



# Ireland's Civil Society Partnership Successor

Pre Bid Meeting

# Purpose and Context



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- context
- the proposed scope of work
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- questions and Answers session

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# Context



## Irish Aid Overview

Introduction to Irish Aid's mission, strategic priorities, and development cooperation programme context



## ICSP Background

Review of current Civil Society Partnership programme achievements and lessons learned



## Successor Development

Scope and specifications for the new partnership programme design and implementation

# Irish Aid: Ireland's Development Cooperation Programme

Ireland's official development cooperation programme working to tackle poverty, hunger, and humanitarian need across 130+ countries, with a primary focus on sub-Saharan Africa and Least Developed Countries.

€ 2026 Budget: €866.4 Million

Highest budget in 52 -year history, representing €56 million increase from 2025



## Strategic Focus Areas

Gender equality, reducing humanitarian need, climate action, and strengthening governance



## Global Reach & Impact

Contributing to Sustainable Development Goals with 'furthest behind first' approach across 130+ countries



# Irish Aid Focus

 International Development  
Cooperation

## Gender

Equality priority across  
all development  
programmes



## Humanitarian

Reducing humanitarian  
need  
and crisis response



## Climate

Climate action and  
environmental  
sustainability



## Governance

Strengthening democratic  
institutions and  
accountability





# Ireland's Civil Society Partnership (ICSP) Overview

A comprehensive development programme implemented through strategic partnerships with major Irish NGOs and local organizations worldwide.

-  **Programme Structure:** Led by major Irish NGOs including €100m per annum
-  **Partner Network:** Working with **150+ local partners** across Africa, Asia, Middle East, Central America, and Ireland
-  **Funding Streams:** Four key areas - Long-term Development, Chronic Humanitarian Crisis, Acute Humanitarian Crisis, Global Citizenship Education
-  **Impact Metrics:** **8+m people supported** in 2024

# The Need for a Successor Programme



*"Civil society partnerships are not just programmes to be completed, but living frameworks that must evolve with changing global challenges while building upon the wisdom of experience."*

