631259-2026 - Competition

Belgium – Administration services – Expert Network for Analytical Support in Social Policies
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Contract or concession notice – standard regime - Change notice
Services

1. Buyer

1.1. Buyer

Official name: European Commission, DG EMPL - Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion
Email: EMPL-VT-2026-013@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: Expert Network for Analytical Support in Social Policies
Description: The European Commission intends to launch a call for tender for the establishment and operation of a network of independent social policy experts supporting the Commission's work in the fields of social protection and social inclusion. The future contract will aim to provide high-quality analytical support on social protection and social inclusion policies and developments at both national and European levels, succeeding the current expert network operating until 2026. The network will support the Commission in the preparation, development, implementation and monitoring of EU social policy initiatives, including activities related to the European Semester. The services to be requested are expected to include, among others: analytical and comparative reporting on national social policy developments; expert assessments and thematic analysis in the areas of social protection and social inclusion; support for policy monitoring and evidence gathering at EU level; rapid-response analytical support on emerging policy issues; and secretarial and coordination services for the MISSOC (Mutual Information System on Social Protection) network.
Procedure identifier: 0a22426d-f3c1-4c5f-822b-349209db9cc7
Internal identifier: EC-EMPL/2026/OP/0010
Type of procedure: Open
The procedure is accelerated: no

2.1.1. Purpose

Main nature of the contract: Services
Main classification (cpv): 75100000 Administration services

2.1.2. Place of performance

Anywhere in the European Economic Area
Additional information: Please consult the procurement documents.

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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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 contract is concluded for an initial period of 12 (twelve) months, renewable 3 (three) time(s). Please consult the draft contract in the procurement documents.

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: European Social Fund Plus (ESF+) (2021/2027)
The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA): no
Information about previous notices:
Identifier of the previous notice: 349306-2026

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: 03/09/2026 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/0a22426d-f3c1-4c5f-822b-349209db9cc7-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/0a22426d-f3c1-4c5f-822b-349209db9cc7-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=0a22426d-f3c1-4c5f-822b-349209db9cc7
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: 18/09/2026 09:00:59 (UTC+02:00) Eastern European Time, Central European Summer Time
Duration during which the tender must remain valid: 9 Months
Information about public opening:
Opening date: 18/09/2026 10:00:00 (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 EMPL - Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

8. Organisations

8.1. ORG-0001

Official name: European Commission, DG EMPL - Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion
Registration number: COM
Department: EMPL.D - Social Rights and Inclusion
Postal address: 46 Rue du Commerce (C-046)
Town: Brussels
Postcode: B-1000
Country subdivision (NUTS): Arr. de Bruxelles-Capitale/Arr. Brussel-Hoofdstad (BE100)
Country: Belgium
Email: EMPL-VT-2026-013@ec.europa.eu
Telephone: +32 2 299 11 11
Internet address: http://ec.europa.eu/info/departments/employment-social-affairs-and-inclusion_en
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: EMPL-VT-2026-013@ec.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
:
Information updated
Description
:
As informed by EC SEDIA & eProcurement Service Desk, eSubmission is experiencing technical issues at the moment which prevents tenderers from submitting to the procedure. As no timeline can be provided on when the issue will be fixed, the tender deadline has been extended to the 18/09/26. Please take note that the opening will take place on the same day.

Notice information

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Form type: Competition
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