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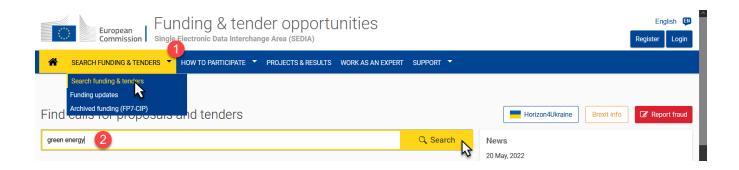
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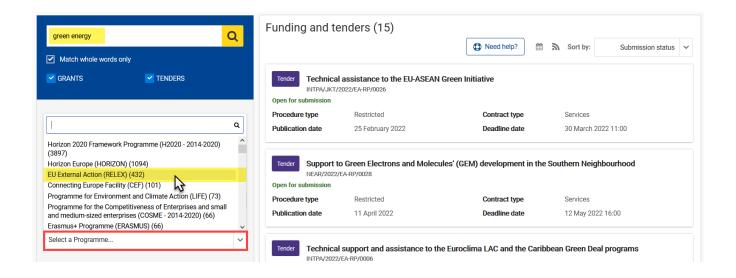
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1.1 Search for a Call

Economic Operators (for tenders) or potential candidates/applicants (for calls for proposals for grants) can search for calls for EU External Actions from the **Search Funding & Tenders** (1) page on the **Funding & Tender Opportunities Portal**, or directly from the **search function** (2) on the main page of the same portal.



On the **Search Funding & Tenders** page, select the programme "**EU External Action (RELEX)**" from the left **search and filter menu**, and use the filter by keyword(s) or other filters to limit the search results.



Click on the title of the call to access the call and application or submission details.



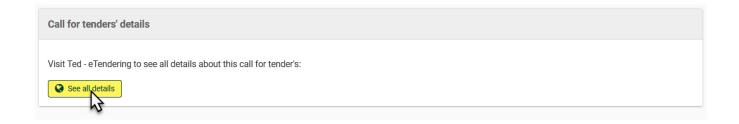
Please note that for **calls for proposals** for grants from the European Commission in the field of External Actions are still published on the **International Partnerships** website (previously EuropeAid), and managed through **e-Calls PADOR** and **e-Calls PROSPECT**. Additionally, and from the **13/03/2023**, these calls for proposals will also be published on the **Funding and Tender Opportunities Portal** (see details above). The <u>International Partnerships website</u> will **no longer be used for the publication of calls** following a transition period. There is **no change for applying for a call**, whether from the International Partnerships or Funding and Tenders Portal websites, as the call publication will redirect the applicant to **complete the application** for the call <u>exactly as before</u> in **e-Calls PROSPECT**.

1.2 Participate in a Call

To participate in a call, first find and access the Call Details page on the Funding & Tenders Portal.

On the Call Details page, scroll-down to view the details of the call (general information, lots, description, etc.).

In the Call Details panel, click on the "See all details" button to be redirected to the call publication on TED - eTendering in a new web browser tab.



For the call publication in **TED - eTendering**, view all the details of the call, and scroll-down to the **Notices** section to download the **Contract Notice** to view the legal basis.



The link to participate in the call is either the "Submit a tender" link on the call publication Call for tenders' details page in TED - eTendering, or in the Contract Notice, which is also accessible from the same page (see above).



You will need to be logged-in with **EU Login** in order to submit a tender. For more information, follow the detailed instructions on the **EU Login Guide**, and **login or create your EU Login account**. If you need help with your EU Login, please contact **INTPA SUPPORT SERVICES**.

