

CALL FOR TENDERS

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STUDY ON

The market for decommissioning nuclear facilities in the European Union

TENDER SPECIFICATIONS

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1. INFORMATION ON TENDERING

1.1. Participation

Participation in this procurement procedure is open on equal terms to all natural and legal persons coming within the scope of the Treaties, as well as to international organisations. It is also open to all natural and legal persons established in a third country which has a special agreement with the Union in the field of public procurement on the conditions laid down in that agreement. Where the multilateral Agreement on Government Procurement¹ concluded within the World Trade Organisation applies, the participation to this procedure is also open to all natural and legal persons established in the countries that have ratified this Agreement, on the conditions it lays down.

1.2. Contractual conditions

The tenderer should bear in mind the provisions of the draft contract which specifies the rights and obligations of the contractor, particularly those on payments, performance of the contract, confidentiality, and checks and audits.

1.3. Compliance with applicable law

The tender must comply with applicable environmental, social and labour law obligations established by Union law, national legislation, collective agreements or the international environmental, social and labour conventions listed in Annex X to Directive 2014/24/EU².

1.4. Joint tenders

A joint tender is a situation where a tender is submitted by a group of economic operators (natural or legal persons). Joint tenders may include subcontractors in addition to the members of the group.

In case of joint tender, all members of the group assume joint and several liability towards the Contracting Authority for the performance of the contract as a whole, i.e. both financial and operational liability. Nevertheless, tenderers must designate one of the economic operators as a single point of contact (the leader) for the Contracting Authority for administrative and financial aspects as well as operational management of the contract.

After the award, the Contracting Authority will sign the contract either with all members of the group, or with the leader on behalf of all members of the group, authorised by the other members via powers of attorney.

¹ See http://www.wto.org/english/tratop E/gproc e/gp gpa e.htm

² Directive 2014/24/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 on public procurement and repealing Directive 2004/18/EC (OJ L 94, 28.3.2014, p. 65).

1.5. Subcontracting

Subcontracting is permitted but the contractor will retain full liability towards the Contracting Authority for performance of the contract as a whole.

Tenderers are required to identify subcontractors whose share of the contract is above 20 % and those whose capacity is necessary to fulfil the selection criteria.

During contract performance, the change of any subcontractor identified in the tender or additional subcontracting will be subject to prior written approval of the Contracting Authority.

1.6. Structure and content of the tender

The tenders must be presented as follows:

Part A: Identification of the tenderer (see section 1.7)

Part B: Non-exclusion (see section 4.1)

Part C: Selection (see section 4.2)

Part D: Technical offer

The technical offer must cover all aspects and tasks required in the technical specifications and provide all the information needed to apply the award criteria. Offers deviating from the requirements or not covering all requirements may be rejected on the basis of non-compliance with the tender specifications and will not be evaluated.

Part E: Financial offer

The maximum contract price is EUR 150.000. Tenders with prices higher than the maximum will be considered unacceptable.

The price for the tender must be quoted in euro. Tenderers from countries outside the euro zone have to quote their prices in euro. The price quoted may not be revised in line with exchange rate movements. It is for the tenderer to bear the risks or the benefits deriving from any variation.

Prices must be quoted free of all duties, taxes and other charges, including VAT, as the European Union is exempt from such charges under Articles 3 and 4 of the Protocol on the privileges and immunities of the European Union. The amount of VAT may be shown separately.

The quoted price must be a fixed amount which includes all charges (including travel and subsistence). Travel and subsistence expenses are not refundable separately.

Part F: Power of attorney (for consortia only)

1.7. Identification of the tenderer

The tender must include a **cover letter** signed by an authorised representative presenting the name of the tenderer (including all entities in case of joint tender) and identified subcontractors if applicable, and the name of the single contact point (leader) in relation to this procedure.

In case of joint tender, the cover letter must be signed either by an authorised representative for each member, or by the leader authorised by the other members with powers of attorney. The signed powers of attorney must be included in the tender as well. Subcontractors that are identified in the tender must provide a letter of intent signed by an authorised representative stating their willingness to provide the services presented in the tender and in line with the present tender specifications.

