

280999-2026 - Result

Germany – Statutory audit services – Statutory Audit of the ECB’s Annual Accounts, Compliance Checks Regarding Private Financial Activities and Actuarial Services for the ECB’s Pension Arrangements for the Financial Years 2025-2031

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Contract or concession award notice – standard regime
Services - Works

1. Buyer

1.1. Buyer

Official name: European Central Bank

Email: procurement@ecb.europa.eu

Legal type of the buyer: EU institution, body or agency

Activity of the contracting authority: Economic affairs

2. Procedure

2.1. Procedure

Title: Statutory Audit of the ECB’s Annual Accounts, Compliance Checks Regarding Private Financial Activities and Actuarial Services for the ECB’s Pension Arrangements for the Financial Years 2025-2031

Description: European Central Bank (ECB) is seeking suitable candidates through this call for applications that will be invited to participate in the negotiated procedure and to submit a tender for the contracts on the provision of services and works with regard to (i) the statutory audit of the ECB’s annual accounts, (ii) compliance checks regarding the private financial activities, and (iii) actuarial services for the ECB’s pension arrangements, for the financial years 2025-2031.

Procedure identifier: 76622de5-2405-4922-818b-e964c8e74b6d

Previous notice: 702318-2023

Internal identifier: PRO-009204

Type of procedure: Negotiated with prior publication of a call for competition / competitive with negotiation

2.1.1. Purpose

Main nature of the contract: Services

Additional nature of the contract: Works

Main classification (cpv): 79212300 Statutory audit services

2.1.2. Place of performance

Country subdivision (NUTS): Frankfurt am Main, Kreisfreie Stadt (DE712)

Country: Germany

2.1.3. Value

Estimated value excluding VAT: 12 000 000,00 EUR

2.1.4. General information

Legal basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

5. Lot

5.1. Lot: LOT-0001

Title: Statutory Auditor of the ECB's Annual Accounts

Description: The tasks to be performed by the External Auditor are based on the International Standards on Auditing (ISAs) and the IESBA Code of Ethics for professional accountants (formerly IFAC Code of Ethics) and comprise the following audit deliverables for each financial year to be audited: 1. annual audit of the ECB's annual accounts; 2. annual audit of the financial statements of the ECB's staff pension funds; 3. annual review of SSM related income and expenditure; 4. annual monetary income review; 5. annual review of tax withheld; 6. annual management letter. The services are expected to comprise the financial years 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030 and 2031, based on an extension clause after 5 (five) years duration which may be triggered in 2029.

5.1.1. Purpose

Main nature of the contract: Services

Main classification (cpv): 79212300 Statutory audit services

Additional classification (cpv): 79212300 Statutory audit services

5.1.2. Place of performance

Anywhere

5.1.3. Estimated duration

Duration: 84 Months

5.1.5. Value

Estimated value excluding VAT: 2 400 000,00 EUR

5.1.6. General information

Procurement Project not financed with EU Funds.

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA): no

5.1.10. Award criteria

Criterion:

Type: Quality

Description: Quality is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents.

Category of award weight criterion: Weight (percentage, exact)

Award criterion number: 50

Criterion:

Type: Price

Description: Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents.

Category of award weight criterion: Weight (percentage, exact)

Award criterion number: 50

5.1.15. Techniques

Framework agreement:

Framework agreement, without reopening of competition

Information about the dynamic purchasing system:

No dynamic purchase system

Electronic auction: no

5.1.16. Further information, mediation and review

Mediation organisation: The European Ombudsman

Review organisation: Procurement Review Body of the European Central Bank, c/o Legal Services Team

Information about review deadlines: Within 10 days of receipt of the notification in accordance with Article 34(1) or the first sentence of Article 34(3) of Decision ECB/2016/2 laying down the rules on public procurement. Further requirements are outlined in Article 39 of this decision. A complaint to the European Ombudsman does not affect the deadline for lodging appeals.