**Dr. Mary Robinson**

Former President of Ireland & Chair, The Elders



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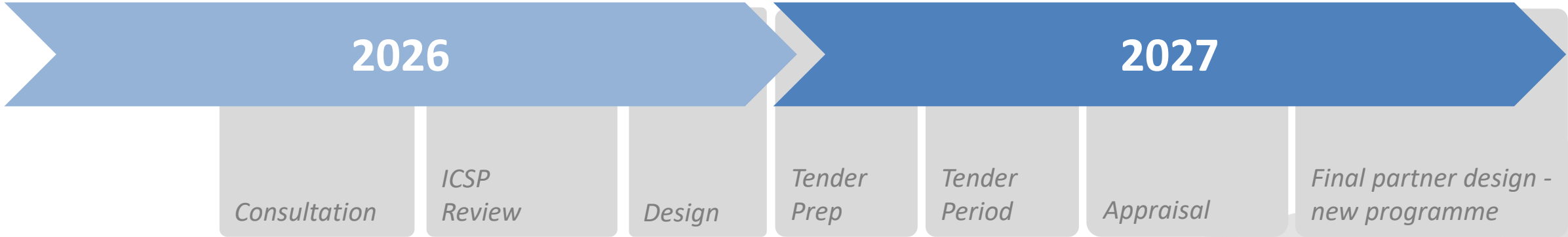
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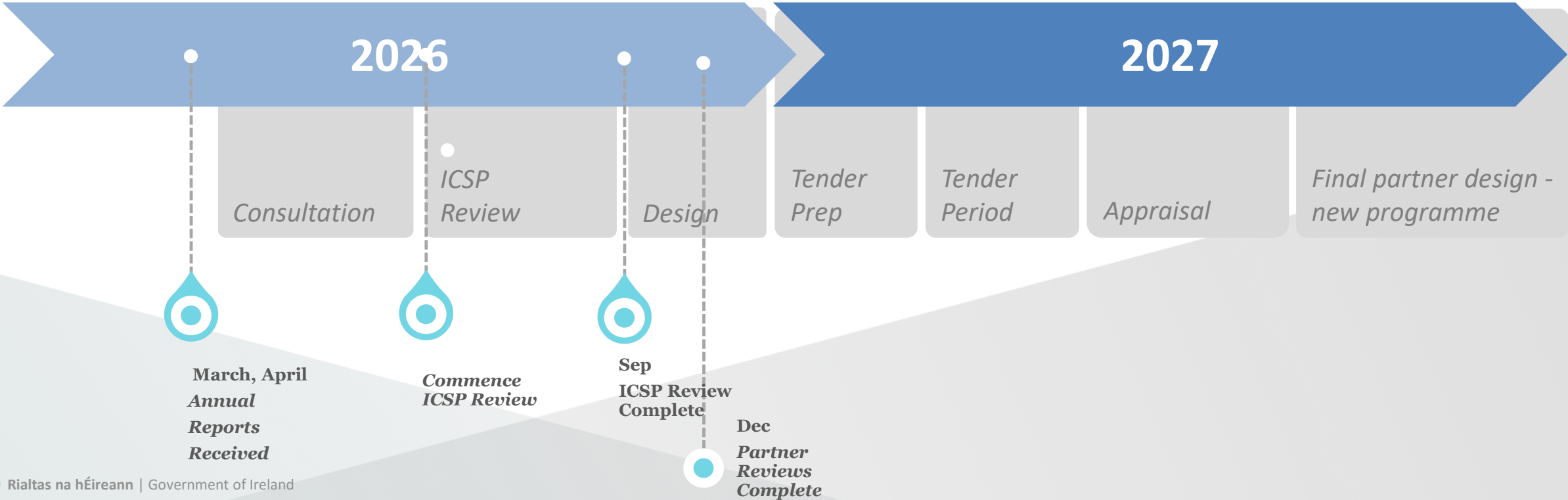
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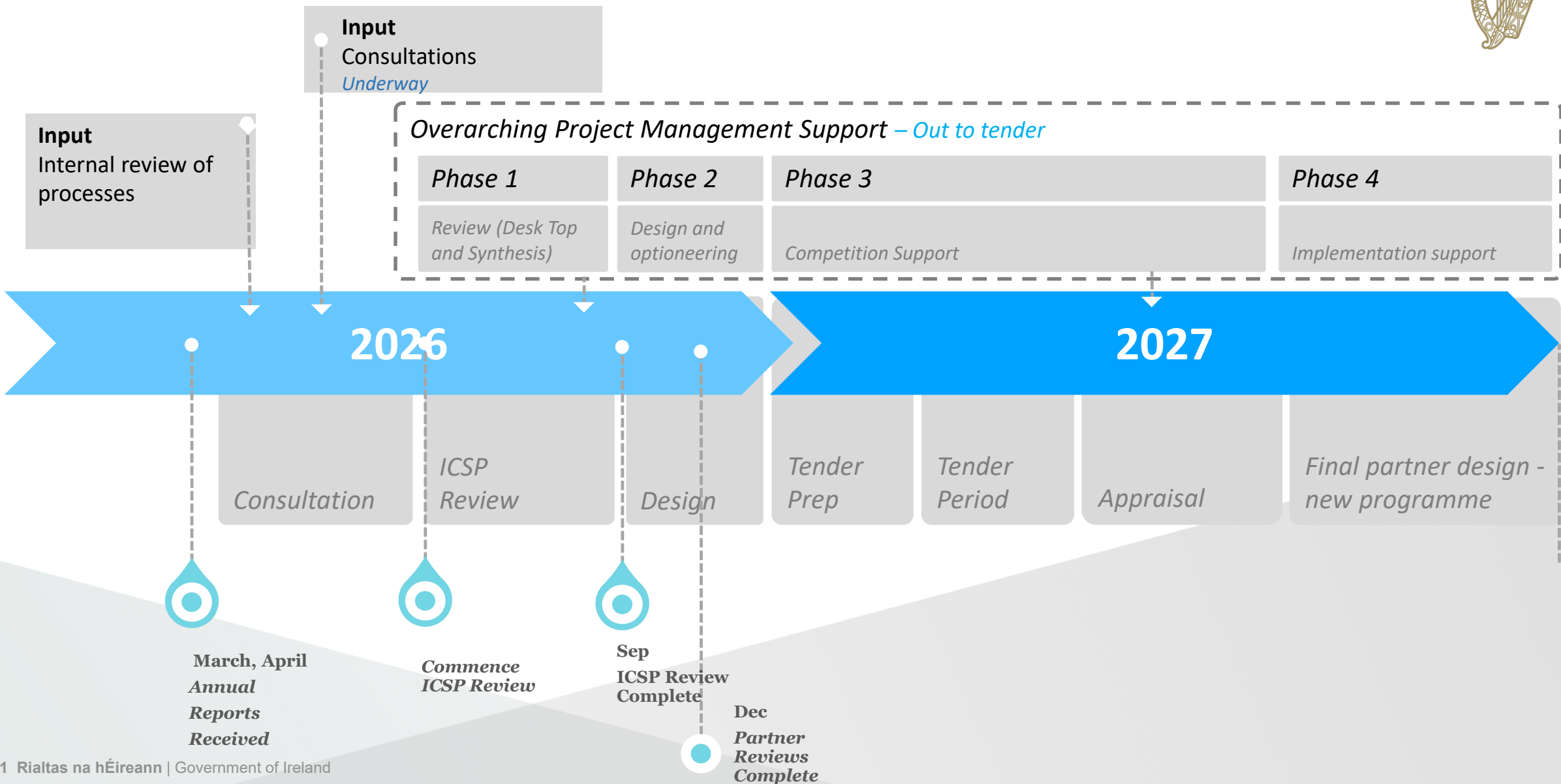
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# Procurement Process