All tenderers (including all members of the group in case of joint tender) must provide a signed Legal Entity Form with its supporting evidence. The form is available on: http://ec.europa.eu/budget/contracts grants/info contracts/legal entities/legal entities en.cfm

The tenderer (including each member of the group in case of joint tender) must provide the following information in its tender if it has not been provided with the Legal Entity Form:

- For legal persons, a legible copy of the notice of appointment of the persons authorised to represent the tenderer in dealings with third parties and in legal proceedings, or a copy of the publication of such appointment if the legislation applicable to the legal person requires such publication. Any delegation of this authorisation to another representative not indicated in the official appointment must be evidenced.
- For natural persons, if required under applicable law, proof of registration in a professional or trade register or any other official document showing the registration number.

Tenderers that are already registered in the Contracting Authority's accounting system (i.e. they have already been direct contractors) must provide the form but are not obliged to provide the supporting evidence.

The tenderer (or the leader in case of joint tender) must provide a Financial Identification Form with its supporting documents. Only one form per tender should be submitted. No form is needed for subcontractors and other members of the group in case of joint tender. The form is available on: http://ec.europa.eu/budget/contracts grants/info contracts/index en.cfm

The tenderer (and each member of the group in case of joint tender) must declare whether it is a Small or Medium Size Enterprise in accordance with <u>Commission Recommendation</u> 2003/361/EC. This information is used for statistical purposes only.

2. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

2.1. General background

The average operating age of the nuclear fleet in the EU is 29 years, whereas the approved operating life of individual reactors varies from 30 to 50 years.³ Due to this fact, the decommissioning of nuclear power plants will become an increasingly important activity for the European industry in the coming years. Similarly, other types of nuclear installations are, or soon will be, in the process of being decommissioned (e.g. research reactors or fuel cycle facilities).

³ In some Member States the license is granted for an unlimited period of time subject to Periodic Safety Reviews at least every 10 years.

Significant amounts are already being spent in the decommissioning of nuclear facilities. European companies have the opportunity of developing a highly specialized know-how and favourably position themselves early on the international market.

At the same time, experience in this field is rather limited. For example, there are 91 power reactors in shut-down mode in the EU but only three have been decommissioned, to a different degree of end-state. The international perspective does not provide much more experience: although there are 147 reactors in shutdown mode worldwide, only about a dozen have been completely decommissioned outside Europe, all of them in the United States.

The nuclear decommissioning market is therefore in a relatively early stage and has a significant growth potential. Understanding the main drivers and the expected evolution of this market will ensure the maximum impact on the EU economy and jobs, deploying the highest standards for safety and cost-competitiveness.

2.2. General and specific objectives

The main objective of the contract is to deep the understanding of the functioning of the market for decommissioning nuclear facilities in the EU.

The study is to provide a description of the nuclear decommissioning market in at least the following EU Member States: the United Kingdom, Germany, France, Slovakia and Italy⁴. It should further present an overview of the characteristics of the decommissioning market outside the EU: in at least the US and Japan, and the main differences of these markets compared to the EU.

The study will identify the main actors in the market and further contribute to identify the existing issues and barriers to companies that are currently not present or that have a limited role (e.g. SMEs, civil construction companies, etc...) further exploring opportunities for increasing their participation in the market and the implications that this would bring in enhancing the levels of competition while maintaining the highest levels of safety.

The Nuclear Illustrative Program of the Commission (PINC) projects that around half of the reactors currently in operation will be shut-down by 2035. The study shall contribute to identify the relevant policy priorities and to develop medium and long-term recommendations to address the main challenges and opportunities for the European industry in preparation for the number of reactors that are expected to be shut-down in the 2035 horizon.

2.3. Tasks

The study shall include, for the EU market:

- An estimation of the current annual expenditure in decommissioning nuclear facilities and the expected evolution over the next 10 years. The estimation shall be broken-down per type of activity, using the ISDC⁵ Level 1 activities:
 - 01 Pre-decommissioning actions;
 - 02 Facility shutdown activities;

⁴ 86% of the reactors in shut-down mode in the EU are located in these Member States.

⁵ http://www.oecd-nea.org/rwm/reports/2012/ISDC-nuclear-installations.pdf

- 03 Additional activities for safe enclosure or entombment;
- 04 Dismantling activities within the controlled area;
- 05 Waste processing, storage and disposal;
- 06 Site infrastructure and operation;
- 07 Conventional dismantling, demolition and site restoration;
- 08 Project management, engineering and support;
- 09 Research and development;
- 10 Fuel and nuclear material;
- 11 Miscellaneous expenditures.
- Presentation of the market characteristics (who are the clients, identification of the supply chain, regulatory environment, capital and technological barriers of entry, etc...).
- Identification of the market shape (e.g. list of Tier 1, Tier 2 and Tier 3 companies) indicating the market revenue share captured by each group. Identification of the links between them (i.e. entities that belong to the same parent company).
- Estimation of the employment currently generated by activities related to the decommissioning of nuclear installations and the potential for the next 10 years.
- Analysis of the barriers of entry and opportunities for companies that have applicable experience and know-how to participate in the nuclear decommissioning supply chain but that are currently nor present or have a very reduced presence.

