756210-2026 - Result

Germany – Computer network services – Digital Euro - Network Service Provider (NSP) Connectivity
OJ S 211/2026 30/10/2026
Contract or concession award notice – standard regime - Change notice
Services - Supplies

1. Buyer

1.1. Buyer

Official name: European Central Bank
Email: procurement@ecb.europa.eu
Legal type of the buyer: EU institution, body or agency
Activity of the contracting authority: Economic affairs

2. Procedure

2.1. Procedure

Title: Digital Euro - Network Service Provider (NSP) Connectivity
Description: Network Service Provider (NSP) Connectivity for the Digital Euro Service Platform (DESP). The maximum value of the service agreements for both lots is 355,320,000 EUR in total.
Procedure identifier: 299473fc-8cf1-4f34-bce7-6c4e131fe4b6
Previous notice: 96e9fdd0-b366-4c54-b839-0c469b0b870f-01
Internal identifier: PRO-009491
Type of procedure: Negotiated with prior publication of a call for competition / competitive with negotiation
Main features of the procedure: [Applicable only to Lot 1]: In deviation from Article 30 (1) of the Decision ECB/2016/2 laying down the rules on procurement (as amended), (available at https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:02016D0002-20200501), subject to the following place of establishment and control requirement: Only the following may be eligible as candidates, tenderers, members of a temporary grouping or sub-contractors: - EU Nationals that - are controlled by EU Nationals. Should candidates, tenderers or members of a temporary grouping that do not fulfil these requirements apply/submit an application, the application/tender will be excluded. Should sub-contractors be proposed that do not fulfil these requirements (i.e. being an EU National being controlled by an EU National), the ECB will either decide to exclude the application/tender or request that the sub-contractor be replaced with a sub-contractor that does fulfil the requirements. An EU National means any legal entity with registered offices in an EU member state or any natural person that has the nationality of an EU member state. Control means the ability to exercise a decisive influence on an undertaking, directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediate undertakings. Control can take any of the following forms: (i) the direct or indirect holding of more than 50% of the nominal value of the issued share capital in the legal entity concerned, or of a majority of the voting rights of the shareholders or associates of that entity, (ii) the direct or indirect holding, in fact or in law, of decision-making powers in the legal entity concerned. The contractors must moreover ensure that any cooperation with Nationals of third countries (non-EU countries) or that are controlled by such a country and/or by a national of such a country does not affect the security interests and avoids potential negative effects over security of supply of inputs that

are critical to the procurement and the procurement subject. As proof, Candidates shall submit a declaration(s) in the Annex CfA4 for themselves and potential members of temporary groups or subcontractors. The ECB reserves the right to request further information or proof in this context to assess, if the above requirements are fulfilled. Candidates shall inform the ECB without undue delay if any circumstances arise after the submission of their application that may affect their eligibility in relation to ownership and control. [Applicable only to Lot 2]: The tender procedure shall be open on equal terms to all natural or legal persons resident or located in the European Union and to all natural and legal persons resident or located in a country which has ratified the World Trade Organisation Agreement on Government Procurement or has concluded with the European Union a bilateral agreement on procurement under the conditions laid down in the said agreements. The tender procedure is conducted in accordance with Decision ECB/2016/2 laying down the rules on procurement (as amended), available at https://www.ecb.europa.eu/ecb/legal/1001/procurement/html/index.en.html And in EUR-Lex: https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:02016D0002-20200501. The detailed features and terms and conditions of the procedure can be found in the procurement documents. [Applicable to Lot 1 and 2]: Location of service delivery: The provision of all works and off-site consultancy services will take place exclusively within the European Economic Area (EEA). The future contractors staff (including possible temporary group members and subcontractors) assigned to this contract, must deliver and operate all Services from service delivery locations within the EEA.

2.1.1. Purpose

Main nature of the contract: Services
Main classification (cpv): 72700000 Computer network services
Additional classification (cpv): 32400000 Networks, 45314000 Installation of telecommunications equipment, 72611000 Technical computer support services, 30236200 Data-processing equipment, 32412100 Telecommunications network, 72254100 Systems testing services, 45232320 Cable broadcasting lines

2.1.2. Place of performance

Postal address: Sonnemannstrasse 22 Sonnemannstrasse 22
Town: Frankfurt am Main
Postcode: 60314
Country subdivision (NUTS): Frankfurt am Main, Kreisfreie Stadt (DE712)
Country: Germany

