

Belgium-Brussels: Evaluation of Investments in Information and Communication Technologies supported by the European Regional Development Fund in the period 2007-2013

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Contract notice

Services

Legal Basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: European Commission, General Directorate Regional and Urban Policy

Postal address: TA Cell BU-1 00/184

Town: Brussels

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Postal code: 1049

Country: Belgium

Contact person: DG REGIO.A3 — Budget and Financial Management

E-mail: REGIO-CONTRACTS@ec.europa.eu**Internet address(es):**Main address: http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/index_en.cfm**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=5744>

Additional information can be obtained from the abovementioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the abovementioned address

I.4. Type of the contracting authority

European institution/agency or international organisation

I.5. Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

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

Evaluation of Investments in Information and Communication Technologies supported by the European Regional Development Fund in the period 2007-2013

Reference number: 2019CE16BAT106

II.1.2. Main CPV code

79410000 Business and management consultancy services

II.1.3. Type of contract

Services

II.1.4. Short description

Ex post evaluation on investment projects targeting the provision of information and communication technologies (ICT) by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) during the period 2007-2013. For the scope of this evaluation, ICT broadly include telecommunication infrastructures (including broadband networks), information and communication technologies and electronic and digital services and applications for citizens (eHealth, eGovernment, etc.)

II.1.5. Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: 700 000,00 EUR

II.1.6. Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.2. Description

II.2.2. Additional CPV code(s)

79419000 Evaluation consultancy services

II.2.3. Place of performance

NUTS code: 00 Other or Not Specified

II.2.4. Description of the procurement

The evaluation will take stock of the different types of interventions in respect of ICT that were co-financed by the ERDF in the 2007-2013 period and assess their rationale and the evidence of their effectiveness, efficiency and impact their coherence with other policies, their relevance and the EU added value.

The evaluation will provide an overview of the different ways in which the ERDF funding for ICT has been used across the EU and will assess the results, insofar as they can be identified. It will examine this in more detail in selected countries and regions, with the aim of identifying the types of interventions that have been most successful (or effective) and the factors contributing to their success, including in the less developed and in the less populated areas (which were object of specific ICT interventions).

The evaluation will be complemented by an analysis of the regulatory frameworks and of the evolution of the technologies affecting the development of ICT investments (and in particular of telecommunication networks – broadband) including price evolutions and public procurement issues, operational costs, the demand factors affecting the developments of the networks (service take-up from retail and/or wholesale providers, investments in 'last mile' networks by service providers), as well as the related social aspects (acceptance by users, digital skills and literacy, evolution of digital public services provision, etc.). The evaluation will moreover analyse the market gaps addressed by EU-funded activities and the participation of the private sector (also due to changes in regulations in the retail market and to changes in expected behaviour of private investors).

An assessment of the uptake of the digital services by businesses and households provided within the networks supported by the ERDF will be produced.

A review of the relevant literature and documents will be undertaken, along with an examination of the underlying rationale for the support provided to ICT in OPs (intervention logic) across the EU. A theory of change will then be developed for the different types of measures or projects in the various identified clusters.

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: 700 000,00 EUR

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

Duration in months: 18

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:
no

II.2.14. Additional information**Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

III.1. Conditions for participation**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.2.3. 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

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: 12/02/2020 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: 14/02/2020 Local time: 10:00

Place:

European Commission, DG REGIO, avenue Beaulieu No 5, 1160 Auderghem, BELGIUM (métro Demey).

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure: See Point 3.2 of the invitation letter.

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1. Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: no

VI.3. Additional information

VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

Official name: General Court

Postal address: Rue du Fort Niedergrünwald

Town: Luxembourg

Postal code: 2925

Country: Luxembourg

E-mail: generalcourt.registry@curia.europa.eu

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VI.4.4. Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

Official name: European Commission, Directorate General for Regional and Urban Policy, Unit Budget and Financial Management

Town: Brussels

Postal code: 1049

Country: Belgium

E-mail: regio-contracts@ec.europa.eu

VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

17/12/2019