The study shall also include an overview of the international context, indicating:

• What are the most relevant markets considering the next 10 years horizon, what will be their estimated size, which companies are dominating them and what are the main differences with the EU market characteristics presented in the previous sections?

2.4. General delivery time and kick-off meeting with the Contracting Authority

The duration of the tasks shall not exceed 8 months. This period is calculated in calendar days. Execution of the tasks begins after the date on which the Contract enters into force.

In principle, the deadlines set cannot be extended. The Contractor is deemed solely responsible for delays occasioned by subcontractors or other third parties (except for rare cases of force majeure). Adequate resources and appropriate organisation of the work including management of potential delays should be put in place in order to observe the agreed timetable.

A kick-off meeting will take place in Luxembourg at the latest 1 week following the signature of the contract, in order to settle all the details of the project to be undertaken.

2.5. Intermediate output and deliverables

An interim report shall be submitted to the Commission at the latest 2 months after the date of signature of the contract. The interim report shall contain an administrative report showing the main activities carried out to progress with the project and the preliminary results of the study.

A meeting will take place in Luxembourg shortly after the issuance of the interim report in order to discuss it.

The Commission shall have 30 days from receipt to make comments on the interim report. The contractor shall have 20 days in which to submit additional information or corrections or a new interim report if required.

The contractor will submit the interim report together with an invoice for interim payment in accordance with Article I.5 of the service contract in annex 5 to this Tender Specifications.

2.6. Final output and deliverables

The contractor will submit a draft of the final report to the Commission at the latest 6 months after the signature of the contract.

The draft final report shall include all relevant information about the execution of the contract including the final results of the study.

A meeting will take place in Luxembourg shortly after the issuance of the draft final report so that the contractor presents the results.

The Commission shall have 30 days from receipt to make comments on the draft of the final report. A meeting in Luxembourg may be agreed in order to discuss the Commission's observations. The Contractor shall have 20 days in which to submit additional information or a new final report.

The contractor will submit the final version of the final report together with an invoice for the payment of the balance in accordance with Article I.5 of the service contract in annex 5 to this Tender Specifications.

2.7. Details on deliverables

The contractor will provide the results of his/her work in well-written, comprehensible documents at each stage of reporting. The intermediate and final reports must be in English and shall be supplied in paper (three copies, A4 format) and in electronic form (as Doc(x) and Pdf).

2.8. Intellectual property rights

For publication, the tenderer must ensure that the reports are not subject to any restrictions deriving from intellectual property rights of third parties. Should the tenderer intend to use data in the reports, which cannot be published, this must be explicitly mentioned in the offer.

3. CONTENT, STRUCTURE AND GRAPHIC REQUIREMENTS OF THE DELIVERABLES

The contractor must deliver the study and other deliverables as indicated below.

3.1. Content

3.1.1. Final study report

The contractor must deliver the final study report covering the scope defined in section 2.3. The final report must also include:

- an abstract of no more than 200 words and an executive summary of maximum 6 pages, in English;
- specific identifiers which must be incorporated on the cover page provided by the Contracting Authority;

- the following disclaimer:

"The information and views set out in this [report/study/article/publication...] are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily reflect the official opinion of the Commission. The Commission does not guarantee the accuracy of the data included in this study. Neither the Commission nor any person acting on the Commission's behalf may be held responsible for the use which may be made of the information contained therein."

3.1.2. Publishable executive summary

The publishable executive summary must be provided in English and must include:

- specific identifiers which must be incorporated on the cover page provided by the Contracting Authority;
- the following disclaimer:

"The information and views set out in this [report/study/article/publication...] are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily reflect the official opinion of the Commission. The Commission does not guarantee the accuracy of the data included in this study. Neither the Commission nor any person acting on the Commission's behalf may be held responsible for the use which may be made of the information contained therein."

3.1.3. Requirements for publication on Internet

The Commission is committed to making online information as accessible as possible to the largest possible number of users including those with visual, auditory, cognitive or physical disabilities, and those not having the latest technologies. The Commission supports the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.0 of the W3C.

