

CONTRACT NOTICE

CALL FOR TENDER: GENERAL INFORMATION

II.1.1) Information Notice Title: CEFTA TRACES NT Maintenance, Expansion and SPS Digital Systems Support

II.1.1) Information Notice Reference Number: CEFTA SEED + 2026-06

I.1) Name and address Contracting Authority

Official name: The Secretariat of the Central European Free Trade Agreement 2006

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II.1.1) Title:

CEFTA TRACES NT Maintenance, Expansion and SPS Digital Systems Support

II.1.2) Type of contract

Services

II.1.3) Short description of the contract

Maintenance, support, further development and expansion of CEFTA TRACES NT and related SPS digital systems. CEFTA TRACES NT is based on the TRACES NT source code provided by the European Commission's DG SANTE to CEFTA and adapted to support SPS processes and information exchange within CEFTA.

The platform supports the electronic processing, issuance and exchange of phytosanitary certificates, veterinary health certificates, CHED-like documents, pharmaceutical permits and other SPS-related documentation and data, as well as traceability, information exchange and risk management between competent administrations.

A key objective of the contract is to further develop CEFTA TRACES NT towards fully electronic, end-to-end exchange of phytosanitary and veterinary certificates within CEFTA and, progressively, with the European Union, reducing and ultimately replacing paper-based exchanges where the necessary technical conditions are in place. This will include further development of electronic

certification workflows, certificate models, validation mechanisms, electronic signatures and trust services, and the interfaces required for electronic data exchange.

The contract will also support the completion, further development and operationalisation of the CEFTA Notification System for plant health and food and feed safety, including notifications concerning risks, non-compliant consignments, rejections and related follow-up information.

The contract will cover continuous maintenance, security, performance and reliability of the platform, as well as upgrades and new functionalities required to respond to evolving operational needs. It will also support interoperability with local SPS systems of CEFTA Parties and relevant EU and international systems, including the further development of interfaces and automated data exchange to minimise duplicate data entry.

Further development will seek to maintain close technical alignment with the EU IMSOC environment and TRACES NT, as well as relevant notification and information-exchange processes linked to RASFF/iRASFF, EUROPHYT and ADIS, where applicable. The overall objective is to establish a progressively integrated SPS digital environment enabling reliable electronic exchange of certificates, notifications and other SPS information within CEFTA and between CEFTA and the EU.

II.1.4) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: 1,450,000 EUR

III.1.1.) Type of Procedure

Restricted

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

PIN publication number: 479433-2026

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

CALL FOR TENDER: INFORMATION PER LOT

II.2) Description

Lot No: CEFTA SEED+ 2026-06

Title: CEFTA TRACES NT Maintenance, Expansion and SPS Digital Systems Support

II.2.3) Place performance



Geographical zone benefitting from the action: Brussels and CEFTA Parties

II.2.5) Award Criteria

Best quality ratio criteria

II.2.14) Additional information

Repetition of similar services/works

Provided they are in conformity with the basic project, new services or works consisting in the repetition of similar services or works, may be entrusted up to 50% of the initial contract to the initial contractor by negotiated procedure without prior publication of a contract notice.

IV.2.2) Time limit for submission of requests to participate

Date: 19/10/2026

Local Time: 16:00 Brussels time

IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Duration in months: 6 months

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date: 14/12/2026 (estimated)

Local time 16:00 Brussels time

Place: Brussels

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