**SUPPLY CONTRACT NOTICE**

**Procurement of equipment for Experimental Demonstration centre for Turbot farming  
Location – Kotor, Montenegro**

**1. Reference**

BLUECONNECT T03

**2. Procedure**

Simplified

**3. Programme title**

INTERREG IPA CBC Croatia-Bosnia and Herzegovina-Montenegro, 2021-2027

**4. Financing**

Financing agreement, Budget of the project “Enhancing Cross-Border Blue Growth: Fostering Innovation and Cooperation for Competitive Entrepreneurship” - BLUECONNECT”, No. HR-BA-ME00241

**5. Contracting authority**

**University of Montenegro - Institute of Marine Biology Kotor**

Put I Bokeljske brigade 68, 85330 Kotor, Montenegro

**CONTRACT SPECIFICATION**

**6. Nature of contract**

Unit-price

**7. Contract description**

University of Montenegro - Institute of Marine Biology Kotor, as a lead partner, is implementing the project “Enhancing Cross-Border Blue Growth: Fostering Innovation and Cooperation for Competitive Entrepreneurship – BLUECONNECT”. The project aims to develop and strengthen cross-border collaboration in the field of Blue Growth, fostering research, innovation, and the uptake of advanced technologies among enterprises, universities, research centers, and training institutions.

Pilot projects will be implemented to test and validate innovative solutions within the Blue Growth sector. These projects serve as real-world demonstrations of new technologies, practices, or approaches. Examples include piloting new technologies for efficient aquaculture management or sustainable coastal development practices. The outcomes of these pilot projects inform decision-making, showcase best practices, and contribute to the adoption of innovative solutions across the sector.

Aquaculture Experimental Demonstration Center (ADC) will be created within Institute of Marine Biology equipping a laboratory for the cultivation of marine organisms. It implies the acquisition of pools for the cultivation of zooplankton, the cultivation of fish broodstock, eggs, larvae and post-larvae of fishes, as well as cages for the cultivation of fish according to the system of floating parks in the sea. The equipment is purchased exclusively for the purpose of experimental breeding and for demonstrational purposes, but also for eventual repopulation of certain endangered fish species.

**8. Number and titles of lots**

**This contract is divided into lots: no**

**CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION**

**9. Legal basis, eligibility and rules of origin**

The legal basis of this procedure is Regulation (EU) No 2021/1529 establishing the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA III). See Annex A2a1 of the practical guide.

For this contract award procedure, participation is open to all natural persons who are nationals of and legal persons (participating either individually or in a grouping – consortium – of candidates/tenderers) which are effectively established in a Member State of the European Union or in an eligible country or territory as defined under Article 11 of Regulation (EU) No 2021/1529 establishing the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA III).

Participation is also open to international and regional organisations.

All supplies purchased under a procurement contract, or in accordance with a grant agreement, financed under IPA III shall originate from an eligible country or from any country which is eligible under the rules of the partner or other donor or member state or determined in the constitutive act of the trust fund.

As the Croatian national rules do not contain any restrictions as regards the rules of origin, all goods can originate from any country, irrespective of any thresholds.

**10. Number of tenders**

No more than one tender can be submitted by a natural or legal person whatever the form of participation (as an individual legal entity or as leader or member of a consortium submitting a tender). In the event that a natural or legal person submits more than one tender, all tenders in which that person has participated will be excluded.

Any tenderer may state in its tender that it would offer a discount in the event that its tender is accepted for more than one lot.

**11. Grounds for exclusion**

As part of the tender, tenderers must submit a signed declaration, included in the tender form, to the effect that they are not in any of the exclusion situations listed in Section 2.4.2.1. of the practical guide. Where the tenderer intends to rely on capacity providing entities or subcontractor(s), he/she must provide the same declaration signed by this/these entity(ies).

Tenderer included in the lists of EU restrictive measures[[1]](#footnote-1) (see Section 2.4. of the PRAG) at the moment of the award decision cannot be awarded the contract.

**12. Sub-contracting**

Subcontracting is allowed.

**PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE**

**13. Provisional commencement date of the contract**

07 November 2025

**14. Implementation period of the tasks**

170 calendar days from contract signature by the last part.