2.1.3. Value

Estimated value excluding VAT: 162 840 000,00 EUR

2.1.4. General information

Additional information: This tender procedure is conducted via the ECB electronic tendering system (e-tendering) which can be accessed via the following internet address: https://www.ecb.europa.eu/ecb/jobsproc/sourcing/html/index.en.html. If you have not used the ECB electronic tendering system before, you need to create an account in the European Business Network. Once the account has been created you can access the tender documentation (click on Login). Please note that: - The account creation in the European Business Network will allow you to participate in all future procedures of the ECB which are conducted via the above system. NOTE: All ECB public tenders are published on the Official Journal of the EU or the ECB procurement website. Accessing tenders is only possible via the published Contract Notice which includes a link to the specific event in the e-tendering system. - Your mere account creation does not constitute an application/tender. You must submit your application/

tender via the ECB electronic tendering system as further instructed in the application/tender documentation. The system reference number for the above procurement is ID: Doc2414952448 PRO-009491 NSP Connectivity - Call for Applications - Should you require technical help when using the system, please raise a contact support request on the following website: https://eu.service.cloud.ariba.com/Sourcing.aw/101039055/aw?awh=r&awssk=Md35oL7I&dard=1&ancdc=1. - Any other queries relating to this procurement procedure and the content of the procurement documentation shall be submitted as a message via the ECB electronic system (under the section event messages). The ECB endeavours to answer all queries as quickly as possible but cannot guarantee a minimum time response. The ECB shall not be bound to reply to queries received less than seven calendar days before the time limit for the submission of tenders.

Legal basis:

Other

http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2016/245/2020-05-01 - Consolidated text: Decision (EU) 2016/245 of the European Central Bank of 9 February 2016 laying down the rules on procurement (ECB/2016/2) (recast)

5. Lot

5.1. Lot: LOT-0001

Title: Lot 1 NSP Connectivity restricted to EU nationals that are controlled by EU Nationals only

Description: The scope of the procurement foresees the establishment of Connectivity Services that support the communication between the distributed components of its end-to-end IT solution. The connectivity comprises two components external and inter-component connectivity. The first category (external connectivity) includes the connectivity services required to establish the technical communication between the IT infrastructure of external actors (mostly Payment Service Providers, PSPs and National Central Banks, NCBs) and the digital euro service platform (DESP), to ensure the smooth provision of digital euro services to end users. As DESP components might be hosted in different sites/data centers belonging to different providers, a second category of connectivity services includes the services needed to enable data exchanges between the different DESP components that are not co-located within the same IT infrastructure and that still do not have a way to communicate directly. This second category is referred to as inter-component connectivity. Lot 1 participation is limited to EU nationals that are controlled by EU Nationals as defined in Chapter IV / Section 3.1 of the Call for Applications (CfA).

Internal identifier: PRO-009491 - Lot 1

5.1.1. Purpose

Main nature of the contract: Services

Additional nature of the contract: Supplies

Main classification (cpv): 72700000 Computer network services

Additional classification (cpv): 32400000 Networks, 45314000 Installation of telecommunications equipment, 72611000 Technical computer support services, 30236200 Data-processing equipment, 32412100 Telecommunications network, 72254100 Systems testing services, 45232320 Cable broadcasting lines

Options:

Description of the options: The contract is not subject to renewal.

5.1.2. Place of performance

Postal address: Sonnemannstrasse 22 Sonnemannstrasse 22

Town: Frankfurt am Main
Postcode: 60314
Country subdivision (NUTS): Frankfurt am Main, Kreisfreie Stadt (DE712)
Country: Germany

5.1.3. Estimated duration

Duration: 120 Months

5.1.5. Value

Estimated value excluding VAT: 81 420 000,00 EUR

5.1.6. General information

Procurement Project not financed with EU Funds.
The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA): no
Additional information: The maximum service agreement duration is 10 years. This duration is justified by the following high-level summary: Due to the complexity and volume of the project, it will not be possible to deliver all services within the standard contract duration of 4 years. To provide a long-term stable and efficient digital euro service for the entire euro area, it is indispensable to ensure flexibility and continuity in the contractual setup, including the contract duration. Considering the complexity of the solution and the involvement of multiple internal and external providers it is critical to have a continuous contractual relationship with the network service providers to ensure availability and resilience of the Digital Euro Service Platform (DESP) in the long term. Additionally, the connectivity services is a critical component of the Digital Euro should be aligned with the contract duration of the framework agreements of other digital euro components, e.g. Alias Lookup, Secure Exchange of Payment Information, Risk and Fraud, Application and Software Development Kit (SDK), Offline Solution. Furthermore, the contracts for the provisioning of network and connectivity services must be concluded for a duration beyond 4 years due to the upfront investment for the implementation of the connectivity solution and testing period to ensure that the connectivity works reliably. To warrant this investment in the setup of the connectivity services, these contracts will have a duration of 10 years. This approach allows the project team to focus on the digital euro functionality while avoiding any change of providers in this critical phase. The maximum value of Lot 1 is 177,660,000 EUR.

