

663371-2026 - Competition

Germany – Event services – 10046558-Short-Term Expert Pool for regional integration, employment, and digital transformation in the EU Southern Neighbourhood

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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: 10046558-Short-Term Expert Pool for regional integration, employment, and digital transformation in the EU Southern Neighbourhood

Description: The GIZ programme "UfM Hub for Jobs, Trade and Investment II", commissioned by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and co-financed by the European Union, strengthens regional economic cooperation and policy dialogue across the Mediterranean, reinforcing the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) as the principal regional platform for cooperation between European and Southern Mediterranean partner countries. The programme contributes to the implementation of the EU Pact for the Mediterranean and supports the regional Team Europe Initiative (TEI) "Jobs through Trade & Investment in the Southern Neighbourhood", promoting structured exchange among governments, regional organisations, the private sector, financial institutions and other stakeholders. While the programme focuses on UfM Member States in North Africa and the Middle East, EU Member States and the Western Balkans are actively involved in peer learning and the exchange of best practices. A further priority is strengthening the institutional capacities of the UfM Secretariat to enhance its role in facilitating regional cooperation. Within this framework, the programme also implements the regional Action "Digital Transformation in the Southern Neighbourhood" (DTSN), which covers the thematic areas Digital and Telecommunications Regulation, Cybersecurity (implemented by the GIZ Global Program "Partnerships for Cybersecurity"), and Digital Skills. DTSN supports countries in advancing regulatory approximation with EU best practice, strengthening national regulatory authorities (NRAs), institutionalising the Euro-Mediterranean Regulators Group (EMERG), improving national cybersecurity governance, and developing regional digital skills systems geared to the needs of MSMEs and business support organisations.

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Internal identifier: 10046558

Type of procedure: Open

The procedure is accelerated: no

2.1.1. Purpose

Main nature of the contract: Services

2.1.2. Place of performance

Country: Spain

Anywhere in the given country

2.1.4. General information

Additional information: #Bekanntmachungs-ID: CXTRY6DYRGAEGX5# 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: In accordance with §§ 123,124 GWB, § 22 LkSG

Terrorist offences or offences linked to terrorist activities: In accordance with §§ 123,124 GWB, § 22 LkSG

Money laundering or terrorist financing: In accordance with §§ 123,124 GWB, § 22 LkSG

Fraud: In accordance with §§ 123,124 GWB, § 22 LkSG

Corruption: In accordance with §§ 123,124 GWB, § 22 LkSG

Child labour and including other forms of trafficking in human beings: In accordance with §§ 123,124 GWB, § 22 LkSG

Breaching obligation relating to payment of taxes: In accordance with §§ 123,124 GWB, § 22 LkSG

Breaching obligation relating to payment of social security contributions: In accordance with §§ 123,124 GWB, § 22 LkSG

Breaching of obligations in the fields of environmental law: In accordance with §§ 123,124 GWB, § 22 LkSG

Breaching of obligations in the fields of social law: In accordance with §§ 123,124 GWB, § 22 LkSG

Breaching of obligations in the fields of labour law: In accordance with §§ 123,124 GWB, § 22 LkSG

Insolvency: In accordance with §§ 123,124 GWB, § 22 LkSG

Assets being administered by liquidator: In accordance with §§ 123,124 GWB, § 22 LkSG

Business activities are suspended: In accordance with §§ 123,124 GWB, § 22 LkSG

Analogous situation like bankruptcy, insolvency or arrangement with creditors under national law: In accordance with §§ 123,124 GWB, § 22 LkSG

Grave professional misconduct: In accordance with §§ 123,124 GWB, § 22 LkSG

Agreements with other economic operators aimed at distorting competition: In accordance with §§ 123,124 GWB, § 22 LkSG

Conflict of interest due to its participation in the procurement procedure: In accordance with §§ 123,124 GWB, § 22 LkSG

Direct or indirect involvement in the preparation of this procurement procedure: In accordance with §§ 123,124 GWB, § 22 LkSG

Early termination, damages, or other comparable sanctions: In accordance with §§ 123,124 GWB, § 22 LkSG

Misrepresentation, withheld information, unable to provide required documents or obtained confidential information of this procedure: In accordance with §§ 123,124 GWB, § 22 LkSG

5. Lot

5.1. Lot: LOT-0001

Title: 10046558-Short-Term Expert Pool for regional integration, employment, and digital transformation in the EU Southern Neighbourhood

