

## 642952-2025 - Competition

### Germany – Energy and related services – 81319984-Enhancing Environmental and Social Governance Capacities in Mauritania for Green Hydrogen Mega-Projects

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Contract or concession notice – standard regime

Services

## 1. Buyer

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### 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

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### 2.1. Procedure

Title: 81319984-Enhancing Environmental and Social Governance Capacities in Mauritania for Green Hydrogen Mega-Projects

Description: Mauritania has exceptional renewable energy resources and seeks to position itself as a hub for green hydrogen production. Yet, the country currently lacks the political, legal, institutional, and technical framework to manage large-scale investments in this sector and to ensure that the local population benefits from its development. This technical cooperation module, commissioned by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and implemented by GIZ, aims to create the conditions for an ecologically and socially sustainable green hydrogen economy in Mauritania. The project runs from December 2024 to November 2027, with a budget of up to EUR 5 million. Overall Objective The module seeks to improve the enabling framework for the green hydrogen sector by enhancing governance capacities, supporting human capital and private sector development, and ensuring environmental and social safeguards. Key Areas of Intervention 1. Regulatory and institutional strengthening - Support to ministries and inter-ministerial structures in implementing the national hydrogen roadmap, developing laws, standards, and governance instruments, and improving coordination with international partners. 2. Human capital and local private sector development - Establishment of training models aligned with hydrogen sector needs, support to vocational institutions and SMEs, and promotion of inclusive economic participation, especially for women and youth. 3. Environmental and social integration - Strengthening the capacity of the Ministry of Environment and other actors to conduct environmental and social assessments, engage local communities, and develop benefit-sharing mechanisms. Strategic Alignment The module contributes to Mauritania's National Roadmap for the Development of a Low-Carbon Hydrogen Industry and supports the Poverty Reduction and Growth Strategy (SCAPP 2016-2030). It also aligns with the Agenda 2030 and directly supports several Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including poverty reduction (SDG 1), education (SDG 4), gender equality (SDG 5), clean energy (SDG 7), decent work (SDG 8), reduced inequalities (SDG 10), and climate action (SDG 13). Target Groups Public institutions (Ministries of Energy, Economy, Environment, and Vocational Training), vocational schools, universities, the Chamber of Commerce, local enterprises, teachers, students, workers, and indirectly the wider population in regions affected by

hydrogen projects. Implementation Approach The project applies a comprehensive capacity development strategy, combining advisory services, organizational support, training, policy dialogue, and multi-stakeholder partnerships. Cooperation with other donor initiatives (EU, World Bank, AfDB, AFD) ensures strong synergies, especially in vocational training, private sector development, and infrastructure support. Expected Results The project is expected to contribute to: - A stronger and more coherent regulatory and institutional framework for the hydrogen sector. - Improved skills and employment opportunities for local workers and businesses, with particular benefits for women and youth. - Enhanced environmental and social governance to ensure sustainable development and community participation. - Increased transparency, inclusiveness, and benefit-sharing from hydrogen investments. By strengthening governance, human capital, and sustainability measures, the project will help Mauritania harness its renewable energy potential to become a competitive and responsible green hydrogen producer, while fostering inclusive economic growth and environmental protection.

Procedure identifier: 45297a74-e56a-4800-b20f-d1bda202dc00

Internal identifier: 81319984

Type of procedure: Negotiated with prior publication of a call for competition / competitive with negotiation

The procedure is accelerated: no

#### **2.1.1. Purpose**

Main nature of the contract: Services

Main classification (cpv): 71314000 Energy and related services

Additional classification (cpv): 71241000 Feasibility study, advisory service, analysis, 71313000 Environmental engineering consultancy services

#### **2.1.2. Place of performance**

Country: Mauritania

Additional information: The contractor's field activities will take place in the area between Nouakchott and Nouadhibou, Mauritania.