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- Pre bid meeting 14:30hrs 11th August 2026
- Final Date for submission of queries 18:00hrs 14th August 2026
- Tender Close 18:00hrs 21st August 2026

## Tender Queries

- All queries relating to any aspect of this Competition or of this RFT must be directed to the messaging facility on [www.etenders.gov.ie](http://www.etenders.gov.ie).
- Queries will be accepted no later than 18:00hrs on 18:00hrs 14th August 2026 unless otherwise published by the Contracting Authority
- Tenderers may not contact the Contracting Authority directly regarding any aspect of this Competition

# Procurement Process



## Submission – Experience and team 1/4

| No. | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| 1.  | <p>Proposal: The Tender shall submit a proposal of not more than 10 pages setting out their understanding and proposed approach to each of the phases.</p> <p>This proposal shall identify which team members shall be delivering each stage.</p>                                                                                                                                            |
| 2.  | <p>Team: The tender shall submit Resumes (max 7 of 2 pages each) of key team members who will deliver the specification. This shall include proposed geographic location of the team member during the assignment.</p> <p>Note that while Phases 1-4 relates explicitly to the expertise in overseas development assistance, Phase 5 relates primarily to Project Management experience.</p> |
| 3.  | <p>Level of effort: The Tenderer shall submit a table identifying proposed the level of effort (Measured in working days) for each team member for each phase.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

# Procurement Process



## Submission – Experience and team 2/4

| No. | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| 4.  | <p data-bbox="321 539 2390 632">Experience: The Tenderers shall demonstrate that they have previously satisfactorily delivered services of a similar nature, size and complexity to the those outlined in the specification</p> <p data-bbox="321 668 2390 761">Tenderers must provide details of relevant services within the last five (5) years or within the period the Tenderer has been trading if shorter than five years from the date of this tender.</p> <p data-bbox="321 796 2390 889">The Tenderer shall provide a brief overview of each of the projects (max 10 of 2 pages each). Each shall at a minimum include:</p> <ul data-bbox="321 925 2390 1203" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="321 925 2390 975">• A description of the project, the value of contract awarded and final outturn value</li><li data-bbox="321 996 2390 1046">• The service providers % of the contract and role in the contract</li><li data-bbox="321 1068 2390 1118">• The role of the team members proposed for this project in the reference project</li><li data-bbox="321 1139 2390 1189">• Provide contact reference details (Name, Role on project, title, Phone number and email address) for the client.</li></ul> <p data-bbox="321 1225 2390 1275">In submitting the contact details for prior clients the tenderer warrants that contact is willing to be contact.</p> <p data-bbox="321 1303 2390 1396">The contract presented/evidence of similar work should demonstrate that the Tenderer has the experience, level of knowledge and competence in the services relevant to this tender.</p> |



# Procurement Process



## Submission – Experience and team 3/4

| No. | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| 5.  | <p>Previous Contracts / Experience</p> <p>Confirmation that the tenderer has successfully delivered 3 previous comparable projects over the last 5 years.</p> <p>Information relating to the relevant projects should be submitted including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Client Name</li><li>• Client Contact Name</li><li>• Delivery Date(s)</li><li>• Brief description of the project, the value of contract awarded and final outturn value</li><li>• The service providers % of the contract and role in the contract</li><li>• The role of the team members proposed for this project in the reference project</li><li>• Provide contact reference details (Name, Role on project, title, Phone number and email address) for the client.</li></ul> <p>Note that the Tenderer may, where relevant, submit contracts on this list as part of their ‘Experience’.</p> |

# Procurement Process



## Submission – Experience and team 3/4

| No. | Description                                                                                                                       |
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| 6.  | Workload: The tenderer shall provide a table outlining proposed teams current workload, and availability to undertake this tender |

# Procurement Process



## Submission – Financial

|                                                                              | Lump Sum Fee                                                                               |                                                            |                 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Phase                                                                        | A                                                                                          | B                                                          | C               |
|                                                                              | Lump Sum Fee (excluding project management support Professional fee)<br><br>For each phase | Project management support Professional Fee For each phase | Total Fee (A+B) |
| Phase 1 - Review complete                                                    |                                                                                            |                                                            |                 |
| Phase 2 - Programme Design                                                   |                                                                                            |                                                            |                 |
| Phase 3 - Grant Competition documentation and Launch                         |                                                                                            |                                                            |                 |
| Phase 3 - Grant Competition Support                                          |                                                                                            |                                                            |                 |
| Phase 4 - Implementation preparation completed                               |                                                                                            |                                                            |                 |
| Overarching - Inception report                                               |                                                                                            |                                                            |                 |
| Total Fee across all phases<br><br>€ Ex-VAT<br><br>(combined Column C total) |                                                                                            |                                                            |                 |

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## Best of Luck !

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- All times stated are local Dublin times