For full details on the Commission policy on accessibility for information providers, see: http://ec.europa.eu/ipg/standards/accessibility/index en.htm.

For the publishable versions of the study, abstract and executive summary, the contractor must respect the W3C guidelines for accessible pdf documents as provided at: http://www.w3.org/WAI/.

3.2. Graphic requirements

The contractor must deliver the study and all publishable deliverables in full compliance with the corporate visual identity of the European Commission, by applying the graphic rules set out in the European Commission's Visual Identity Manual, including its logo. The graphic rules, the Manual and further information are available at:

http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/communication/services/visual identity/index en.htm

A simple Word template will be provided to the contractor after contract signature. The contractor must fill in the cover page in accordance with the instructions provided in the template. The use of templates for studies is exclusive to European Commission's contractors. No template will be provided to tenderers while preparing their tenders.

4. EVALUATION AND AWARD

The evaluation is based solely on the information provided in the submitted tender. It involves the following:

- Verification of non-exclusion of tenderers on the basis of the exclusion criteria
- Selection of tenderers on the basis of selection criteria
- Verification of compliance with the minimum requirements set out in these tender specifications
- Evaluation of tenders on the basis of the award criteria

The contracting authority may reject abnormally low tenders, in particular if it established that the tenderer or a subcontractor does not comply with applicable obligations in the fields of environmental, social and labour law.

The tenders will be assessed in the order indicated above. Only tenders meeting the requirements of one step will pass on to the next step.

4.1. Verification of non-exclusion

All tenderers must provide a declaration on honour (see Annex 2), signed and dated by an authorised representative, stating that they are not in one of the situations of exclusion listed in that declaration on honour.

In case of joint tender, each member of the group must provide a declaration on honour signed by an authorised representative.

In case of subcontracting, subcontractors whose share of the contract is above 20% and those whose capacity is necessary to fulfil the selection criteria must provide a declaration on honour signed by an authorised representative.

The successful tenderer must provide the documents mentioned as supporting evidence in the declaration on honour before signature of the contract and within a deadline given by the contracting authority. This requirement applies to each member of the group in case of joint tender, to subcontractors whose share of the contract is above 20% and to subcontractors whose capacity is necessary to fulfil the selection criteria.

The obligation to submit supporting evidence does not apply to international organisations.

A tenderer (or a member of the group in case of joint tender, or a subcontractor) is not required to submit the documentary evidence if it has already been submitted for another procurement procedure and provided the documents were issued not more than one year before the date of their request by the contracting authority and are still valid at that date. In such cases, the tenderer must declare on its honour that the documentary evidence has already been provided in a previous procurement procedure, indicate the reference of the procedure and confirm that that there has been no change in its situation.

A tenderer (or a member of the group in case of joint tender, or a subcontractor) is not required to submit a specific document if the contracting authority can access the document in question on a national database free of charge.

4.2. Selection criteria

Tenderers must prove their legal, regulatory, economic, financial, technical and professional capacity to carry out the work subject to this procurement procedure.

The tenderer may rely on the capacities of other entities, regardless of the legal nature of the links which it has with them. It must in that case prove to the Contracting Authority that it will have at its disposal the resources necessary for performance of the contract, for example by producing an undertaking on the part of those entities to place those resources at its disposal.

The tender must include the proportion of the contract that the tenderer intends to subcontract.

4.2.1. Declaration and evidence

The tenderers (and each member of the group in case of joint tender) and subcontractors whose capacity is necessary to fulfil the selection criteria must provide the declaration on honour (see Annex 2), signed and dated by an authorised representative, stating that they fulfil the selection criteria applicable to them. In case of joint tender or subcontracting, the criteria applicable to the tenderer as a whole will be verified by combining the various declarations for a consolidated assessment.

This declaration is part of the declaration used for exclusion criteria (see section 4.1) so only one declaration covering both aspects should be provided by each concerned entity.

The Contracting Authority will evaluate selection criteria on the basis of the evidence to be submitted with the tenders.

A tenderer (or a member of the group in case of joint tender, or a subcontractor) is not required to submit the documentary evidence if it has already been submitted for another procurement procedure and provided the documents were issued not more than one year before the date of their request by the contracting authority and are still valid at that date. In such cases, the tenderer must declare on its honour that the documentary evidence has already been provided in a previous procurement procedure, indicate the reference of the procedure and confirm that that there has been no change in its situation.