#### **2.1.4. General information**

Additional information: #Bekanntmachungs-ID: CXTRY6YTNUVXY76# 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

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### 5.1. Lot: LOT-0001

Title: 81319984-Enhancing Environmental and Social Governance Capacities in Mauritania for Green Hydrogen Mega-Projects

Description: The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, commissioned by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), is tendering to strengthen Mauritania's institutional, regulatory, and technical capacities for the environmentally and socially sustainable development of its green hydrogen economy. Context and Objectives Mauritania holds vast renewable energy potential but lacks the regulatory framework and technical expertise to manage large-scale hydrogen initiatives. The project supports the implementation of Mauritania's national roadmap for low-carbon hydrogen, aligned with BMZ's Africa Strategy and the country's Poverty Reduction and Growth Strategy (SCAPP 2016-2030). It directly contributes to SDGs 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, and 13. The module's overall objective is to improve political, legal, institutional, and technical conditions for a socio-ecological hydrogen economy. The specific tendered component (Output 3) focuses on building environmental and social governance capacities. Scope of Work The contractor will deliver five work packages: 1. Environmental impact assessment and monitoring: Review and update governance frameworks, adapt Strategic Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (SESIA) processes, and implement a comprehensive capacity development program. 2. Integration of international standards: Support MoE in incorporating environmental and social standards into hydrogen sector contracts and regulations; provide legal training and policy recommendations. 3. Environmental monitoring systems: Develop procedures,

monitoring plans, and institutional capacities to assess and manage impacts of hydrogen projects, including coordination with a possible UNDP initiative. 4. Community participation: Establish stakeholder dialogues and multi-actor partnerships to ensure inclusive consultation of local populations, with special emphasis on women and vulnerable groups. 5. Benefit-sharing mechanisms: Design recommendations for fair and transparent distribution of hydrogen sector benefits, drawing on international best practices and aligned with EITI principles. Implementation and Duration - Project duration: December 2024 - November 2027 - Location: Mauritania (Nouakchott and project sites) - Political partners: Ministry of Economy and Finance (sponsor), Ministry of Petroleum and Energy (implementer), Ministry of Environment Contractor Requirements The contractor must provide a team of experts with strong experience in environmental governance, impact assessment, renewable energy, policy, and stakeholder engagement. Responsibilities include capacity building, advisory services, technical studies, stakeholder facilitation, and development of governance instruments. Deliverables include inception, progress, and final reports, capacity development materials, monitoring tools, and policy recommendations. Expected Results - Implementation of roadmap measures on standards and regulations. - Adoption of gender-responsive qualification models. - Integration of environmental and social recommendations into national regulations. - Establishment of inclusive dialogue formats with local communities. - Drafting of a national benefit-sharing mechanism. This tender represents a key step in enabling Mauritania to develop its hydrogen sector sustainably, ensuring that environmental protection, social inclusion, and fair distribution of benefits are embedded from the outset. Internal identifier: 81319984

#### **5.1.1. Purpose**

Main nature of the contract: Services

Main classification (cpv): 71314000 Energy and related services

Additional classification (cpv): 71241000 Feasibility study, advisory service, analysis, 71313000

Environmental engineering consultancy 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: Mauritania

Additional information: The contractor's field activities will take place in the area between Nouakchott and Nouadhibou, Mauritania.

#### **5.1.3. Estimated duration**

Duration: 21 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: Not required

Procurement Project not 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): yes

Additional information: #Besonders auch geeignet für:selbst#, #Besonders auch geeignet für: other-sme#

#### **5.1.7. Strategic procurement**

Aim of strategic procurement: Reduction of environmental impacts

Description: Cf. tender documents.

Aim of strategic procurement: Innovative purchase

Description: Cf. tender documents.

Aim of strategic procurement: Fulfilment of social objectives

Description: Cf. tender documents.

