



## Ex-ante publicity for middle-value contract VT/2020/045

### **Subject: Negotiated procedure to conclude a middle value contract: Update of the practical guidance for managing authorities “Design and commissioning of counterfactual impact evaluations”**

This publication is made pursuant to Annex I.14 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, to award a middle value contract as a result of a negotiated procedure.

Interested economic operators with a proven experience in the field of counterfactual impact evaluations (CIEs), European Social Fund (ESF), data protection, having experience in drafting reports in publishable English and being familiar with the evaluation practices in at least five EU countries should express their interest.

Only the candidates invited by the contracting authority to participate in the second phase of the present procedure for awarding this middle value contract will be admissible.

### **1. Purpose of the request for services**

The European Social Fund (ESF) is European Union’s main instrument in promoting employment and social inclusion. Evaluations play an important role in providing the evidence for improving the ESF programmes and directing the resources to the best uses. The Commission is providing guidance and methodological support to the managing authorities of the Member States in their efforts to conduct quality evaluations of the ESF, including counterfactual impact evaluations.

In 2013, the Commission published the guidance material “Design and commissioning of counterfactual impact evaluations”<sup>1</sup> which introduced the CIE concept and methods, provided practical advice in preparing a CIE and discussed how to move forward the CIE agenda. The aim of the contract is to update this guidance material by taking into account the current socio-economic situation, legislative changes and new approaches in the field of the CIEs. The contractor will also replace most of the examples of the practices of the Member State with more recent ones.

### **2. Price**

The maximum amount for this contract is EUR 35 000.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/f879a9c1-4e50-4a7b-954c-9a88d1be369c>

### **3. Indicative time schedule and contact point**

The indicative time schedule for launching the negotiated procedure is end-November 2020. Interested economic operators can express their interest to participate in this negotiated procedure until **26 November 2020** in writing to [EMPL-G4-UNIT@ec.europa.eu](mailto:EMPL-G4-UNIT@ec.europa.eu)

The indicative date to sign the contract is February 2021. The estimated performance period of the resulting contract is 5 months.

### **4. Protection of personal data**

If processing a tender involves the recording and processing of personal data (such as name, address and CV), this data will be processed pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 2018/1725. Unless indicated otherwise, any personal data will be processed solely for evaluation purposes under the negotiated procedure by the Head of Unit of Unit F4 - Programme Management & Implementation, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion. Details concerning the processing of personal data are available in the privacy statement.

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