A tenderer (or a member of the group in case of joint tender, or a subcontractor) is not required to submit a specific document if the contracting authority can access the document in question on a national database free of charge.

4.2.2. Regulatory capacity

Tenderers must prove that they are allowed to pursue the professional activity necessary to carry out the work subject to this call for tenders.

4.2.3. Economic and financial capacity criteria

The tenderer must have the necessary economic and financial capacity to perform this contract until its end. In order to prove their capacity, the tenderer must comply with the following selection criteria.

- Criterion F1: Turnover of the last two financial years above EUR 300.000; this criterion applies to the leader in case of a joint tender.

Evidence to be provided:

- Copy of the profit and loss accounts for the last two years for which accounts have been closed from each concerned legal entity;
- Failing that, appropriate statements from banks;

If, for some exceptional reason which the Contracting Authority considers justified, a tenderer is unable to provide one or other of the above documents, it may prove its economic and financial capacity by any other document which the Contracting Authority considers appropriate. In any case, the Contracting Authority must at least be notified of the exceptional reason and its justification. The Commission reserves the right to request any other document enabling it to verify the tenderer's economic and financial capacity.

4.2.4. Technical and professional capacity criteria and evidence

a. Criteria relating to tenderers

Tenderers (in case of a joint tender the combined capacity of all members of the group and identified subcontractors) must comply with the criteria listed below. The project references indicated below consist in a list of relevant services provided in the past three years, with the sums, dates and clients, public or private, accompanied by statements issued by the clients

- Criterion A1: The tenderer must prove experience in the field of nuclear energy technology and nuclear decommissioning, spent fuel and radioactive waste management as well as in market research.

Evidence A1: the tenderer must provide references and details for three projects delivered in these fields in the last three years with a minimum value for each project of EUR 50.000.

- Criterion A2: The tenderer must prove capacity to draft reports in English.

Evidence A2: the tenderer must provide one document of at least 10 pages (report, study, etc.) in this language that it has drafted and published or delivered to a client in the last two years. The verification will be carried out on 5 pages of the document.

a. Criteria relating to the team delivering the service:

The team delivering the service should include, as a minimum, the following profiles.

Evidence will consist in CVs of the team responsible to deliver the service. Each CV should indicate the intended function in the delivery of the service.

<u>B1 - Project Manager</u>: At least ten years' experience in project management, including overseeing project delivery, quality control of delivered service, client orientation and conflict resolution experience in project of a similar size and coverage (at least three countries covered), with experience in management of team of at least ten people.

Evidence: CV

B2 - Expert in nuclear energy technology and nuclear decommissioning, spent fuel and radioactive waste management: EQF level 8 qualifications⁶ (PhD or similar) in science or engineering and at least five years' professional experience in the field.

Evidence: CV

B3 - Expert in market analysis: Relevant university degree in economics or equivalent and at least five years' professional experience in the field of market analysis.

Evidence: CV

4.3. Award criteria

The contract will be awarded based on the most economically advantageous tender, according to the 'best price-quality ratio' award method. The quality of the tender will be evaluated based on the following criteria. The maximum total quality score is 100 points.

	Criteria	Weighting
1	Knowledge and understanding of the topic of the call	30
2	Quality of the proposed methodology	30
3	Organisation of the work and resources	20
4	Quality control measures	20
Tota	al number of points	100

• Knowledge and understanding of the topic of the call (30 points – minimum threshold 50%)

This criterion will assess the tenderer's understanding of the topic area and, in particular, of the decommissioning of nuclear facilities and of market analysis. The tender must contain a list of the main areas of relevance of the market for decommissioning of nuclear facilities as well as a brief description of the main challenges and opportunities present in the market.

• Quality of the proposed methodology (30 points – minimum score 50%)

Descriptors defining levels in the European Qualifications Framework (EQF), https://ec.europa.eu/ploteus/en/content/descriptors-page

This criterion serves to assess the proposed methodology and the planned activities to collect, verify, analyse and summarise the required information for this study. The proposed methodology shall allow the collection of valid data and information, the detection of issues and the definition of Europe-wide proposals for their resolution.

Special attention will be paid to the proposed activities to ensure that the study results and proposals will be consulted with, and as much as possible validated by, the main concerned stakeholders. The tender must contain a list of the stakeholder organisations, which should be involved in this consultation process as well as the proposed modalities of their involvement. A demonstration of already existing contacts and preliminary agreements of involvement concluded with major stakeholders will be seen as an advantage.