Approach to reducing environmental impacts: The transition to a circular economy, Climate change adaptation, Climate change mitigation, Pollution prevention and control

Social objective promoted: Ethnic equality, Gender equality, Human rights due diligence in global supply chains, Fair working conditions, Other

Innovation procurement: The procured works, supplies, or services entail process innovation

#### **5.1.9. Selection criteria**

Sources of selection criteria: Notice

Criterion: Other economic or financial requirements

Description of selection criterion: EN-A1: Principles for the execution of orders (Mit dem Teilnahmeantrag; 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: Other economic or financial requirements

Description of selection criterion: EN-A2: Conditions for the reduction of candidates (Mit dem Teilnahmeantrag; Mittels Eigenerklärung): If we receive more than three requests to participate, we will make a selection on the basis of the criteria laid out in the procurement documents and invite tenders only from the three candidates with the highest scores. We reserve the right to cancel the procurement procedure if we receive fewer than two requests to participate. Weighted criteria for the selection of candidates: 1. Technical experience (60%): a) Environmental and social impact assessment of infrastructure projects (20%) b) Renewable / green Hydrogen projects (20%) c) Environmental policy / governance (20%) 2. Regional experience in francophone African countries (30%) 3. Experience of development projects (at least 50% ODA-financed) (10%)

Criterion: References on specified services

Description of selection criterion: EN-B1: Technical and professional ability (Mit dem Teilnahmeantrag; Mittels Eigenerklärung): 1. The technical assessment is only based on reference projects with a minimum commission value of 500,000.00 EUR. 2. At least 02 reference projects in the technical field of environmental and social impact assessment of infrastructure projects of which at least 01 reference project in the region "francophone African countries" (cf. List) in the last 36 months.

Criterion: Average yearly turnover

Description of selection criterion: EN-C1: Economic and financial standing (Mit dem Teilnahmeantrag; 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: 2,000,000.00 EUR.

Criterion: Other economic or financial requirements

Description of selection criterion: EN-C2: Economic and financial standing (Mit dem Teilnahmeantrag; Mittels Eigenerklärung): Average number of employees and managers in the last three calendar years, at least 20 persons.

Criterion: References on specified services

Description of selection criterion: Assessment of technical eligibility / weighted criteria for the selection of candidates - Weighted criteria for the selection of candidates: 1. Technical experience (60%): a) Environmental and social impact assessment of infrastructure projects (20%) b) Renewable / green Hydrogen projects (20%) c) Environmental policy / governance (20%) 2. Regional experience in francophone African countries (30%) 3. Experience of development projects (at least 50% ODA-financed) (10%)

The criteria will be used to select the candidates to be invited for the second stage of the procedure

Weight (percentage, exact): 100,00

**Information about the second stage of a two-stage procedure:**

Minimum number of candidates to be invited for the second stage of the procedure: 3

Maximum number of candidates to be invited for the second stage of the procedure: 3

The procedure will take place in successive stages. At each stage, some participants may be eliminated

The buyer reserves the right to award the contract on the basis of the initial tenders without any further negotiations

**5.1.11. Procurement documents**

Languages in which the procurement documents are officially available: English

Deadline for requesting additional information: 23/10/2025 23:59:59 (UTC+02:00) Eastern European Time, Central European Summer Time

Address of the procurement documents: <https://ausschreibungen.giz.de/Satellite/notice/CXTRYY6YTNUVXY76/documents>

**Ad hoc communication channel:**

URL: <https://ausschreibungen.giz.de/Satellite/notice/CXTRYY6YTNUVXY76>

**5.1.12. Terms of procurement**

**Terms of the procedure:**

Estimated date of dispatch of the invitations to submit tenders: 14/11/2025

**Terms of submission:**

Electronic submission: Required

Address for submission: <https://ausschreibungen.giz.de/Satellite/notice/CXTRYY6YTNUVXY76>

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 requests to participate: 31/10/2025 12:00:00 (UTC+01:00) Central European Time, Western European Summer Time

**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

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**8. Organisations****8.1. ORG-0001**

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**Roles of this organisation:**

Buyer

Organisation providing additional information about the procurement procedure

Organisation receiving requests to participate

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**Roles of this organisation:**

Review organisation

**8.1. ORG-0003**

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**Roles of this organisation:**

TED eSender

## Notice information

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