Organisation providing additional information about the procurement procedure: European Central Bank

Organisation providing more information on the review procedures: Procurement Review Body of the European Central Bank, c/o Legal Services Team

Organisation signing the contract: European Central Bank

5.1. Lot: LOT-0002

Title: Compliance Checks Regarding Private Financial Activities

Description: The PFA contractor shall perform regular and ad hoc compliance checks of the private financial activities (PFA) of ECB staff members with a view to compliance of ECB members of staff with the requirements on PFA set out in Article 0.4 of the ECB Staff Rules for the financial years 2025 until and including 2029, with a possibility of extending the contract to 2031. Subject to the revision of the rules on PFA and PFA compliance checks, the scope of services or works to be performed may comprise the following deliverables with respective completion dates for each financial year: 1. regular compliance check of ECB staff members' PFA; 2. ad hoc compliance check of ECB staff members' PFA. The Services are expected to comprise the financial years 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, and based on an extension clause after 5 (five) years duration which may be triggered in 2029, may include the years 2030 and 2031.

5.1.1. Purpose

Main nature of the contract: Services

Main classification (cpv): 79212300 Statutory audit services

Additional classification (cpv): 79212100 Financial auditing services

5.1.2. Place of performance

Anywhere

5.1.3. Estimated duration

Duration: 84 Months

5.1.5. Value

Estimated value excluding VAT: 6 700 000,00 EUR

5.1.6. General information

Procurement Project not financed with EU Funds.

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA): no

5.1.10. Award criteria

Criterion:

Type: Quality

Description: Quality is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents.

Category of award weight criterion: Weight (percentage, exact)

Award criterion number: 50

Criterion:

Type: Price

Description: Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents.

Category of award weight criterion: Weight (percentage, exact)

Award criterion number: 50

5.1.15. Techniques

Framework agreement:

Framework agreement, without reopening of competition

Information about the dynamic purchasing system:

No dynamic purchase system

Electronic auction: no

5.1.16. Further information, mediation and review

Mediation organisation: The European Ombudsman

Review organisation: Procurement Review Body of the European Central Bank, c/o Legal Services Team

Information about review deadlines: Within 10 days of receipt of the notification in accordance with Article 34(1) or the first sentence of Article 34(3) of Decision ECB/2016/2 laying down the rules on public procurement. Further requirements are outlined in Article 39 of this decision. A complaint to the European Ombudsman does not affect the deadline for lodging appeals.

Organisation providing additional information about the procurement procedure: European Central Bank

Organisation providing more information on the review procedures: Procurement Review Body of the European Central Bank, c/o Legal Services Team

Organisation signing the contract: European Central Bank

5.1. Lot: LOT-0003

Title: Actuarial Services for the ECB's Pension Arrangements

Description: Actuarial Services for the ECB's pension arrangements: The tasks to be performed by the actuarial contractor under the scope of this lot are as follows: (i) annual actuarial valuation of the assets and liabilities of the ECB's pension arrangements, board benefits, other post-employment and other long-term benefits on the basis of IAS19, for the annual accounts of the ECB included in the ECB's Annual Report and for the annual report and accounts of the ECB's pension arrangements; and the issuing of an actuarial statement for the annual report and accounts of the ECB's pension arrangements on the basis of IAS26 (a sample of ECB data requirements is provided in Annex 3); (ii) a triennial funding valuation of the ECB's pension arrangements, in line with Article 6.8 of the Rules of the ECB Retirement Plan and Article 22 of the ECB pension scheme. The next funding valuation is foreseen to be performed based on 2027 data. The ECB may request further funding valuations of the ECB's Pension arrangements during the contract duration; (iii) checks of individual benefit calculations and related documentation; (iv) actuarial advice at the request of the Director General of Human Resources or the administrator of the ECB's pension arrangements. The services are expected to comprise the financial years 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030 and 2031, based on an extension clause after 5 (five) years duration which may be triggered in 2029.