• Organisation of the work and resources (20 points – minimum score 50%)

This criterion will assess how the roles and responsibilities of the proposed team and of the different economic operators (in case of joint tenders, including subcontractors if applicable) are distributed for each task. It also assesses the global allocation of time and resources to the project and to each task or deliverable, and whether this allocation is adequate for the work. The tender should provide details on the allocation of time and human resources and the rationale behind the choice of this allocation. Details should be provided as part of the technical offer. It is not a budget requested as part of the financial offer.

• Quality control measures (20 points – minimum score 50%)

This criterion will assess the quality control system applied to the service foreseen in this tender specification concerning the quality of the deliverables, the language quality check, and continuity of the service in case of absence of the member of the team. The quality system should be detailed in the tender and specific to the tasks at hand; a generic quality system will result in a low score.

Tenders must score minimum 50% for each criterion and sub-criterion, and minimum 70% in total. Tenders that do not reach the minimum quality levels will be rejected and will not be ranked.

4.4. Ranking of tenders

The contract will be awarded to the most economically advantageous tender, i.e. the tender offering the best price-quality ratio determined in accordance with the formula below. A weight of 60/40 is given to quality and price.

		cheapest price				price weighting	total quality score (out of 100)	quality criteria
Score for tender X	=	price of tender X	*	100) ×	(40 %)	for all award criteria of tender X	weighting (60 %)

The tender ranked first after applying the formula will be awarded the contract.

5. ANNEXES

- 1. Tenderer 's Identification Form
- 2. Declaration of honour on exclusion criteria and selection criteria
- 3. Power of attorney (mandate in case of joint tender)
- 4. Standard Word template for studies
- 5. Draft Contract or purchase order

ANNEX 1

IDENTIFICATION OF THE TENDERER

(Each service provider, including any member of a consortium or grouping and subcontractor(s) whose share of the work is more than 20% of the contract must complete and sign this identification form)

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Idei	ıtity
Name of the tenderer	
Legal status of the tenderer	
Date of registration	
Country of registration	
Registration number	
VAT number	
Description of statutory social security cover (at the level of the Member State of origin) and non-statutory cover (supplementary professional indemnity insurance) ⁷	
Adà	lress
Address of registered office of tenderer	
Where appropriate, administrative address of tenderer for the purposes of this invitation to tender	
Contac	t Person
Surname:	
First name:	
Title (e.g. Dr, Mr, Ms):	
Position (e.g. manager):	
Telephone number:	
Fax number:	

⁷ For natural persons.

E-mail address:							
Legal Representatives							
Names and function of legal representatives and of other representatives of the tenderer who are authorised to sign contracts with third parties							
Declaration by an authorised representative o	f the organisation ⁸						
I, the undersigned, certify that the information given in this tender is correct and that the tender is valid.							
Surname: Signature:							
First name:							

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⁸ This person must be included in the list of legal representatives; otherwise the signature on the tender will be invalidated.

ANNEX 2

Declaration of honour on exclusion criteria and selection criteria

(only for natural persons) himself or (only for legal persons) the following legal person:

The undersigned [insert name of the signatory of this form], representing:

her	rself			
ID	or passport number:	Full official name: Official legal form: Statutory registration number: Full official address: VAT registration number:		
	declares whether the above-mention	oned person is in one of the following situations	or not	-•
		ON CONCERNING THE PERSON	YES	NO
a)	administered by a liquidator or by a its business activities are suspended	or winding up procedures, its assets are being court, it is in an arrangement with creditors, or it is in any analogous situation arising or under national legislation or regulations;		
b)	b) it has been established by a final judgement or a final administrative decision that the person is in breach of its obligations relating to the payment of taxes or social security contributions in accordance with the law of the country in which it is established, with those of the country in which the contracting authority is located or those of the country of the performance of the contract;			
c)	the person is guilty of grave profess: applicable laws or regulations or eth person belongs, or by having engage	nical standards of the profession to which the ed in any wrongful conduct which has an where such conduct denotes wrongful intent		
	(i) fraudulently or negligently verification of the absence of selection criteria or in the perfor	misrepresenting information required for the grounds for exclusion or the fulfilment of mance of a contract;		
	(ii) entering into agreement w competition;	ith other persons with the aim of distorting		
	(iii) violating intellectual property rights; (iv) attempting to influence the decision-making process of the contracting authority during the award procedure;			
	(v) attempting to obtain confi- undue advantages in the award p	dential information that may confer upon it procedure;		

