



**VOLUNTARY CONTRACT NOTICE FOR UPCOMING PROCUREMENT
PROCEDURE – FREELANCE LAWYER-LINGUISTS FOR ROMANIAN
Ref. ECB/15448/2010**

Title: Freelance lawyer-linguists for Romanian

I. Contracting authority

1. Name, addresses and contact point of the contracting authority: European Central Bank, Directorate General Legal Services, Lawyer-Linguists Division, attention: Sanna Rautiainen, Postfach 16 03 19, 60066 Frankfurt am Main, Germany. Tel +49 69 1344 8591 Fax +49 69 1344 6887.

2. Business area: Directorate General Legal Services

3. Division: Lawyer-Linguists Division

4. Section: Legal Revision and National Law Sections

5. Description of the functions: *Tasks of the Lawyer-Linguists Division*

The Lawyer-Linguists Division is primarily responsible for preparing the legal instruments of the European Central Bank (ECB) in the official EU languages. It is also responsible for editing and reviewing the ECB's legal texts for legal, linguistic and terminological consistency, for translating legal documentation, including documentation relating to court cases, into the official EU languages, and for maintaining a legal terminology database.

The Division also coordinates the preparation of the ECB's opinion when the institution is consulted on draft national legislative provisions. Furthermore, staff lawyer-linguists provide national legal expertise to the ECB on EU Member States' national laws, among other things for the ECB's convergence reports, verification reports and other official legal documents. They also monitor relevant legal developments in EU Member States.

II. Description of the applicants' designated tasks:

The Lawyer-Linguists Division is currently seeking potential bidders for upcoming procurement opportunities who have a perfect command of Romanian and have the necessary qualifications and experience to provide all of the lawyer-linguist services described under I. 5. above with regard to Romanian, in particular

- editing, revising and proof-reading legal texts drafted in Romanian;
- translation into Romanian of legal texts drafted in English;
- in exceptional cases, translation into English of legal texts drafted in Romanian;

- performing terminology work, viz. the extraction, compilation and linguistic checking of terminology, and the alignment of documents; and
- providing national legal expertise on Romanian law.

It is the ECB's intention to identify and select potential bidders in accordance with the rules specified in this voluntary contract notice and in particular under Section III. ("Procedure") below who will then be invited to participate in an upcoming procurement procedure as further described below.

Successful candidates will be awarded a non-exclusive framework contract. They will join a pool of freelance lawyer-linguists and from time to time receive (individual) invitations to work with the Lawyer-Linguists Division's existing team, both remotely (receiving jobs by e-mail) and, if need be, in-house at the ECB's offices in Frankfurt am Main.

III. Procedure

1. General information

This document constitutes a voluntary contract notice in the run-up to an upcoming procurement procedure for freelance lawyer-linguists which shall be governed by Decision ECB/2007/5 of 3 July 2007 laying down the Rules on Procurement¹. The procurement procedure will be carried out without publication of a notice in accordance with Article 29 of Decision ECB/2007/5.

2. Pre-selection procedure:

Envisaged number of applicants: 10 to 20, where available

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of applicants:

In order to identify the envisaged number of suitable bidders for the described upcoming procurement, the ECB will evaluate the applications received against the criteria set forth under Section IV. below. The ECB will create a list of applicants who fulfil the minimum criteria laid down in Section IV. 1. of this voluntary contract notice and will send a request for proposal to those applicants fulfilling the minimum criteria who – in addition – best meet the respective selection criteria set out under IV. 2. below ("Further general qualifications"). In such request for proposal, the selected applicants will be asked to submit an offer to the ECB for the specified services.

3. Division into lots: No.

4. Type of contracts: Framework contracts for the duration of 4 years (envisaged number: 3-4)

5. Closing date: All applications must be received by the ECB by the closing date set out in Section VIII. below. Interested applicants may not apply to participate in the procurement procedure and/or to be added to the list of applicants at a later date by sending the information requested in this voluntary contract notice after the closing date.

¹ OJ L 184, 14.7.2007, p. 34 as amended by Decision ECB/2009/2 amending Decision ECB/2007/5 laying down the rules on procurement, OJ L 51, 24.2.2009, p. 10, both published on <http://www.ecb.europa.eu/ecb/legal/1001/procurement/html/index.en.html>.

IV. Qualifications and experience (selection criteria)

1. Minimum criteria: Applicants must have the following qualifications and experience:

- Perfect command of Romanian and excellent English;
- University degree in law awarded in Romania;
- Proven relevant professional experience translating from English into Romanian and from Romanian into English. Applicants should either demonstrate a minimum of two years' continuous employment in translation or provide proof of freelance work of a minimum of 2 000 pages (where one page is equal to 1 500 characters including spaces);
- A sound background knowledge of EU law and financial and economic affairs;
- Advanced PC skills and a practical knowledge of standard MS Office applications.

2. Further general qualifications:

It would be an advantage for applicants to have the following qualifications and experience:

- National legal expertise and professional experience in the legal field in Romania;
- Familiarity with the ECB, other EU institutions, international organisations, Banca Națională a României, and the financial sector.

V. How to apply:

Applications must include

a covering letter in Romanian as well as a standardised curriculum vitae (see <http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/europass/home/vernav/Europasss+Documents/Europass+CV/navigate.action>) in English and be submitted together with all necessary supporting documentation (copies of qualification certificates, proof of professional translation experience as an in-house or freelance translator, letters of reference, etc.). (Incomplete applications, i.e. those with no supporting documentation, will not be considered). Applications must be sent by post, quoting the above reference number, to the **address stipulated under Section I. 1. above**. Applications will not be returned and will remain the property of the ECB.

In addition to a postal application, applicants may also wish to send an electronic version (pdf) to the following e-mail address: lawyer-linguists_external@ecb.europa.eu.

All applications must be received by the ECB by the closing date (see Section III. 5. above).

The ECB may, at its discretion, exclude applications that do not meet the qualifying criteria, do not contain the information requested or are otherwise incomplete.

VI. Additional information:

1. Framework contracts are intended for a duration of 4 years.
2. All Framework contracts shall be governed by and interpreted under German civil law.

3. The ECB reserves the right not to make any award to any of the applicants.
4. The ECB will not be liable for any costs, nor shall it reimburse any expenses or losses that applicants may incur in connection with the submission of their application.
5. The ECB reserves the right to reuse the applicant's data for the identification of potential bidders for future procurement procedures.

**VII. Date of dispatch
of this call for the
identification of
potential bidders:** 1 July 2010

VIII. Closing date: 25 August 2010