**SELECTION AND AWARD CRITERIA**

**15. Selection criteria**

Capacity-providing entities

An economic operator (i.e. candidate or tenderer) may, where appropriate and for a particular contract, rely on the capacities of other entities, regardless of the legal nature of the links it has with them. If the economic operator relies on other entities, it must in that case prove to the contracting authority that it will have at its disposal the resources necessary for the performance of the contract by producing a commitment by those entities to place those resources at its disposal. Such entities, for instance the parent company of the economic operator, must respect the same rules of eligibility and notably that of nationality as the economic operator relying on them and must comply with the selection criteria for which the economic operator relies on them. **Furthermore, the data for this third entity for the relevant selection criterion should be included in a separate document**. Proof of the capacity will also have to be provided when requested by the contracting authority.

With regard to technical and professional criteria, an economic operator may only rely on the capacities of other entities where the latter will perform the tasks for which these capacities are required.

With regard to economic and financial criteria, the entities upon whose capacity the economic operator relies, become jointly and severally liable for the performance of the contract

The following selection criteria will be applied to the tenderers**. In the case of tenders submitted by a consortium, these selection criteria will be applied to the consortium as a whole if not specified otherwise**. The selection criteria will not be applied to natural persons and single-member companies when they are sub-contractors.

The tenderer shall not use previous experience which caused breach of contract and termination by a contracting authority as a reference for selection criteria.

The selection criteria for each tenderer are as follows:

1. **Economic and financial capacity of the tenderer (**based on item 3 of the tender form). In case of tenderer being a public body, equivalent information should be provided. The reference period which will be taken into account will be **the last three financial years for which accounts have been closed.**
   1. The tenderer’s average annual turnover of the last 3 financial years for which the accounts have been closed must be not less than 100.000,00 EUR

**2)** **Professional capacity of the tenderer** (based on item 4 of the tender form).

The reference period which will be taken into account will be **the last three years preceding the submission deadline.**

2.1 The tenderer has the regulatory capacity appropriate to this contract, such as registered business activity related to this contract.

**3) Technical capacity of tenderer** (based on item 5 of the tender form). The reference period which will be taken into account will be the last three years preceding the submission deadline.

3.1 The tenderer has delivered supplies under at least 2 contracts, each with a budget of at least that half of this contract in fields related to this contract, which were implemented at any moment during the following period: 01/10/2022 – 30/09/2025.

This means that the contract the tenderer refers to could have been implemented at any time during the indicated period but it does not necessarily have to be completed during that period, nor implemented during the entire period. Tenderers are allowed to refer either to supply contracts completed within the reference period (although started earlier) or to supply contracts partially implemented during, but not yet completed within the reference period. Only the part completed during the reference period will be taken into consideration. This part will have to be supported by documentary evidence (approval of report or deliverable, proof of payment, statement or certificate from the entity which awarded the contract) also detailing its value. If a tenderer has implemented the supply contract in a consortium, the percentage that the tenderer has successfully completed must be clear from the documentary evidence (such as consortium agreement and bank transfers between consortium members), together with a description of the nature of the supplies provided.

**16. Award criteria**

Price.

**TENDERING**

**17. Deadline for submission of tenders**

The deadline for submission of tenders is **03 November 2025 at 14:00 hours local time**.

**18. Tender format and details to be provided**

**Tenders must be submitted using the standard tender form.**

The tender must be accompanied by a declaration on honour on exclusion and selection criteria using the template available from the following Internet address:

<https://wikis.ec.europa.eu/display/ExactExternalWiki/Annexes#Annexes-AnnexesA(Ch.2):General>

Any additional documentation (brochure, letter, etc.) sent with a tender will not be taken into consideration.

**19. How tenders may be submitted**

Tenders must be submitted in English exclusively to the contracting authority, using the means specified in point 10 of the instructions to tenderers.

**Tenders submitted by any other means will not be considered.**

By submitting a tender, tenderers accept to receive notification of the outcome of the procedure by electronic means.

**20. Alteration or withdrawal of tenders**

Tenderers may alter or withdraw their tenders by written notification prior to the deadline for submission of tenders. No tender may be altered after this deadline.

Any such notification of alteration or withdrawal shall be prepared and submitted in accordance with point 15 of the instructions to tenderers.

**21. Operational language**

All written communications for this tender procedure and contract must be in English / in any of official languages of programme participating countries in Latin letter.

**22. Additional information**

Financial data to be provided by the candidate in the standard application form must be expressed in EUR.

No tender guarantee is required.

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1. Please note that the EU Official Journal contains the official list of entities subject to restrictive measures and, in case of conflict, it prevails over the list of the [*EU Sanctions Map*](https://www.sanctionsmap.eu/#/main). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)