

## **Ireland: Aquaculture services**

# **Call for Tender for the Provision of Services in Trialling the Co-Use of Seaweed Infrastructure for Mussel Seed Collection**

Contract or concession notice – standard regime

## **1 Buyer**

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### **1.1 Buyer**

*Official name:* Bord Iascaigh Mhara - Irish Sea Fisheries Board ( BIM )

*Legal type of the buyer:* Body governed by public law

*Activity of the contracting authority:* General public services

## **2 Procedure**

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### **2.1 Procedure**

*Title:* Call for Tender for the Provision of Services in Trialling the Co-Use of Seaweed Infrastructure for Mussel Seed Collection

*Description:* BIM wishes to invite tenders for Provision of Services in Trialling the Co-Use of Seaweed Infrastructure for Mussel Seed Collection. The primary purpose of this tender is to investigate additional uses of seaweed farming infrastructure. While Ireland's seaweed sector remains at an early stage of development, it is demonstrating growth potential, with increasing production units, expanding cultivated species, and a growing licenced footprint. However, structural and technical constraints continue to limit scale, including underutilisation of existing infrastructure.

Addressing these constraints is essential to align national sector development with EU policy objectives. This project will directly address these challenges by demonstrating the co-use of seaweed cultivation infrastructure for mussel spat collection outside the primary seaweed growing season. Seaweed longlines are typically utilised between October and April, leaving infrastructure idle for significant periods of the year. Investigating the feasibility of using this infrastructure for mussel seed collection offers a clear opportunity to maximise asset utilisation, reduce capital costs, and improve farm-level viability. For the mussel sector, this approach has the potential to increase access to spat collection sites, reduce pressure on traditional collection areas, and improve resilience of seed supply. For the seaweed sector, co-use models can generate additional income streams, support earlier site activation, and improve overall economic sustainability. By trialling and evaluating these systems alongside direct seeding and new culture methods, the project will provide evidence-based guidance to support integrated aquaculture development and long-term sectoral growth. The project timeframe is 2026 until the end of 2027. This will facilitate the trialling and data capture of a number of seaweed and mussel growing seasons. For further information on this tender, please see the accompanying tender documents.

*Procedure identifier:* 89c1d76a-6879-4283-9fbe-e2e0e6c47dc4

*Internal identifier:* BIM 2026-06

*Type of procedure:* Open

*The procedure is accelerated:* no

#### **2.1.1 Purpose**

*Main nature of the contract:* Services

*Main classification (cpv):* 77800000 Aquaculture services

*Additional classification (cpv):* 73112000 Marine research services

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#### **2.1.2 Place of performance**

Country: Ireland

Anywhere in the given country

### **2.1.3 Value**

*Estimated value excluding VAT:* 200 000 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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### **5.1.3 Estimated duration**

*Duration:* 30 Month

### **5.1.5 Value**

*Estimated value excluding VAT:* 200 000 Euro

### **5.1.6 General information**

*Reserved participation:* Participation is not reserved.

Procurement Project fully or partially financed with EU Funds.

*Information about European Union funds*

*EU funds programme:* European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund (EMFAF) (2021/2027)

*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:* 06/03/2026 12:00 +00:00

*Address of the procurement documents:* <https://www.etenders.gov.ie/epps/cft/listContractDocuments.do?resourceId=7574292>

### **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=7574292>

*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:* 13/03/2026 12:00 +00:00

*Deadline until which the tender must remain valid:* 120 Day

*Information about public opening:*

*Opening date:* 13/03/2026 12:30 +00:00

*Place:* <https://www.etenders.gov.ie/epps/cft/prepareViewCFTWS.do?resourceId=7574292>

*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:* yes

*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:* Bord Iascaigh Mhara - Irish Sea Fisheries Board ( BIM )  
*Organisation providing more information on the review procedures:* The High Court of Ireland  
*Organisation receiving requests to participate:* Bord Iascaigh Mhara - Irish Sea Fisheries Board ( BIM )  
*Organisation processing tenders:* Bord Iascaigh Mhara - Irish Sea Fisheries Board ( BIM )

## 8 Organisations

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### 8.1 ORG-0001

*Official name:* Bord Iascaigh Mhara - Irish Sea Fisheries Board ( BIM )  
*Registration number:* IE8Y56760H  
*Postal address:* West Pier, Old Dunleary Road, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, A96 A621  
*Town:* Dublin  
*Postcode:* A96 A621  
*Country subdivision (NUTS):* Dublin (IE061)  
*Country:* Ireland  
*Email:* [procurement@bim.ie](mailto:procurement@bim.ie)  
*Telephone:* +353 1 2144100  
*Internet address:* <https://bim.ie>  
*Buyer profile:* <https://bim.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  
*Town:* Dublin  
*Postcode:* D07 WDX8  
*Country subdivision (NUTS):* Dublin (IE061)  
*Country:* Ireland  
*Email:* [HighCourtCentralOffice@courts.ie](mailto:HighCourtCentralOffice@courts.ie)  
*Telephone:* +353 1 8886000  
*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)  
*Country:* Greece

Email: [eproc-esender@eurodyn.com](mailto:eproc-esender@eurodyn.com)

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Roles of this organisation:

*TED eSender*

#### *Notice information*

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*Form type:* Competition

*Notice type:* Contract or concession notice – standard regime

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*Languages in which this notice is officially available:* English