

601624-2026 - Competition

Hungary – Subscription services – Scientific e-journals and e-books: subscription, access and related services

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Contract or concession notice – standard regime - Change notice Services

1. Buyer

1.1. Buyer

Official name: European Union Agency For Law Enforcement Training

Email: tenders@cepol.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: Scientific e-journals and e-books: subscription, access and related services

Description: The need for a dedicated tender arises from the increasingly central role of scientific knowledge in law enforcement training, research, and practice. Policing and security are no longer shaped only by professional experience or internal doctrine, but also by empirical research, data analysis, and interdisciplinary evidence. Access to peer-reviewed academic publications is therefore essential to ensure that training content, analytical work, and operational methodologies are informed by reliable, current, and validated knowledge. Without a formal procurement mechanism, access to such resources would remain fragmented, uneven, and dependent on ad hoc arrangements, creating a risk that parts of the community rely on incomplete or outdated information. A dedicated tender is therefore necessary to secure stable, lawful, and comprehensive access to high-quality scientific e-journals and e-books across the CEPOL community. The tender is also needed to ensure equal and organised access for all relevant users, including trainers, analysts, researchers, and operational staff. In the absence of a structured contractual framework, access to scientific literature is likely to vary between institutions and individuals, undermining consistency in training delivery, limiting the dissemination of best practices, and reducing the overall coherence of professional development across jurisdictions. Centralised procurement will support a common knowledge base, strengthen harmonisation in law enforcement education, and reinforce CEPOL's role as a hub for knowledge exchange and evidence-based learning. Finally, the tender is necessary to address the technical and economic specificities of accessing licensed academic content in a controlled, sustainable, and cost-effective manner. Scientific publishers generally rely on specific licensing, authentication, and access-management systems, which must be compatible with CEPOL's existing digital environment. Without a procurement procedure tailored to these requirements, there is a significant risk of selecting solutions that are technically unsuitable, financially inefficient, or dependent on costly bespoke development. By defining clear technical requirements and prioritising solutions that can be implemented within the existing environment, the tender ensures operational feasibility, protects institutional resources, and guarantees continuity and reliability of access to essential scientific knowledge.

Procedure identifier: 4d821b79-286e-4100-bf5d-dc6e52e38211

Internal identifier: CEPOL/2026/OP/0005

Type of procedure: Open

The procedure is accelerated: no

2.1.1. Purpose

Main nature of the contract: Services

Main classification (cpv): 79980000 Subscription 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: 322 000,00 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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Options:

Description of the options: provided they are in conformity with the basic project, new services or works consisting in the repetition of similar services or works, may be entrusted up to 50 % of the initial contract to the initial contractor by negotiated procedure without prior publication of a contract notice.

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

5.1.4. Renewal

Maximum renewals: 3

Other information about renewals: The framework contract is concluded for an initial period of 12 (twelve) months, renewable 3 (three) time(s). Please consult the draft framework contract in the procurement documents.

5.1.5. Value

Estimated value excluding VAT: 322 000,00 EUR

5.1.6. General information

Reserved participation:

Participation is not reserved.

Procurement Project fully or partially financed with EU Funds.

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA): no

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: 60

Criterion:

Type: Price

Description: Please consult the procurement documents.

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

Award criterion number: 40

5.1.11. Procurement documents

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://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/tender-details/4d821b79-286e-4100-bf5d-dc6e52e38211-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/4d821b79-286e-4100-bf5d-dc6e52e38211-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=4d821b79-286e-4100-bf5d-dc6e52e38211>

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: 29/09/2026 11:00:59 (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: 29/09/2026 14:00:00 (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:

Framework agreement, without reopening of competition

Maximum number of participants: 1

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 Union Agency For Law Enforcement Training

8. Organisations

8.1. ORG-0001

Official name: European Union Agency For Law Enforcement Training
Registration number: CEPOL
Department: CEPOL.ED - Executive Director, CEPOL.ED.THU - EU Training Hub Unit
Postal address: Üllői út 114-116
Town: Budapest
Postcode: H-1101
Country subdivision (NUTS): Budapest (HU110)
Country: Hungary
Email: tenders@cepol.europa.eu
Telephone: +36 1 803 8030
Internet address: <https://www.cepol.europa.eu/>

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 Niedergrünwald
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: tenders@cepol.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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The Contracting Authority modifies the Annex 7 Technical proposal Form due to incorrect references. In points 1 Checklist of minimum (mandatory) requirements and in Criterion 1 Availability of e-journal titles for subscription we updated the reference to Annex 6. The deadline for submission was also extended.

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