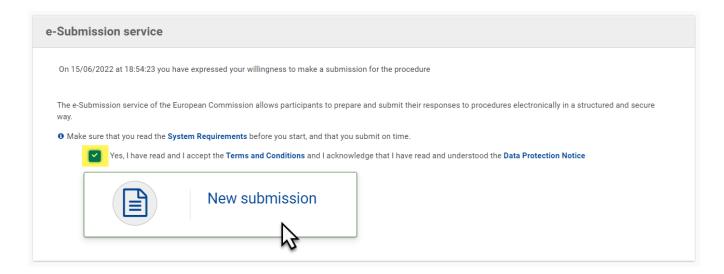
- For **Open Procedures** in *direct management*, Economic Operators will **submit a tender** for the call for tender via TED eTendering, and complete their *tender submission* online via **eSubmission** from the Funding & Tenders Portal.
- For the <u>first step</u> of a **Restricted Procedure** in *direct management*, Economic Operators will **submit a request to participate** in the call for tender via TED eTendering, and complete their *request submission* online via **eSubmission** from the Funding & Tenders Portal.
- For the <u>second step</u> of a **Restricted Procedure** in *direct management*, <u>invited</u> Economic Operators will <u>submit a tender</u> for the call for tender via TED eTendering, and complete their *tender submission* online via <u>eSubmission</u> from the Funding & Tenders Portal (see <u>Manage My Invitations</u>)
- For the <u>first round</u> of a **Negotiated Procedure** in <u>direct management</u>, <u>invited</u> Economic Operators will <u>submit a tender</u> for the call for tender via TED eTendering, and complete their <u>tender submission</u> online via <u>eSubmission</u> from the Funding & Tenders Portal.
- For <u>subsequent rounds</u> of a **Negotiated Procedure** in *direct management*, <u>invited</u> Economic Operators will <u>submit a revised tender</u> and complete their <u>tender submission</u> online via <u>eSubmission</u> from the Funding & Tenders Portal.

To participate in any other published call for proposal/tender, whether paper or electronic submission, in *direct* or *indirect* management, please follow the instructions on the **Call Details** page on the Funding & Tenders Portal, and/or linked **Contract Notice** on TED - eTendering.



For **Requests for Specific Contracts** under Framework Contracts, registered and eligible Framework Contractors are invited to participate in a submission of offers. For each request, the shortlisted Framework Contractors **manage their invitations** and **submit their offers** directly via the portal.

After clicking on the "Submit a tender" link, you will be automatically redirected to the Funding & Tenders Portal > eSubmission > New Submission page, where you can start a new submission.



1.3 eSubmission

eSubmission allows for economic operators to respond to EU tender invitations by preparing and submitting tenders electronically in a structured and secure way via the **Funding & Tenders Portal**.

eSubmission is required for Open (excluding Local Open), Restricted and Negotiated public procurement procedures in Direct Management.

The submission of offers for Request for Specific Contracts under Framework Contracts SIEA 2018, AUDIT 2018, PSF 2019, EVA 2020 and EVENTS 2020, is performed via eSubmission.

As an Economic Operator, you can:

- Create a tender in response to an invitation to submission launched by an EU Institution or Body;
- View, resume, and/or delete a saved draft tender;
- Submit a tender in a secure manner;
- Receive a proof of submission (Tender Reception Confirmation);
- Withdraw a submitted tender before the time limit for receipt of tenders;
- · Receive a proof of withdrawal (Tender Withdrawal Reception Confirmation).

Before starting, make sure you read the System Requirements available on the eSubmission Homepage.

e-Submission service

The e-Submission service of the European Commission allows participants to prepare and submit the

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To use e-Submission, participants (all members of a consortium) must be registered in the Commissi registration, each organisation obtains a Participant Identification Code (PIC). Registration is free of c Commission organisation register or to register a new organisation, click here.

• For any support questions concerning **eSubmission**, please contact:

DIGIT-EPROCUREMENT-SUPPORT@ec.europa.eu

- +32 (0) 229 71063
- For any questions related to the **Funding & Tenders Portal**, please contact:

EC-FUNDING-TENDER-SERVICE-DESK@EC.EUROPA.EU

For any questions related to **OPSYS operational aspects**, please contact:

EC-OPSYS-CHANGE-MANAGEMENT@ec.europa.eu

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