

## **Ireland: Research consultancy services**

### **Implementation of the Water Framework Directive - Policy Coherence, Managing Trade-Offs, Financing and Capacity**

Contract or concession notice – standard regime - Change

#### **1 Buyer**

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##### **1.1 Buyer**

*Official name:* Tipperary County Council

*Legal type of the buyer:* Local authority

*Activity of the contracting authority:* General public services

#### **2 Procedure**

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*Title:* Implementation of the Water Framework Directive - Policy Coherence, Managing Trade-Offs, Financing and Capacity

*Description:* The objective of this research is to support the Forum to develop policy advice on the implementation of the 3rd cycle RBMP and development of the 4th plan. Learnings from the research are expected to inform Forum members about the existing obstacles in implementing the WFD in Ireland and to make recommendations about what can be strengthened going into the 4th cycle. In 2021, the Institute of Public Administration (IPA) assessed water governance in Ireland using the OECD Water Governance Indicator Framework to support the development of the third-cycle RBMP for Ireland 2022–2027. The primary objective of the Water Governance Indicator Framework (OECD, 2018) is to stimulate a transparent, neutral, open, inclusive and forward-looking dialogue across stakeholders on what does and does not work, what should be improved and who can do what. The IPA evaluated how Ireland was doing in relation to the 12 OCED principles of water governance, categorised each principle as “strong progress”, “good progress” or “limited progress”. In preparation for the development of the 4th cycle RBMP, the Water Forum is commissioning research to re-evaluate water governance around four OCED principles: 1. Policy coherence 2. Managing trade offs 3. Financing 4. Capacity Research Questions The Research should include an evaluation of how Ireland is doing in relation to the 4 OECD Principles below, identifying any relevant obstacles to implementation of the WFD in Ireland. Drawing on international case studies, the research should then present policy recommendations on how they could be strengthened going into the 4th cycle. 1. Policy Coherence • Review and evaluate policy coherence and cross-sectoral coordination which influence the implementation of the WFD, especially between policies for water and the environment, health, energy, agriculture, industry, spatial planning and land use. • Identify and evaluate the co-ordination mechanisms to facilitate coherent policies across ministries, public agencies and levels of government, including cross sectoral plans. • Identify and evaluate the barriers to policy coherence from practices, policies and regulations within and beyond the water sector. # Develop policy recommendations on how to strengthen policy coherence and cross sectoral coordination to support the implementation of the WFD in Ireland. 2. Managing Trade-offs • Review and evaluate how trade-offs are managed across water users, rural and urban areas and generations. • Review and evaluate how trade-offs are identified and communicated, and if efforts are made to minimise potential negative impacts on water. # Develop policy recommendations on how to improve the management of trade-offs to support the implementation of the WFD in Ireland. 3. Financing the WFD • Provide an overview on how the implementation of the WFD is financed in Ireland and evaluate if financial resources are allocated / used in an efficient, transparent and timely manner. • Identify financial / resourcing challenges which are impeding the implementation of the WFD in Ireland. # Drawing from international best practice or funding models to finance the WFD, develop policy recommendations on how to improve the financing of the WFD for strengthened implementation of the 4th RBMP. 4. Capacity • Provide an overview of the level of capacity both required and available to meet the

complexity of meeting WFD objectives. • Identify capacity gaps which are impeding the implementation of the WFD in Ireland (e.g. policy, planning, project management, funding, scientists, advisory, monitoring, data, administration). # Develop recommendations on how to improve capacity to strengthen the implementation of the WFD in Ireland.

*Procedure identifier:* f67f8e0e-84b7-4cc7-99dc-dc259ba700b1

*Type of procedure:* Open

*The procedure is accelerated:* no

### **2.1.1 Purpose**

*Main nature of the contract:* Services

*Main classification (cpv):* 73210000 Research consultancy services

### **2.1.2 Place of performance**

*Country subdivision (NUTS):* Mid-West (IE051)

*Country:* Ireland

### **2.1.3 Value**

*Estimated value excluding VAT:* 32 500 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 Lot technical ID: LOT-0001**

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*Internal identifier:* 0

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*Main classification (cpv):* 73210000 Research consultancy services

#### **5.1.2 Place of performance**

*Country subdivision (NUTS):* Mid-West (IE051)

*Country:* Ireland

*Additional information:*

#### **5.1.3 Estimated duration**

*Duration:* 7 Month

#### **5.1.5 Value**

*Estimated value excluding VAT:* 32 500 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:* 08/04/2026 14:00 +00:00

*Address of the procurement documents:* <https://www.etenders.gov.ie/epps/cft/listContractDocuments.do?resourceId=7708088>

#### **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=7708088>

*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:* 15/04/2026 14:00 +00:00

*Deadline until which the tender must remain valid:* 12 Day

*Information about public opening:*

*Opening date:* 15/04/2026 14:30 +00:00

*Place:* <https://www.etenders.gov.ie/epps/cft/prepareViewCfTWS.do?resourceId=7708088>

*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:* Tipperary County Council

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

*Organisation receiving requests to participate:* Tipperary County Council

*Organisation processing tenders:* Tipperary County Council

## **8 Organisations**

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### **8.1 ORG-0001**

*Official name:* Tipperary County Council

*Registration number:* 32452

*Postal address:* Civic Offices Clonmel, Civic Offices Nenagh

*Town:* Clonmel, Nenagh

*Postcode:* E91N512 E45A099

*Country subdivision (NUTS):* Mid-West (IE051)

*Country:* Ireland

*Email:* [secretary@tipperarycoco.ie](mailto:secretary@tipperarycoco.ie)

*Telephone:* +353 818065000

*Internet address:* <https://www.tipperarycoco.ie>

*Buyer profile:* <https://www.tipperarycoco.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)  
*Telephone:* +30 2108094500  
*Roles of this organisation:*  
    *TED eSender*

#### **10 Change**

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*Version of the previous notice to be changed:* e1d81592-c47d-47f0-978f-87c7a496ffb7-01  
*Main reason for change:* Information updated  
*Description:* Budget edited to 32500 excluding VAT to reflect the 40000 including VAT stated in the RFQ Document

#### **Notice information**

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*Notice identifier/version:* 499e7ce7-3bde-4208-a30d-3f49f94a1ff3 - 02  
*Form type:* Competition  
*Notice type:* Contract or concession notice – standard regime  
*Notice dispatch date:* 20/03/2026 15:15 +00:00  
*Languages in which this notice is officially available:* English