

607275-2026 - Competition

Spain – Research and development services and related consultancy services – Assessment of the Performance and Effectiveness of Farmer Cooperatives and Farmer Groups in the Cocoa Sectors of Ghana and Ivory Coast

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**Contract or concession notice – standard regime
Services**

1. Buyer

1.1. Buyer

Official name: European Commission, DG JRC - Joint Research Centre

Email: jrc-seville-procurement@ec.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: Assessment of the Performance and Effectiveness of Farmer Cooperatives and Farmer Groups in the Cocoa Sectors of Ghana and Ivory Coast

Description: The primary objective of this contract is to conduct a comprehensive, large-scale study on the current state and effectiveness of cocoa farmer cooperatives and farmer groups in Ghana and Côte d'Ivoire (incorporating but not limited to cooperative societies in Ghana and COOP CA and COOP simplifié in Côte d'Ivoire). This study will represent the first nationally representative analysis of cocoa cooperatives and farmer groups across the two countries. It will uniquely combine data collection at two levels: (1) the organizational governance and operational management of cooperatives and farmer groups, and (2) the individual farmer members, including their engagement, benefits, and challenges. By integrating insights from behavioural economics, collective action theory, organizational studies, and development economics, the study will adopt an interdisciplinary approach to evaluate how structural, managerial, and behavioural factors influence cooperative performance and farmer outcomes. The reason for purchasing this service is to generate actionable insights that enable stakeholders, including farmers, cooperatives, policymakers, and certification bodies, to enhance the effectiveness and sustainability of cocoa production systems in Ghana and Côte d'Ivoire. Specifically, the study aims to assess the readiness of cocoa cooperatives for ARS1000 certification, evaluate cooperative governance and member engagement, and investigate household-level investment strategies, including investments in sustainable agricultural practices or household assets. The ultimate goal is to identify critical barriers and opportunities to strengthen cooperative capacity, improve resource allocation, and reduce the financial and operational burdens of compliance with sustainability standards, thereby contributing to a more sustainable cocoa production system in the region.

Procedure identifier: 0ff6b562-08a9-4d47-abd7-7ad082315126

Internal identifier: EC-JRC/SVQ/2026/OP/2892

Type of procedure: Open

The procedure is accelerated: no

2.1.1. Purpose

Main nature of the contract: Services

Main classification (cpv): 73000000 Research and development services and related consultancy services

2.1.2. Place of performance

Anywhere

Additional information: Please consult the procurement documents.

2.1.3. Value

Estimated value excluding VAT: 200 000,00 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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Main classification (cpv): 73000000 Research and development services and related consultancy services

Additional classification (cpv): 72314000 Data collection and collation services, 73110000 Research services, 73210000 Research consultancy services

5.1.2. Place of performance

Anywhere

Additional information: Please consult the procurement documents.

5.1.3. Estimated duration

Duration: 12 Months

5.1.5. Value

Estimated value excluding VAT: 200 000,00 EUR

5.1.6. General information

Reserved participation:

Participation is not reserved.

Procurement Project fully or partially financed with EU Funds.

Information about European Union funds:

EU funds programme: Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2021/2027)

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

Information about previous notices:

Identifier of the previous notice: 342118-2026

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: 28/09/2026 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/0ff6b562-08a9-4d47-abd7-7ad082315126-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/0ff6b562-08a9-4d47-abd7-7ad082315126-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=0ff6b562-08a9-4d47-abd7-7ad082315126>

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: 06/10/2026 11:30:59 (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: 06/10/2026 13:00:00 (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:

No framework agreement

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 Commission, DG JRC - Joint Research Centre

8. Organisations

8.1. ORG-0001

Official name: European Commission, DG JRC - Joint Research Centre

Registration number: COM

Department: JRC.D - Sustainable Resources, JRC.D.4 - Economics of Food Systems

Postal address: Expo Building, Calle Inca Garcilaso, 3

Town: Sevilla

Postcode: E-41092

Country subdivision (NUTS): Sevilla (ES618)

Country: Spain

Email: jrc-seville-procurement@ec.europa.eu

Telephone: +32 2 299 11 11

Internet address: <https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/>

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 Niedergrünewald

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: jrc-seville-procurement@ec.europa.eu

Telephone: +32 2 299 11 11

Internet address: <https://commission.europa.eu/>

Roles of this organisation:

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