

NOTICE OF MARKET SURVEY related to the following Procedure:

Direct assignment according to art. 36.2 lett. b) of the Italian Legislative Decree No 50/2016 and further modifications

The Department for European policies coordination, planning, cooperation, evaluation of the Emilia-Romagna Region, acting as Managing Authority of Interreg V-b Adriatic-Ionian (Adrion) Programme, with the purpose to select the provider that will be entrusted with the service “Technical assistance for the development of the Adrion Programme Evaluation Plan”, publishes this notice of market survey addressed to economic operators interested in submitting their bid.

The requested service is part of the Regional planning having regard to D.G.R. 1007/2019 and is related to the technical assistance for the realization of the Adrion Programme evaluation, as foreseen in the Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 art. 114.

The present notice does not start any tender procedure, representing just a market survey aimed at identifying economic operators for the submission of their offer.

The present notice is published on the Emilia-Romagna Region profile as contracting body at the following address:

<http://www.servizi.regione.emilia-romagna.it/trasparenza/ProfiloCommittente.aspx?CodEnte=RER>

it is also published on the Adrion institutional website at the address:

<http://www.interregadrion.eu/>

it is published as well on the Official Journal of the European Union (OJ) series S at the address:

<https://ted.europa.eu/TED>

1. SCOPE OF THE CONTRACT

The object of the independent evaluation of the ADRION Programme, is aimed at providing sound evidence through a research activity focused on the expected changes associated with the Programme intervention logic. The evaluation shall include policy recommendations for overcoming obstacles and improving the efficiency, efficacy and impact with a forward-looking approach in view to next programming period.

The evaluation shall assess the effectiveness, efficiency and impact of the Programme.

According to the ADRION Evaluation Plan, the evaluation shall provide evidence and recommendation concerning both the operational aspects (the functioning of the Programme) and the strategic goals (the capacity to reach expected results and high impacts) with regard to the whole Programme, priority axes and activities, namely:

- the operational evaluation will respond to the objective to assess the effectiveness and efficiency of the Programme management and implementation, including appraising if Programme management structures are functioning properly;

- the impact evaluation will pursue the objective to examine how the Programme funding has contributed to achieving its overall goal and shall demonstrate how ADRION contributes to the objectives of each Programme priority axis, and the increase of awareness on potentials of cohesion, integrated territorial development and capacity building.

Moreover, as ADRION directly contributes to the implementation of the EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (hereinafter: EUSAIR), the evaluation shall also analyse this specific aspect.

ADRION Managing Authority will be the key user of the evaluation findings, together with other Programme bodies. The target audience for the evaluation are EU officials, national authorities, regional and local stakeholders in the ADRION region, the Monitoring Committee, and project beneficiaries.

2. DURATION OF THE CONTRACT

The contract will be effective and the services will have to be provided starting from end November 2019, and will terminate after 36 months.

3. OVERALL FINANCIAL VALUE OF THE ENTRUSTMENT

The overall budget of the entrustment is equal to euro 147.540,90, V.A.T. excluded, for a three-year period.

During the execution of the contract, the duration may be modified for the time strictly necessary for the conclusion of the procedures leading to the identification of the new contractor, pursuant to art. 106, paragraph 11, of Italian Legislative Decree No 50/2016 (Italian Code of Contracts). In this case the contractor is obliged to perform the services covered by the contract at the same prices, agreement and conditions or at the more favorable ones for the contracting authority.

4. TYPE OF PROCUREMENT PROCEDURE

The services object of this notice will be entrusted to the economic operators whose offer will be submitted via the regional electronic procurement platform (i.e. MERER, managed by Intercent-ER), service classification code CPV 79421000-1 "Services for project management, excluding construction projects", and assessed as the best from the technical and economic point of view, pursuant to art. 36, paragraph 2 letter. b) of the Italian Legislative Decree No 50/2016.

5. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS AND ADMISSIBILITY

Economic operators, including temporary groupings or ordinary consortia, established or to be set up) with other companies, and in possession of the following requirements:

- a) general moral requirements: competitors must not incur any of the reasons for exclusion pursuant to art. 80 of the Italian Legislative Decree No 50/2016;
- b) professional qualification requirements: registration in the Business Register for activities related to the subject of the service;
- c) technical and professional skills (art. 83 of the Italian Legislative Decree No 50/2016): proven experience and knowledge of activities related to analysis and evaluation of European Territorial Cooperation programs.

shall be allowed to present an offer, prior registration to the electronic procurement platform MERER.

It is specified that:

- the requirements referred to in point 5.a. and 5.b., in the case of multi-subject competitors (temporary groupings/Consortia), must be owned by each economic operator;
- the requirements referred to in point 5.c. must be possessed by the economic operator or, in the case of multi-subject competitors (temporary groupings/Consortia), by the group as a whole. The economic operator is not allowed to refer to other economic operators requirements to fulfil the said requirements (art. 89, paragraph 4 of the Italian Legislative Decree No 50/2016).

6. PROCEDURE FOR THE EXPRESSION OF INTEREST AND FURTHER POTENTIAL NEGOTIATION.

The expression of interest to the present market survey shall be presented either individually by single economic operators or by temporary consortia/associated economic operators and that are in possession of the aforementioned requirements.

Applicants shall submit their expressions of interest by filling in the invitation request provided in attachment, and submitting it no later than **10th September 2019, at 17:00 p.m. (C.E.S.T.)** to the email address: programmarea@postacert.regione.emilia-romagna.it (legal mail), addressed to the Manager of European Territorial Cooperation Programs and ADRIION Managing Authority Coordinator, Dott. Lodovico Gherardi. The subject of the legal mail must be: "Expression of interest for the entrustment of the service: Technical assistance for the development of the Adrion Programme Evaluation".

Those economic operators who do not have a legal mail shall submit their expression of interest via ordinary mail to the following address: adrion@regione.emilia-romagna.it.

Date and time of receipt of the legal mail will serve as a proof of valid submission of the request; each expression of interests shall be automatically registered after the acceptance of the legal mail and the drafting of an arrival list.

Regarding the ordinary mails, date and time of receipt will serve as a proof of valid submission.

Expressions of interest received after the deadline, incomplete or not signed by the legal representative or delegated representative, shall not be accepted.

Any request for clarifications on this notice must be sent to the e-mail address:

agnese.tassinari@regione.emilia-romagna.it no later than **9thSeptember 2019 at 17:00 p.m. (C.E.S.T.)**

The subsequent negotiation will be conducted exclusively through the Intercent-ER electronic procurement platform (MERER), with reference to the service classification code CPV 79421000-1 "Project management services, excluding construction projects". Economic operator(s) interested in submitting their offer must previously get registered on the e-Procurement System <http://intercenter.regione.emilia-romagna.it/servizi-pa/mercato-elettronico>. following the instructions.

All the economic operator(s) which have correctly expressed their interest and which got their account on the Intercent-ER electronic market platform (MERER) in the aforementioned classification code can be invited to submit their offer by **27/09/2019 at 17:00 p.m. (C.E.S.T.)**

The regional administration reserves the right:

- to invite other economic operators which have not applied to the procedure, to submit an offer, provided that they have been registered on the Intercent-ER electronic market platform (MERER) in the aforementioned classification code;
- not to proceed with the subsequent offer request.

7. BODIES OF THE PROCEDURE

Responsible for the procedure (RUP): Dott. Lodovico Gherardi – email: Lodovico.Gherardi@regione.emilia-romagna.it

8. PERSONAL DATA PROCESSING

It is specified that, pursuant to Reg. (EU) No 679/2016, in force since 25th May 2018, and to Legislative Decree 196/2003 for the remaining applicable parts, the data collected will be processed exclusively for the purposes indicated in this notice.