

## **Ireland: Evaluation consultancy services**

# **The Provision of An Evaluation of Curious Minds, Research Ireland's Primary School Science Programme for Research Ireland**

Contract or concession notice – standard regime

## **1 Buyer**

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### **1.1 Buyer**

*Official name:* Taighde Éireann – Research Ireland

*Legal type of the buyer:* Body governed by public law, controlled by a central government authority

*Activity of the contracting authority:* Education

## **2 Procedure**

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### **2.1 Procedure**

*Title:* The Provision of An Evaluation of Curious Minds, Research Ireland's Primary School Science Programme for Research Ireland

*Description:* The Curious Minds primary school programme is directly managed by Research Ireland's EPE team. The aim of the programme is to support Ireland's STEM Education policy 2017-2026 by emphasising the need to move away from rote memorisation towards engaged, skills-focused learning. Elements of the Curious Minds programme which assist in this initiative include: 1. Continuing Professional Development (CPD) for teachers In collaboration with ESERO Ireland, Curious Minds offers free CPD training for all primary school teachers – focusing on how STEM can be taught in a practical, hands-on manner. 812 teachers took part in the 2025 Summer courses (online and in-person) and 12-15 whole-school sessions took place for each workshop offered for the 2024/25 school year. 2. Classroom Resources The Curious Minds website has 100+ free resources available to support STEM teaching and learning, designed to complement the primary school curriculum. There were 27,930 resources download from the website in 2024. 3. Partnerships with teacher training colleges Curious Minds do CPD sessions in colleges every year to encourage an inquiry-based approach to STEM learning early in teacher training. Previously partnered with Froebel College of Education and are currently partnered with Marino College. 4. An awards programme for schools The Curious Minds awards give teachers and students the opportunity to celebrate their school's STEM achievements. Registration for the awards opens at the start of the school year, with the submission deadline closing early May. Teachers record a log of evidence of STEM activity to submit online. In 2025, 397 primary schools received a Curious Minds award. 5. A network of science, heritage and discovery centres offering non-formal learning opportunities Research-Ireland accredited centres provide programmes and workshops designed using the Curious Minds inquiry-based framework. Currently, there are 42 members in the network, who attend quarterly meetings organised by Curious Minds

*Procedure identifier:* dfb543ce-38c5-48af-b2fb-37f0e1840f28

*Type of procedure:* Open

*The procedure is accelerated:* no

#### **2.1.1 Purpose**

*Main nature of the contract:* Services

*Main classification (cpv):* 79419000 Evaluation consultancy services

*Additional classification (cpv):* 79400000 Business and management consultancy and related services

*Additional classification (cpv):* 79410000 Business and management consultancy services

*Additional classification (cpv):* 72225000 System quality assurance assessment and review services

*Additional classification (cpv):* 71600000 Technical testing, analysis and consultancy services

*Additional classification (cpv):* 80100000 Primary education services

### **2.1.2 Place of performance**

*Country subdivision (NUTS):* Dublin (IE061)

*Country:* Ireland

### **2.1.3 Value**

*Estimated value excluding VAT:* 75 000 Euro

### **2.1.4 General information**

*Legal basis:*

Directive 2014/24/EU

### **2.1.6 Grounds for exclusion**

*Sources of grounds for exclusion:* Procurement Document

5 Lot

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*Internal identifier:* 0

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### **5.1.2 Place of performance**

Country subdivision (NUTS): Dublin (IE061)

Country: Ireland

Additional information:

### **5.1.3 Estimated duration**

Duration: 18 Month

### **5.1.5 Value**

Estimated value excluding VAT: 75 000 Euro

### **5.1.6 General information**

Reserved participation: Participation is not reserved.

Procurement Project not financed with EU Funds.

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA): yes

### **5.1.7 Strategic procurement**

Aim of strategic procurement: No strategic procurement

### **5.1.9 Selection criteria**

Sources of selection criteria: Procurement Document

### **5.1.11 Procurement documents**

Languages in which the procurement documents are officially available: English

Languages in which the procurement documents (or their parts) are unofficially available: English

Deadline for requesting additional information: 07/11/2025 12:00 +01:00

Address of the procurement documents: <https://www.etenders.gov.ie/epps/cft/listContractDocuments.do?resourceId=6801356>

### **5.1.12 Terms of procurement**

Terms of submission:

Electronic submission: Required

Address for submission: <https://www.etenders.gov.ie/epps/cft/viewTenders.do?resourceId=6801356>

Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted: English

Electronic catalogue: Not allowed

Tenderers may submit more than one tender: Not allowed

Deadline for receipt of tenders: 17/11/2025 12:00 +01:00

Deadline until which the tender must remain valid: 90 Day

Information about public opening:

Opening date: 17/11/2025 12:30 +01:00

Place: <https://www.etenders.gov.ie/epps/cft/prepareViewCfTWS.do?resourceId=6801356>

Terms of contract:

The execution of the contract must be performed within the framework of sheltered employment programmes: No

Electronic invoicing: Allowed

Electronic ordering will be used: no

Electronic payment will be used: yes

### **5.1.15 Techniques**

Framework agreement:

No framework agreement

Information about the dynamic purchasing system:

No dynamic purchase system

### **5.1.16 Further information, mediation and review**

*Review organisation:* The High Court of Ireland

*Organisation providing offline access to the procurement documents:* Taighde Éireann – Research Ireland

*Organisation providing more information on the review procedures:* The High Court of Ireland

*Organisation receiving requests to participate:* Taighde Éireann – Research Ireland

*Organisation processing tenders:* Taighde Éireann – Research Ireland

## 8 Organisations

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### **8.1 ORG-0001**

*Official name:* Taighde Éireann – Research Ireland

*Registration number:* IE9510661S

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*Buyer profile:* <https://www.researchireland.ie>

*Roles of this organisation:*

*Buyer*

*Organisation providing offline access to the procurement documents*

*Organisation receiving requests to participate*

*Organisation processing tenders*

### **8.1 ORG-0002**

*Official name:* The High Court of Ireland

*Registration number:* The High Court of Ireland

*Department:* The High Court of Ireland

*Postal address:* Four Courts, Inns Quay, Dublin 7

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*Country:* Ireland

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*Roles of this organisation:*

*Review organisation*

*Organisation providing more information on the review procedures*

### **8.1 ORG-0003**

*Official name:* European Dynamics S.A.

*Registration number:* 002024901000

*Department:* European Dynamics S.A.

*Town:* Athens

*Postcode:* 15125

*Country subdivision (NUTS):* Βόρειος Τομέας Αθηνών (EL301)

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Roles of this organisation:  
TED eSender

Notice information

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