5.1.10. Award criteria

Criterion:

Type: Quality
Description: Evaluation of the technical offer based on the methodology specified in the procurement documents
Category of award weight criterion: Weight (percentage, exact)
Award criterion number: 60

Criterion:

Type: Price
Description: Evaluation of the financial offer based on the methodology specified in the procurement documents
Category of award weight criterion: Weight (percentage, exact)
Award criterion number: 40

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

Mediation organisation: The European Ombudsman
Review organisation: European Central Bank - Procurement Review Body of the European Central Bank, c/o Legal Advice Team
Information about review deadlines: Within 10 days of receipt of the notification in accordance with Article 34(1) or the first sentence of Article 34(3) of Decision ECB/2016/2 laying down the rules on public procurement. Further requirements are outlined in Article 39 of this Decision. A complaint to the European Ombudsman does not affect the deadline for lodging appeals.
Organisation providing additional information about the procurement procedure: European Central Bank
Organisation providing offline access to the procurement documents: European Central Bank
Organisation providing more information on the review procedures: European Central Bank

5.1. Lot: LOT-0002

Title: Lot 2 NSP Connectivity unrestricted open to EU nationals and non-EU nationals
Description: The scope of the procurement foresees the establishment of Connectivity Services that support the communication between the distributed components of its end-to-end IT solution. The connectivity comprises two components – external and inter-component connectivity. The first category (external connectivity) includes the connectivity services required to establish the technical communication between the IT infrastructure of external actors (mostly Payment Service Providers, PSPs and National Central Banks, NCBs) and the digital euro service platform (DESP), to ensure the smooth provision of digital euro services to end users. As DESP components might be hosted in different sites/data centers belonging to different providers, a second category of connectivity services includes the services needed to enable data exchanges between the different DESP components that are not co-located within the same IT infrastructure and that still do not have a way to communicate directly. This second category is referred to as inter-component connectivity. Lot 2 participation is unrestricted and open to both EU nationals and non-EU nationals.
Internal identifier: PRO-009491 - Lot 2

5.1.1. Purpose

Main nature of the contract: Services
Main classification (cpv): 72700000 Computer network services
Additional classification (cpv): 32400000 Networks, 45314000 Installation of telecommunications equipment, 72611000 Technical computer support services, 30236200 Data-processing equipment, 32412100 Telecommunications network, 72254100 Systems testing services, 45232320 Cable broadcasting lines

5.1.2. Place of performance

Postal address: Sonnemannstrasse 22 Sonnemannstrasse 22
Town: Frankfurt am Main
Postcode: 60314
Country subdivision (NUTS): Frankfurt am Main, Kreisfreie Stadt (DE712)
Country: Germany

5.1.3. Estimated duration

Duration: 120 Months

5.1.5. Value

Estimated value excluding VAT: 81 420 000,00 EUR

5.1.6. General information

Procurement Project not financed with EU Funds.
The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA): no
Additional information: The maximum service agreement duration is 10 years. This duration is justified by the following high-level summary: Due to the complexity and volume of the project, it will not be possible to deliver all services within the standard contract duration of 4 years. To provide a long-term stable and efficient digital euro service for the entire euro area, it is indispensable to ensure flexibility and continuity in the contractual setup, including the contract duration. Considering the complexity of the solution and the involvement of multiple internal and external providers it is critical to have a continuous contractual relationship with the network service providers to ensure availability and resilience of the Digital Euro Service Platform (DESP) in the long term. Additionally, the connectivity services is a critical component of the Digital Euro should be aligned with the contract duration of the framework agreements of other digital euro components, e.g. Alias Lookup, Secure Exchange of Payment Information, Risk and Fraud, Application and Software Development Kit (SDK), Offline Solution. Furthermore, the contracts for the provisioning of network and connectivity services must be concluded for a duration beyond 4 years due to the upfront investment for the implementation of the connectivity solution and testing period to ensure that the connectivity works reliably. To warrant this investment in the setup of the connectivity services, these contracts will have a duration of 10 years. This approach allows the project team to focus on the digital euro functionality while avoiding any change of providers in this critical phase. The maximum value of Lot 2 is 177,660,000 EUR.