5.1.1. Purpose

Main nature of the contract: Services

Main classification (cpv): 79212300 Statutory audit services

Additional classification (cpv): 79212100 Financial auditing services

5.1.2. Place of performance

Anywhere

5.1.3. Estimated duration

Duration: 84 Months

5.1.5. Value

Estimated value excluding VAT: 2 800 000,00 EUR

5.1.6. General information

Procurement Project not financed with EU Funds.

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA): no

5.1.10. Award criteria

Criterion:

Type: Quality

Description: Quality is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents.

Category of award weight criterion: Weight (percentage, exact)

Award criterion number: 60

Criterion:

Type: Price

Description: Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents.

Category of award weight criterion: Weight (percentage, exact)

Award criterion number: 40

5.1.15. Techniques

Framework agreement:

Framework agreement, without reopening of competition

Information about the dynamic purchasing system:

No dynamic purchase system

Electronic auction: no

5.1.16. Further information, mediation and review

Mediation organisation: The European Ombudsman

Review organisation: Procurement Review Body of the European Central Bank, c/o Legal Services Team

Information about review deadlines: Within 10 days of receipt of the notification in accordance with Article 34(1) or the first sentence of Article 34(3) of Decision ECB/2016/2 laying down the rules on public procurement. Further requirements are outlined in Article 39 of this decision. A complaint to the European Ombudsman does not affect the deadline for lodging appeals.

Organisation providing additional information about the procurement procedure: European Central Bank

Organisation providing more information on the review procedures: Procurement Review Body of the European Central Bank, c/o Legal Services Team

Organisation signing the contract: European Central Bank

6. Results

Maximum value of the framework agreements in this notice: 11 800 000,00 EUR

6.1. Result lot identifier: LOT-0001

Winner selection status: At least one winner was chosen.

Framework agreement:

Maximum value of the framework agreement: 2 400 000,00 EUR

6.1.2. Information about winners

Winner:

Official name: Forvis Mazars

Tender:

Tender identifier: Offer Forvis Mazars - Lot 1

Identifier of lot or group of lots: LOT-0001

The tender was ranked: no

The tender is a variant: no

Subcontracting: Not yet known

Contract information:

Identifier of the contract: Framework agreement - Lot 1 - Forvis Mazars

Date of the conclusion of the contract: 07/05/2025

Information about European Union funds:

Organisation signing the contract: European Central Bank

6.1.4. Statistical information

Received tenders or requests to participate:

Type of received submissions: Tenders

Number of tenders or requests to participate received: 1

Type of received submissions: Tenders from micro, small or medium tenderers

Number of tenders or requests to participate received: 0

Type of received submissions: Tenders from tenderers registered in other European Economic Area countries than the country of the buyer

Number of tenders or requests to participate received: 0

Type of received submissions: Tenders from tenders registered in countries outside of the European Economic Area

Number of tenders or requests to participate received: 0

Type of received submissions: Tenders submitted electronically

Number of tenders or requests to participate received: 1

6.1. Result lot identifier: LOT-0002

Winner selection status: At least one winner was chosen.

Framework agreement:

Maximum value of the framework agreement: 6 700 000,00 EUR

6.1.2. Information about winners

Winner:

Official name: KPMG AG Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft

Tender:

Tender identifier: Offer KPMG - Lot 2

Identifier of lot or group of lots: LOT-0002

The tender was ranked: no

The tender is a variant: no
Subcontracting: Not yet known

Contract information:

Identifier of the contract: Framework agreement - Lot 2 - KPMG
Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft

Date of the conclusion of the contract: 26/01/2026

Information about European Union funds:

Organisation signing the contract: European Central Bank

6.1.4. Statistical information

Received tenders or requests to participate:

Type of received submissions: Tenders

Number of tenders or requests to participate received: 6

Type of received submissions: Tenders from micro, small or medium tenderers

Number of tenders or requests to participate received: 0

Type of received submissions: Tenders from tenderers registered in other European Economic Area countries than the country of the buyer

Number of tenders or requests to participate received: 0

Type of received submissions: Tenders from tenders registered in countries outside of the European Economic Area

Number of tenders or requests to participate received: 0

Type of received submissions: Tenders submitted electronically

Number of tenders or requests to participate received: 6

6.1. Result lot identifier: LOT-0003

Winner selection status: At least one winner was chosen.

