



Prior Information in relation to low-value contracts < € 60.000

Services contract on foresight in support of the third strategic programming period of Horizon 2020

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DG Research and Innovation is launching a low-value contract in relation to the following subject:

Foresight in support of the third strategic programming period of Horizon 2020

Summary of the study

The Commission has at its disposal a collection of reviews of current and recent forward looking studies, which can be used as a background for a forward looking reflection that will underpin the 3rd Strategic Programme in Horizon 2020. In order to develop this reflection, the Commission needs to:

- Organise three forward-looking workshops during 2015 based on a review of existing foresight evidence from authoritative sources. This review will prepare for the participants to check the underlying assumptions of Horizon 2020 in relation to the key drivers for the future. The workshops must take into account the boundaries of the Horizon 2020 programme texts and the second Strategic Programme (2016-2018);
- Draw conclusions as to the relevant drivers, trends, challenges and opportunities, and wild-card scenarios that should be considered, with a focus on the ones which are game-changers and may impact the way that the Commission is selecting its research priority areas;
- Derive implications for the 3rd Strategic Programme, in particular as regards the industrial leadership and the societal challenges parts of Horizon 2020. Particular attention needs to be paid to the impact potentially achievable by selecting certain research priorities.

This study will lead to a report which will be used by the Commission services to start reflections on research priorities for the future.

The contractor will:

- Prepare supporting material to be sent to the participants and the agendas of the meetings;
- Prepare any foresight tools (like foresight cards and alike) to help the discussions in the workshops, including the parallel sessions;
- Prepare slides for the workshops;
- Moderate the three workshops and facilitate the discussion in the parallel sessions;
- Produce an intermediary report after each workshop (electronic version);
- Produce the final report (electronic version), drawing on the three workshops. A draft shall be sent to the Commission within three weeks of the third workshop. The final draft report will need to be available from the contractor not later than five weeks after the third workshop.

In order to fine-tune the run-up and the exploitation of the workshops, the Contractor will plan for a total of four meetings in Brussels with the Commission.

Selection criteria

The candidate must have the necessary technical, professional, economic and financial capacity to execute the contract, and particularly proven record of more than three (3) years of experience in the field of research and innovation analysis in the domain of the study, including strategy consultancy and work with key stakeholders, and delivery of at least one (1) study/report in the area of the study in the last five years.

Estimated amount: EUR 50.000 – 55.000

Estimated launching date: 9 March 2015

Economic operators interested in participating in this call for tenders may express their interest by writing to rtd-public-procurement-a6@ec.europa.eu no later than two weeks after the publication.

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