

171702-2026 - Competition

Belgium – Research and development services and related consultancy services – AI for Public Good Lot 1 (Health: Innovative AI-based cancer imaging solutions for breast and prostate diagnosis) and Lot 2 (Energy: Innovative AI-based solutions for electric grid optimization)
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Contract or concession notice – standard regime - Change notice
Services

1. Buyer

1.1. Buyer

Official name: European Commission, DG CNECT - Communications Networks, Content and Technology

Email: cnect.tendering@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: AI for Public Good Lot 1 (Health: Innovative AI-based cancer imaging solutions for breast and prostate diagnosis) and Lot 2 (Energy: Innovative AI-based solutions for electric grid optimization)

Description: The European Commission is committed to tapping into the potential of Artificial Intelligence (AI) to collaboratively and complementarily drive research to address global challenges. DG CONNECT is the European Commission's Directorate General responsible for digital policies. Through its Directorate A "Artificial Intelligence Office", it is tasked to implement the AI Act and promote the development and use of trustworthy AI. Additionally, it focuses on creating solutions for societal good, while also facilitating the implementation of international AI agreements to contribute to a global approach to AI. The purpose of this call for tenders is to develop and test AI-powered solutions for the benefit of the EU as well as wider communities and third countries. The call has two lots, on AI for Cancer imaging (LOT1) and on AI for Electric grid optimisation (LOT2). LOT 1 will explore and demonstrate how AI-powered solutions applied to EU cancer imaging data can be further fine-tuned and applied in other locations and settings covering a large variety of populations, without transferring the underlying sensitive health data. It has two predefined use-cases, breast cancer and prostate cancer. LOT2 will support the European Commission in exploring and demonstrating the application of AI- powered solutions to effectively tackle challenges within energy systems, specifically focusing on the seamless integration of renewable energy sources (RES) capacity across diverse energy system levels.

Procedure identifier: f7277ac5-6cb0-4d0a-876d-3e2e5e054bcd

Internal identifier: EC-CNECT/2026/OP/0003

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: 5 400 000,00 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

2.1.5. Terms of procurement

Terms of submission:

Maximum number of lots for which one tenderer can submit tenders: 2

Terms of contract:

Maximum number of lots for which contracts can be awarded to one tenderer: 2

2.1.6. Grounds for exclusion

Sources of grounds for exclusion: Procurement Document

5. Lot

5.1. Lot: LOT-0001

Title: AI for Public Good (Health): Innovative AI-powered cancer imaging solutions for breast and prostate diagnosis

Description: The European Commission is committed to tapping into the potential of Artificial Intelligence (AI) to collaboratively and complementarily drive research to address global challenges. DG CONNECT is the European Commission's Directorate General responsible for digital policies. Through its Directorate A "Artificial Intelligence Office", it is tasked to implement the AI Act and promote the development and use of trustworthy AI. Additionally, it focuses on creating solutions for societal good, while also facilitating the implementation of international AI agreements to contribute to a global approach to AI. The purpose of this call for tenders is to develop and test AI-powered solutions for the benefit of the EU as well as wider communities and third countries. The call has two lots, on AI for Cancer imaging (LOT1) and on AI for Electric grid optimisation (LOT2). LOT 1 will explore and demonstrate how AI-powered solutions applied to EU cancer imaging data can be further fine-tuned and applied in other locations and settings covering a large variety of populations, without transferring the underlying sensitive health data. It has two predefined use-cases, breast cancer and prostate cancer.

Internal identifier: EC-CNECT/2026/OP/0003-LOT-1

5.1.1. Purpose

Main nature of the contract: Services

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

Options:

Description of the options: provided they are in conformity with the basic project, new services or works consisting in the repetition of similar services or works, may be entrusted up to 50 % of the initial contract to the initial contractor by negotiated procedure without prior publication of a contract notice.

5.1.2. Place of performance

Anywhere

Additional information: Please consult the procurement documents.

5.1.3. Estimated duration

Duration: 24 Months

5.1.5. Value

Estimated value excluding VAT: 2 400 000,00 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): no

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: 20/03/2026

Address of the procurement documents: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/tender-details/f7277ac5-6cb0-4d0a-876d-3e2e5e054bcd-CN?#anchorDocuments>

Ad hoc communication channel:

Name: Funding and Tenders Portal

5.1.12. Terms of procurement

Terms of submission:

Electronic submission: Required

Address for submission: <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/digit/opsys/esubmission?cftUuid=f7277ac5-6cb0-4d0a-876d-3e2e5e054bcd>

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: 30/03/2026 16:00:59 (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: 31/03/2026 09:30:00 (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 CNECT - Communications Networks, Content and Technology

5.1. Lot: LOT-0002

Title: AI for Public Good (Energy): Innovative AI-powered solutions for electric grid optimisation

Description: The European Commission is committed to tapping into the potential of Artificial Intelligence (AI) to collaboratively and complementarily drive research to address global challenges. DG CONNECT is the European Commission's Directorate General responsible for digital policies. Through its Directorate A "Artificial Intelligence Office", it is tasked to implement the AI Act and promote the development and use of trustworthy AI. Additionally, it focuses on creating solutions for societal good, while also facilitating the implementation of international AI agreements to contribute to a global approach to AI. The purpose of this call for tenders is to develop and test AI-powered solutions for the benefit of the EU as well as wider communities and third countries. The call has two lots, on AI for Cancer imaging (LOT1) and on AI for Electric grid optimisation (LOT2). LOT2 will support the European Commission in exploring

and demonstrating the application of AI- powered solutions to effectively tackle challenges within energy systems, specifically focusing on the seamless integration of renewable energy sources (RES) capacity across diverse energy system levels.

Internal identifier: EC-CNECT/2026/OP/0003-LOT-2

5.1.1. Purpose

Main nature of the contract: Services

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

Options:

Description of the options: provided they are in conformity with the basic project, new services or works consisting in the repetition of similar services or works, may be entrusted up to 50 % of the initial contract to the initial contractor by negotiated procedure without prior publication of a contract notice.

5.1.2. Place of performance

Anywhere

Additional information: Please consult the procurement documents.

5.1.3. Estimated duration

Duration: 24 Months

5.1.5. Value

Estimated value excluding VAT: 3 000 000,00 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): no

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: 20/03/2026

Address of the procurement documents: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/tender-details/f7277ac5-6cb0-4d0a-876d-3e2e5e054bcd-CN?#anchorDocuments>

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Electronic catalogue: Not allowed

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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 CNECT - Communications Networks, Content and Technology

8. Organisations

8.1. ORG-0001

Official name: European Commission, DG CNECT - Communications Networks, Content and Technology

Registration number: COM

Department: CNECT.A - Artificial Intelligence Office, CNECT.A.5 - Artificial Intelligence for Societal Good

Postal address: Rue de la Loi 200, Wetstraat 200

Town: Brussels
Postcode: B-1049
Country subdivision (NUTS): Arr. de Bruxelles-Capitale/Arr. Brussel-Hoofdstad (BE100)
Country: Belgium
Email: cnect.tendering@ec.europa.eu
Telephone: +32 2 299 11 11
Internet address: https://ec.europa.eu/info/departments/communications-networks-content-and-technology_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 Niedergrünwald
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: cnect.tendering@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
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As per the article 24,1. (a) Annex I FR and given that there was one day delay between the publication of the contract notice and the publication of the procurement documents on the F&T portal, the deadline for the submission of tenders is extended.

Notice information

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