d)	it has been established by a final judgement that the person is guilty of any of the following:					
	(i) fraud, within the meaning of Article 1 of the Convention on the protection of the European Communities' financial interests, drawn up by the Council Act of 26 July 1995;					
	(ii) corruption, as defined in Article 3 of the Convention on the fight against corruption involving officials of the European Communities or officials of EU Member States, drawn up by the Council Act of 26 May 1997, and in Article 2(1) of Council Framework Decision 2003/568/JHA, as well as corruption as defined in the legal provisions of the country where the contracting authority is located, the country in which the person is established or the country of the performance of the contract;					
	(iii) participation in a criminal organisation, as defined in Article 2 of Council Framework Decision 2008/841/JHA;					
	iv) money laundering or terrorist financing, as defined in Article 1 of Directive 2005/60/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council;					
	(v) terrorist-related offences or offences linked to terrorist activities, as defined in Articles 1 and 3 of Council Framework Decision 2002/475/JHA, respectively, or inciting, aiding, abetting or attempting to commit such offences, as referred to in Article 4 of that Decision;					
	(vi) child labour or other forms of trafficking in human beings as defined in Article 2 of Directive 2011/36/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council;					
e)	the person has shown significant deficiencies in complying with the main obligations in the performance of a contract financed by the Union's budget, which has led to its early termination or to the application of liquidated damages or other contractual penalties, or which has been discovered following checks, audits or investigations by an Authorising Officer, OLAF or the Court of Auditors;					
f)	it has been established by a final judgment or final administrative decision that the person has committed an irregularity within the meaning of Article 1(2) of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2988/95;					
g)	for the situations of grave professional misconduct, fraud, corruption, other criminal offences, significant deficiencies in the performance of the contract or irregularity, the applicant is subject to:					
	i. facts established in the context of audits or investigations carried out by the Court of Auditors, OLAF or internal audit, or any other check, audit or control performed under the responsibility of an authorising officer of an EU institution, of a European office or of an EU agency or body;					
i	i. non-final administrative decisions which may include disciplinary measures taken by the competent supervisory body responsible for the verification of the application of standards of professional ethics;					
ii	i. decisions of the ECB, the EIB, the European Investment Fund or international organisations;					
iv	decisions of the Commission relating to the infringement of the Union's competition rules or of a national competent authority relating to the infringement of Union or national competition law; or					

v. decisions of exclusion by an authorising officer of an EU institution, of a European office or of an EU agency or body.	l							
[Only for legal persons other than Member States and local authorities, otherwise delete this table]								
declares whether a natural person who is a member of the administrative, management or supervisory body of the above-mentioned legal person, or who haspowers of representation, decision or control with regard to the above-mentioned legal person (this covers the company directors, members of the management or supervisory bodies, and cases where one natural person holds a majority of shares) is in one of the following situations or not:								
SITUATIONS OF EXCLUSION CONCERNING NATURAL PERSONS WITH POWER REPRESENTATION, DECISION-MAKING OR CONTROL OVER THE LEGAL PERS		YES	NO					
Situation (c) above (grave professional misconduct)								
Situation (d) above (fraud, corruption or other criminal offence)								
Situation (e) above (significant deficiencies in performance of a contract)								
Situation (f) above (irregularity)								
declares whether a natural or legal person that assumes unlimited liability the above-mentioned legal person is in one of the following situations or no		debts o	\mathbf{f}					
SITUATIONS OF EXCLUSION CONCERNING NATURAL OR LEGAL PERSONS ASSUMING UNLIMITED LIABILITY FOR THE DEBTS OF THE LEGAL PERSON	YES	NO	N/A					
Situation (a) above (bankruptcy)								
Situation (b) above (breach in payment of taxes or social security contributions)								
declares whether the above-mentioned person is in one of the following si	tuation	s or not	::					
GROUNDS FOR REJECTION FROM THIS PROCEDURE		YES	NO					
h) has not distorted competition by being previously involved in the preparation of procurement documents for this procurement procedure;								
i) has provided accurate, sincere and complete information to the contracting authority within the context of this procurement procedure;								
acknowledges that the above-mentioned person may be subject to rejection from this procedure and to administrative sanctions (exclusion or financial penalty) if any of the declarations or information provided as a condition from participating in this procedure prove to be false.								

