

# **1 INFORMATION ON TENDERING**

The European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) is an agency of the European Union, established by the European Parliament and Council Regulation 851/2004 of 21 April 2004. Further information about ECDC can be found on the ECDC website [www.ecdc.europa.eu](http://www.ecdc.europa.eu).

This tender process is governed by Directive 2014/24/EU and Regulation 2018/1046.

## **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, established in the European Union, European Economic Area and Stabilisation and Association Agreements countries.

For economic operators established in the United Kingdom (UK): please be aware that as from 1 February 2020, the UK became a third country and the transition period ended on 31 December 2020. Based on the status of the UK as a third country, the rules of access to EU procurement procedures of economic operators established in third countries will apply to tenderers from the UK. Tenderers established in third countries do not have access to ECDC's procurements and will be rejected as ineligible.

Please note that any attempt by a tenderer to obtain confidential information, enter into unlawful agreements with competitors or influence the evaluation committee or ECDC during the process of examining, clarifying, evaluating and comparing tenders will lead to the rejection of his tender and may result in administrative penalties.

## **1.2 Contractual conditions**

The tenderer should take note that the provisions of the draft contract (see section 4. Annexes) which specifies the rights and obligations of the contractor, particularly those on payments, performance of the contract, confidentiality, intellectual property rights and checks and audits.

Signature of the framework contract imposes no obligation on ECDC to order services. Only the implementation of the framework contract through specific contracts/order forms is binding for ECDC.

Each specific contract/order form will contain details of deliverables and timelines for particular services to be provided.

## **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/EU<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> 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).