



ANTI-PLAGIARISM CHECKS TOWARDS THE INTERNET

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DG Research and Innovation is launching a low-value contract in relation to the following subject: "**Anti-plagiarism checks towards the Internet**"

Summary of the services to be supplied:

The services required are the following:

The CAS and other services of the EC will submit documents to the service provider and receive an indication on the extent that the supplied text overlaps with other published works. The contractor shall compare the documents provided by the CAS (or other services of the EC) against documents available on the Internet, aiming at identifying potentially plagiarised content and its sources.

The CAS will submit the documents to be checked electronically and with duly secured methods to the contractor's premises. The services will be performed at the contractor's premises and the outcome will be electronically sent to the CAS. The results of the analyses (comparisons) must be presented with duly secured methods in the form of a report indicating detected similarities and their sources.

The Contractor will use own and/or third party indexes and/or search engines.

The Contractor shall clearly indicate which these indexes and search engines are and in the case of third parties, describe their contractual arrangements with these parties.

The documents to be checked will be in one of the main common textual formats, (plain text, MS Office, PDF, rtf, odt, XML). The Contractor is expected to clearly indicate the formats that can be processed.

The length of the documents will vary widely between 4-5 pages and up to 300 pages, where the vast majority of the documents will be less than 80 pages.



Significantly, the physical size of the files in bytes will vary greatly between 5-6 KB and up to 30MB (in rare cases), without any evident correspondence between number of pages and physical size. It is noted that the vast majority of the files do not exceed 1-2 MB.

The Contractor shall clearly indicate possible limitations of his software to treat different sizes of documents, both in terms of pages and/or physical sizes in multiples of bytes.

Submission of documents by the EC is required to take place through suitable interfaces and/or procedures made available by the Contractor, which are expected to be easy to use for non-highly skilled computer users whilst guaranteeing good data security of the transferred content.

Submission of documents must be possible both for individual documents as well as batches of documents, the limits of which must be indicated by the Contractors both in terms of number of files and/or physical size in multiples of bytes.

The following additional services are not required but would add value and will result in additional points in the evaluation (award criteria 4: Additional services to the requested services)

- Detection of copied images
- The vast majority of the documents to be checked will be in English. However, documents in any of the EC languages might be submitted for checks and therefore the Contractor must clearly specify its capacity to support multiple languages and multiple alphabets.
- Since many submitted documents are template-based, it will be useful if the service could be configured in a way that excludes from the checks certain predefined textual content (that will have been agreed between the Contractor and the EC).
- It is highly desirable that the provided service supports unattended submission of documents through a well-documented software API.

Selection Criteria

The candidates must have the necessary technical, professional, economic and financial capacity to execute the contract.



Estimated amount

The total value of the Framework Contract will be maximum EUR 50 000€.

Contract Duration

48 months

Award Criteria

The contract will be awarded to the tender presenting the best value for money offer (tender) with the best quality-price ratio taking into account the total number of points obtained according to the following table and the price of the tender evaluated on the basis of the price and of the following award criteria the weighting indicated below:

No	Award criteria	Weighting (maximum points)
1.	Efficiency of the proposed solution in relation to the required features	40
2.	Efficiency of the proposed solution in relation to simplicity of submission requests, time to serve a request, unattended submission and submission in batch	25
3.	Quality of the measures in place to ensure confidentiality and data security	25
4.	Features in addition to the requested services (point 3 a)	10
<i>Total number of points</i>		<i>100</i>

In order to determine the tender offering the best quality-price ratio to which the contract will be awarded, the total qualitative score will be divided by the unit price of the tender (point 4), these two aspects having the same weight.

Estimated launching date

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Economic operators interested in participating in this call for tenders may express their interest by writing to *RTD-CAS-ANTI-PLAGIARISM@ec.europa.eu* no later than 18:00 CET on 30th of March 2017.

An acknowledgement of receipt will be sent to interested bodies by the EC services in charge of the procedure.