Framework agreement:

Maximum value of the framework agreement: 2 700 000,00 EUR

6.1.2. Information about winners

Winner:

Official name: KPMG AG Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft

Tender:

Tender identifier: Offer KPMG - Lot 3

Identifier of lot or group of lots: LOT-0003

The tender was ranked: no

The tender is a variant: no

Subcontracting: Not yet known

Contract information:

Identifier of the contract: Framework agreement - Lot 3 - KPMG
Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft

Date of the conclusion of the contract: 20/10/2025

The contract is awarded within a framework agreement: no

Information about European Union funds:

Organisation signing the contract: European Central Bank

6.1.4. Statistical information

Received tenders or requests to participate:

Type of received submissions: Tenders

Number of tenders or requests to participate received: 4

Type of received submissions: Tenders from micro, small or medium tenderers

Number of tenders or requests to participate received: 0
Type of received submissions: Tenders from tenderers registered in other European Economic Area countries than the country of the buyer
Number of tenders or requests to participate received: 0
Type of received submissions: Tenders from tenders registered in countries outside of the European Economic Area
Number of tenders or requests to participate received: 0
Type of received submissions: Tenders submitted electronically
Number of tenders or requests to participate received: 4

8. Organisations

8.1. ORG-0001

Official name: European Central Bank
Registration number: ORG-0001
Postal address: Sonnemannstrasse 22
Town: Frankfurt am Main
Postcode: 60314
Country subdivision (NUTS): Frankfurt am Main, Kreisfreie Stadt (DE712)
Country: Germany
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Roles of this organisation:

Buyer
Organisation providing additional information about the procurement procedure
Organisation signing the contract

8.1. ORG-0002

Official name: Procurement Review Body of the European Central Bank, c/o Legal Services Team
Registration number: ORG-0002
Postal address: Sonnemannstrasse 22
Town: Frankfurt am Main
Postcode: 60314
Country subdivision (NUTS): Frankfurt am Main, Kreisfreie Stadt (DE712)
Country: Germany
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Fax: +49 6913446886
Internet address: <http://www.ecb.europa.eu>

Roles of this organisation:

Review organisation
Organisation providing more information on the review procedures

8.1. ORG-0003

Official name: The European Ombudsman
Registration number: ORG-0003
Postal address: 1 avenue du Président Robert Schuman, CS 30403
Town: Strasbourg Cedex

Postcode: 67001
Country subdivision (NUTS): Bas-Rhin (FRF11)
Country: France

Roles of this organisation:

Mediation organisation

8.1. ORG-0004

Official name: Forvis Mazars
Size of the economic operator: Large
Registration number: DE136456066
Town: Hamburg
Postcode: 20095
Country subdivision (NUTS): Hamburg (DE600)
Country: Germany

Roles of this organisation:

Tenderer

Winner of these lots: LOT-0001

8.1. ORG-0005

Official name: KPMG AG Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft
Size of the economic operator: Large
Registration number: DE 814811803
Postal address: Heidestraße 58
Town: Berlin
Postcode: 10557
Country subdivision (NUTS): Berlin (DE300)
Country: Germany

Roles of this organisation:

Tenderer

Winner of these lots: LOT-0002, LOT-0003

8.1. ORG-0000

Official name: Publications Office of the European Union
Registration number: PUBL
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Country: Luxembourg
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Roles of this organisation:

TED eSender

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