

Market research for a future procurement of Framework Agreement on Services for Directorate General Market Infrastructure and Payments (DG-MIP)

<p>I. Scope and aim of the market research</p>	<p>The European Central Bank (ECB) is considering launching a tender procedure to procure a framework agreement for the provision of support services in the fields of market infrastructures and payments.</p> <p>To support its functions, DG-MIP requires from time to time different types of external services, which comprise inter alia consultancy; temporary labour, and other services on specific issues (e.g. surveys on market trends, research and advise on developments in the fields of market infrastructures and payments, statistical market infrastructure and financial sectors analysis, software development, education and training, project management, planning, testing, technical support, etc.).</p>
<p>II. Background information</p>	<p>DG-MIP's mandate is to act as operator, overseer and catalyst in the fields of market infrastructure and payments. To perform these three complementary roles, DG-MIP coordinates and supports the operation and development of Eurosystem market infrastructures (TARGET Services); conducts oversight of specific market infrastructures and payment instruments; and acts as a catalyst to improve the overall functioning of the euro area market infrastructure from an innovation and integration perspective.</p>
<p>III. How to participate in the market survey</p>	<p>DG-MIP is seeking information from potential suppliers, by means of this market survey, concerning services that they offer which might be relevant for the exercise detailed in section I above. Suppliers are invited to respond to the attached questions. Please send your responses in English via email to: procurement@ecb.europa.eu.</p> <p>Suppliers may address queries regarding the market survey to the ECB's single point of contact: Spyridon Panagopoulos, Senior Procurement Expert, email: procurement@ecb.europa.eu. The ECB does not assume any responsibility for queries which are not submitted as described above. The ECB will endeavor to answer all queries as quickly as possible but cannot guarantee a minimum time response.</p>
<p>IV. Follow-up to the market survey</p>	<p>This market survey is a non-binding inquiry for information that aims solely at soliciting feedback from potential suppliers at facilitating the preparation of the planned tender procedure.</p> <p>This market survey is neither a pre-requisite for tendering nor a call for expression of interest/applications nor an invitation to tender/request for proposals. Further, the ECB is not at this time seeking binding offers and will not accept unsolicited proposals.</p> <p>The ECB will treat the information received from potential suppliers in strict confidentiality.</p> <p>Participation in this market survey does not create any obligations for the ECB. In particular, the ECB is not obliged to launch a tender procedure, or to</p>



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	<p>invite the participants in the survey to participate in any future ECB tender procedure, nor to award them a contract, or to reimburse them for any expenses incurred when responding to this market survey.</p> <p>If the ECB goes forward with the planned tender procedure, a Contract Notice will be published in the Official Journal of the European Union and on the ECB's website, in line with the provisions laid down in the ECB Procurement Decision 2016/2.</p>
V. Closing date	31 August 2019

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