Description: To deliver technical assistance flexibly and on demand across these thematic tracks, UfM Hub II requires a Short-Term Expert Pool (STEP): a pool of qualified experts that can be rapidly mobilised to provide technical advisory services, analytical work, facilitation and capacity development in response to emerging needs, without the lead time of individual ad hoc procurements. The contractor will establish and operate this pool, ensuring the timely identification, mobilisation and quality assurance of experts assigned to specific requests from GIZ, covering regional cooperation on trade, investment and employment; digital and telecommunications regulation; digital skills; and cybersecurity. The contractor shall establish and operate a STEP capable of rapidly assessing and responding to technical support requests from GIZ; identifying, mobilising and managing qualified short-term experts; delivering high-quality, results-oriented technical assistance, analytical work and capacity development; and ensuring quality assurance, knowledge management and reporting in accordance with GIZ standards. Individual assignments will be commissioned by GIZ on a rolling basis according to programme priorities and emerging needs, and may take place remotely or on-site, primarily in the countries of the EU Southern Neighbourhood, EU Member States and other locations relevant to programme implementation. Work is organised into four interrelated Work Packages: Work Package 1 - Regional cooperation on Trade, Investment and Employment: technical expertise on regional economic integration, employment and private sector development, including trade facilitation, investment climate reforms, competition policy, sustainable value chains, SME competitiveness, employment promotion, and Union for the Mediterranean processes and initiatives. Work Package 2 - Digital and Telecommunications Regulation: technical expertise on telecommunications and electronic communications regulation, digital governance, data governance and Digital Public Infrastructure, AI governance, and regional regulatory cooperation, in particular through the Euro-Mediterranean Regulators Group (EMERG), delivered across three thematic clusters - Economic/Market Regulation; Technical/Spectrum & Infrastructure Regulation; and Legal & Digital Regulatory Affairs - as short-term, on-demand surge capacity complementing the programme's dedicated Regulatory Consultancy contract. Work Package 3 - Digital Skills: support to national digital skills strategies, demand assessments, competence and qualification frameworks, skills recognition and comparability, and regional cooperation and peer learning on digital skills for MSMEs and business support organisations. Work Package 4 - Cyber Security: support to national cybersecurity strategies and regulation, alignment with international standards (e.g. NIS-2, NIST, ISO), technical and organisational development of incident response organisations (CSIRTs/CERTs), capacity development, information sharing and cyber diplomacy. Across all Work Packages, indicative services include: technical advisory services to governments, regulatory authorities and regional organisations; regulatory, institutional and policy assessments and analytical studies; development of policy recommendations, strategies and action plans; capacity development through coaching, training and training-of-trainers formats; design and facilitation of workshops, expert meetings and regional exchange formats; organisational development and institutional strengthening of partner organisations and regional networks; stakeholder engagement and multi-stakeholder dialogue; and development of technical guidance, methodologies, toolkits and knowledge products. The contractor's team comprises a Team Leader / Pool Manager (key expert) with overall responsibility for the advisory package and day-to-day coordination with GIZ; a Senior

Short-Term Expert Pool of 8 up to 10 experts covering international trade and investment, telecommunications and digital regulation, digital skills, institutional development, regional policy dialogue and cybersecurity, who lead complex technical advisory assignments; and a Junior Short-Term Expert Pool of 8 experts providing analytical and delivery support across the same thematic areas. The contractor is responsible for the selection, preparation and steering of all experts, and for proposing at least two suitable candidates per assignment request within three working days. The contractor plays an active role in results-based monitoring, reporting regularly on experts mobilised, results achieved, and each assignment's contribution to the programme's objectives and indicators, and ensures backstopping in line with GIZ's General Terms and Conditions of Contract.

Internal identifier: 10046558

5.1.1. Purpose

Main nature of the contract: Services

Main classification (cpv): 79952000 Event 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

Country: Spain

Anywhere in the given country

5.1.3. Estimated duration

Duration: 24 Months

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 fully or partially 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): no

5.1.7. Strategic procurement

Aim of strategic procurement: Reduction of environmental impacts

Description: Further details in Terms of Reference

Aim of strategic procurement: Fulfilment of social objectives

Description: Further details in Terms of Reference

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

Social objective promoted: Ethnic equality, Gender equality, Fair working conditions, Other

5.1.9. Selection criteria

Sources of selection criteria: Notice, Procurement Document

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 120.000,00EUR (net). 2. At least 2 reference projects in the technical field economic policy in the last 36 months, 3. at least 2 reference projects in the technical field digital transformation in the last 36 months 4. and at least 2 reference projects in the region in MENA (Middle East / Northern Africa) in one of the above-mentioned technical fields in the last 36 months

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: 800.000,00EUR (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.

5.1.11. Procurement documents

Languages in which the procurement documents are officially available: English

Deadline for requesting additional information: 16/10/2026 23:59:59 (UTC+02:00) Eastern European Time, Central European Summer Time

Address of the procurement documents: <https://ausschreibungen.giz.de/Satellite/notice/CXTRY6DYRGAEGX5/documents>

Ad hoc communication channel:

URL: <https://ausschreibungen.giz.de/Satellite/notice/CXTRY6DYRGAEGX5>

5.1.12. Terms of procurement

Terms of submission:

Electronic submission: Required

Address for submission: <https://ausschreibungen.giz.de/Satellite/notice/CXTRY6DYRGAEGX5>

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: 28/10/2026 12:00:00 (UTC+01:00) Central European Time, Western European Summer Time

Duration during which the tender must remain valid: 154 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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Roles of this organisation:

Buyer
Organisation providing additional information about the procurement procedure
Organisation receiving requests to participate

8.1. ORG-0002

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Roles of this organisation:

Review organisation

8.1. ORG-0003

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Roles of this organisation:

TED eSender

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