5.1.10. Award criteria

Criterion:
Type: Quality
Description: Evaluation of the technical offer based on the methodology specified in the procurement documents
Category of award weight criterion: Weight (percentage, exact)
Award criterion number: 60
Criterion:
Type: Price
Description: Evaluation of the financial offer based on the methodology specified in the procurement documents
Category of award weight criterion: Weight (percentage, exact)
Award criterion number: 40

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

Mediation organisation: The European Ombudsman
Review organisation: European Central Bank - Procurement Review Body of the European Central Bank, c/o Legal Advice Team

Information about review deadlines: Within 10 days of receipt of the notification in accordance with Article 34(1) or the first sentence of Article 34(3) of Decision ECB/2016/2 laying down the rules on public procurement. Further requirements are outlined in Article 39 of this Decision. A complaint to the European Ombudsman does not affect the deadline for lodging appeals.
Organisation providing additional information about the procurement procedure: European Central Bank
Organisation providing offline access to the procurement documents: European Central Bank
Organisation providing more information on the review procedures: European Central Bank

6. Results

Value of all contracts awarded in this notice: 177 660 000,00 EUR

6.1. Result lot identifier: LOT-0001

Winner selection status: The winner was not yet chosen, but the competition is still ongoing.

6.1. Result lot identifier: LOT-0002

Winner selection status: At least one winner was chosen.

6.1.2. Information about winners

Winner:
Official name: TELEFONICA DE ESPANA S.A.U.
Tender:
Tender identifier: Offer of Telefónica de España, S.A.U., Telefónica Global Solutions S.L.U., Indra Soluciones Tecnologías de la Información S.L.U. (Temporary grouping)
Identifier of lot or group of lots: LOT-0002
Value of the tender: 177 660 000,00 EUR
Subcontracting: Yes
Subcontracting value is known: no
Subcontracting percentage is known: no
Contract information:
Identifier of the contract: PRO-009491 - Lot 2 - Telefónica de España S.A.U
Title: PRO-009491 - Lot 2 - Telefónica de España S.A.U
Date on which the winner was chosen: 14/08/2026
Date of the conclusion of the contract: 26/10/2026

6.1.4. Statistical information

Received tenders or requests to participate:
Type of received submissions: Tenders submitted electronically
Number of tenders or requests to participate received: 4

8. Organisations

8.1. ORG-0001

Official name: European Central Bank
Registration number: 0001
Postal address: Sonnemannstrasse 22
Town: Frankfurt am Main
Postcode: 60314
Country subdivision (NUTS): Frankfurt am Main, Kreisfreie Stadt (DE712)
Country: Germany

Contact point: Central Procurement Office
Email: procurement@ecb.europa.eu
Telephone: +49 6913440
Internet address: https://www.ecb.europa.eu
Other contact points:
Official name: Procurement Review Body of the European Central Bank, c/o Legal Advice Team
Postal address: Sonnemannstrasse 22
Town: Frankfurt am Main
Postcode: 60314
Country subdivision (NUTS): Frankfurt am Main, Kreisfreie Stadt (DE712)
Country: Germany
Contact point: Legal Advice Team
Email: LegalServices@ecb.europa.eu
Telephone: +49 6913440
Fax: +49 6913446886
Internet address: http://www.ecb.europa.eu
Roles of this organisation:
Buyer
Organisation providing additional information about the procurement procedure
Organisation providing offline access to the procurement documents
Review organisation
Organisation providing more information on the review procedures

8.1. ORG-0002

Official name: The European Ombudsman
Registration number: 0002
Postal address: 1 avenue du Président Robert Schuman, CS 30403
Town: Strasbourg
Postcode: 67001
Country subdivision (NUTS): Bas-Rhin (FRF11)
Country: France
Contact point: The European Ombudsman
Email: eo@ombudsman.europa.eu
Telephone: +33 388172313
Internet address: https://www.ombudsman.europa.eu/en/home
Roles of this organisation:
Mediation organisation

8.1. ORG-0003

Official name: TELEFONICA DE ESPANA S.A.U.
Size of the economic operator: Large
Registration number: A82018474
Postal address: RONDA DE LA COMUNICACION, S/N - DISTRITO C - EDIF. OESTE 1
Town: MADRID
Postcode: 28050
Country subdivision (NUTS): Madrid (ES300)
Country: Spain
Contact point: Ana Maria Erickson Vicente
Email: ana.erickson@telefonica.com

Telephone: +34 637748811
Roles of this organisation:
Tenderer
Winner of these lots: LOT-0002

10. Change

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Notice information

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