REMEDIAL MEASURES

If the person declares one of the situations of exclusion listed above, it should indicate the measures it has taken to remedy the exclusion situation, thus demonstrating its reliability. They may include e.g. technical, organisational and personnel measures to prevent further occurrence, compensation of damage or payment of fines. The relevant documentary evidence which appropriately illustrates the remedial measures taken should be provided in annex to this declaration. This does not apply for the situations referred in point (d) of this declaration.

EVIDENCE UPON REQUEST

Upon request and within the time limit set by the contracting authority the person shall provide information on the persons that are members of the administrative, management or supervisory body, as well as the following evidence concerning the person or the natural or legal persons which assume unlimited liability for the debt of the person:

For situations described in (a), (c), (d) or (f), production of a recent extract from the judicial record is required or, failing that, an equivalent document recently issued by a judicial or administrative authority in the country of establishment of the person showing that those requirements are satisfied.

For the situation described in point (a) or (b), production of recent certificates issued by the competent authorities of the State concerned are required. These documents must provide evidence covering all taxes and social security contributions for which the person is liable, including for example, VAT, income tax (natural persons only), company tax (legal persons only) and social security contributions. Where any document described above is not issued in the country concerned, it may be replaced by a sworn statement made before a judicial authority or notary or, failing that, a solemn statement made before an administrative authority or a qualified professional body in its country of establishment.

If the person already submitted such evidence for the purpose of another procedure, its issuing date does not exceed one year and it is still valid, the person shall declare on its honour that the documentary evidence has already been provided and confirm that no changes have occurred in its situation.

declares whether the above-mentioned person complies with the selection criteria as provided in the tender specifications:				
SELECTION CRITERIA	YES	NO		
(a) It has the legal and regulatory capacity to pursue the professional activity needed for performing the contract as required in section [insert] of the tender specifications;				
(b) It fulfills the applicable economic and financial criteria indicated in section [insert] of the tender specifications;				
(c) It fulfills the applicable technical and professional criteria indicated in section [insert] of the tender specifications.				
declares that the above-mentioned person will be able to provide the necessary supporting documents listed in the relevant sections of the tender specifications and which are not available electronically upon request and without delay.				

Date

Full name

Signature

ANNEX 3

POWER OF ATTORNEY

mandating one of the partners in a joint tender as lead partner and lead contractor9

mandating one of the partners in a joint tender as lead partner and lead contractor
The undersigned: - Signatory (Name, Function, Company, Registered address, VAT Number)
having the legal capacity required to act on behalf of his/her company,
HEREBY AGREES TO THE FOLLOWING:
1) To submit a tender as a partner in the group of partners constituted by Company 1, Company 2, Company N, and led by Company X, in accordance with the conditions specified in the tender specifications and the terms specified in the tender to which this power of attorney is attached.
 2) If the European Commission awards the Contract to the group of partners constituted by Company 1, Company 2, Company N, and led by Company X on the basis of the joint tender to which this power of attorney is attached, all the partners shall be co-signatories of the Contract in accordance with the following conditions: (a) All partners shall be jointly and severally liable towards the European Commission for the performance of the Contract.
(b) All partners shall comply with the terms and conditions of the Contract and ensure the proper delivery of their respective share of the services and/or supplies subject to the Contract.
1) Payments by the European Commission related to the services and/or supplies subject to the Contract shall be made through the lead partner's bank account: [Provide details on bank, address, account number].
 2) The partners grant to the lead partner all the necessary powers to act on their behalf in the submission of the tender and conclusion of the Contract, including: (a) The lead partner shall submit the tender on behalf of the group of partners. (b) The lead partner shall sign any contractual documents — including the Contract, and Amendments thereto — and issue any invoices related to the Services on behalf of the group of partners. (c) The lead partner shall act as a single contact point with the European Commission in the
delivery of the services and/or supplies subject to the Contract. It shall co-ordinate the delivery of the services and/or supplies by the group of partners to the European Commission, and shall see to a proper administration of the Contract.
Any modification to the present power of attorney shall be subject to the European Commission's express approval. This power of attorney shall expire when all the contractual obligations of the group of partners towards the European Commission for the delivery of the services and/or supplies subject to the Contract have ceased to exist. The parties cannot terminate it before that date without the Commission's consent.
Signed in on [dd/mm/yyyy]
Place and date:

Name (in capital letters), function, company and signature:

⁹ To be filled in and signed by each partner in a joint tender except the lead partner.

ANNEX 4

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