02:00) Eastern European Time, Central European Summer Time

Address of the procurement documents: <https://ausschreibungen.giz.de/Satellite/notice/CXTRYY6DYDCW3WA2/documents>

Ad hoc communication channel:

URL: <https://ausschreibungen.giz.de/Satellite/notice/CXTRYY6DYDCW3WA2>

5.1.12. Terms of procurement

Terms of submission:

Electronic submission: Required

Address for submission: <https://ausschreibungen.giz.de/Satellite/notice/CXTRYY6DYDCW3WA2>

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 tenders: 29/09/2026 12:00:00 (UTC+02:00) Eastern European Time, Central European Summer Time

Duration during which the tender must remain valid: 124 Days

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: 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

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Country: Germany

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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: Vergabekammern des Bundes

Registration number: 022894990

Postal address: Kaiser-Friedrich-Straße 16

Town: Bonn

Postcode: 53113

Country subdivision (NUTS): Bonn, Kreisfreie Stadt (DEA22)

Country: Germany

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Telephone: +49 2289499-0

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Internet address: <https://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)

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Roles of this organisation:

TED eSender

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