

EuropeWave PCP: Design, develop, and demonstrate wave energy converter systems

Prior Information Notice

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PRIOR INFORMATION NOTICE (PIN)

This document reports the text of the prior information notice (PIN) that will initiate the open market consultation for the EuropeWave pre-commercial procurement (the EuropeWave PCP). This document is based on the standard form for the prior information notice ¹ and the H2020 guidance for PCP procurement documents ².

This PIN will be accompanied by an annex that provides additional information about the EuropeWave PCP and the open market consultation.

The PIN, and the accompanying annex, will be published in English in the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) and on the national public procurement portals of the Buyers Group members, i.e. on the public procurement portals of Scotland and the UK (in English), and, the Basque Country (in Basque) and Spain (in Spanish).

Just one portal will be used to record expressions of interest in the PIN and to capture all queries regarding the PIN. The use of a single portal for this function is simpler to manage, reducing the potential for confusion. As the lead buyer, WES elected to use the Scottish portal (Public Contracts Scotland). This portal has the additional benefit of being auditable.

Instructions for completing the notice are shown in blue.

Text to be entered is shown in green.

¹ <https://simap.ted.europa.eu/standard-forms-for-public-procurement>

² https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/other/gm/h2020-guide-pcp-procurement-docs_en.docx


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 Info and online forms: <http://simap.ted.europa.eu>
Prior information notice

Directive 2014/24/EU

 This notice is for prior information only

 This notice aims at reducing time limits for receipt of tenders

 This notice is a call for competition

Interested operators must inform the contracting authority of their interest in the contract(s). The contract(s) will be awarded without publication of a further call for competition.

Select the first bullet, i.e. this notice is for prior information only.

I.1) Name and addresses¹ (please identify all contracting authorities responsible for the procedure)

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|-------------------------------------|------------|--|----------|
| Official name: | | National registration number: ² | |
| Postal address: | | | |
| Town: | NUTS code: | Postal code: | Country: |
| Contact person: | | Telephone: | |
| E-mail: | | Fax: | |
| Internet address(es) | | | |
| Main address: (URL) | | | |
| Address of the buyer profile: (URL) | | | |

Give the contact details of the lead procurer and all the procurers in the buyers group.

Official name, address and national registration number are repeated in Section II.1.4) to compensate for character limitations imposed by Wave Energy Scotland's national portal (PCS).

| | Lead procurer (WES) | Buyers group (EVE) |
|--|--|---|
| Official name | Wave Energy Scotland Ltd | Ente Vasco de la Energía |
| National registration number (if applicable) | SC493764 | Q5150001E |
| Postal address | An Lochran, 10 Inverness Campus | Alameda de Urquijo 36, 1º |
| Town | Inverness | Bilbao |
| NUTS code | UKM | ES2 |
| Postal code | IV2 5NA | 48011 |
| Country | Scotland, UK | Basque Country, Spain |
| Contact person | - | - |
| Telephone | +44 (0) 1463 245 245 | - |
| E-mail | wesprocurement@hient.co.uk | - |
| Fax | - | - |
| Internet address(es) | http://www.europewave.eu https://www.waveenergyscotland.co.uk | https://www.eve.eus |

I.2) Joint procurement

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| <input type="checkbox"/> The contract involves joint procurement In the case of joint procurement involving different countries, state applicable national procurement law: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body |

Select the first check box, i.e. this contract involves joint procurement.

Insert the following text in the free text field for 'in the case of joint procurement involving different countries, state applicable national procurement law' (PCS imposes a 200-character limit):

The applicable national procurement law will be confirmed later in the procurement process.

I.3) Communication

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| <input type="radio"/> The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at: (URL) ¹² <input type="radio"/> Access to the procurement documents is restricted. Further information can be obtained at: (URL) ¹² |
| Additional information can be obtained from <input type="radio"/> the abovementioned address <input type="radio"/> another address: (please provide another address) |
| Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted ^{5,19} <input type="checkbox"/> electronically via: (URL) <input type="radio"/> to the abovementioned address <input type="radio"/> to the following address: (please provide another address) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at: (URL) |

First row: Select radio button “Access to the procurement documents is restricted ...” and state the URL

- www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk

Second row: “Additional information can be obtained from”, select radio button “above mentioned address”.

Third row: Check box and radio buttons not available in a ‘For Information’ PIN

Fourth row: Select checkbox “Electronic communication requires ...” and enter URL

- www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk

[PCS:

First row: Radio buttons not available in a ‘For Information’ PIN.

Second row: “Additional information can be obtained from”, select radio button “above mentioned address”

Third row: Check box and radio buttons not available in a ‘For Information’ PIN

Fourth row: Select checkbox “Electronic communication requires ...” and enter URL

- www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk]

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="radio"/> Ministry or any other national or federal authority, including their regional or local subdivisions | <input type="radio"/> Regional or local agency/office |
| <input type="radio"/> National or federal agency/office | <input type="radio"/> Body governed by public law |
| <input type="radio"/> Regional or local authority | <input type="radio"/> European institution/agency or international organisation |
| | <input type="radio"/> Other type: |

Select radio button

- **Body governed by public law**

II.1.5) Estimated total value ²

Value excluding VAT: [] Currency: [] [] []
(for framework agreements or dynamic purchasing systems – estimated total maximum value for the entire duration of the framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system)

The total estimated value of the PCP framework agreement in euros (excluding VAT) is

16 333 333 EUR

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots yes no
 Tenders may be submitted for ¹² all lots maximum number of lots: [] one lot only
 Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer: []
 The contracting authority reserves the right to award contracts combining the following lots or groups of lots:

Select the radio button 'no'

II.2) Description ¹

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| II.2.1) Title: ² | Lot No: ² |
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Do not complete.

Lots are not being used.

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s) ²

Main CPV code: ¹ [] [] . [] [] . [] [] . [] [] Supplementary CPV code: ^{1,2} [] [] [] []

Specify supplementary CPV code as

- 73300000 [Design and execution of research and development]

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS code: ¹ [] [] [] [] [] [] Main site or place of performance:

Do not fill out the fields 'NUTS code' and 'main site or place of performance'.

[OJEU: If obliged to provide NUTS code, use UKM and ES2]

[PCS: Select "Other" then "Not specified/other"]

II.2.4) Description of the procurement:

(nature and quantity of works, supplies or services or indication of needs and requirements)

Use this text to describe the procurement:

This PIN provides early information about the expected starting date and proposed scope for the EuropeWave PCP, and about the open market consultation that is organised in preparation of this procurement.

The main technical challenges to be addressed within the overarching challenge may be expressed in terms of:

- Performance – obtain quantitative evidence of appropriate power capture and conversion capability and increase confidence in yield predictions from numerical model simulations.
- Reliability & survivability – demonstrate appropriate levels of availability through reliable prototype operation.
- Affordability – increase confidence in the estimation of the technology costs (capital and operational) and the requirements for achieving the SET Plan's LCOE targets.

The members of the Buyers Group are facing the same common challenge and are thus looking for similar solutions.

The procurement will take the form of a pre-commercial procurement (PCP) under which R&D service contracts will be awarded to a number of R&D providers in parallel in a phased approach. This will make it possible to compare competing alternative solutions.

Each selected operator will be awarded a framework agreement that covers three R&D phases.

The three phases are anticipated as being:

- Concept development
- Detailed design / modelling
- Open-sea deployment and testing programme.

After each phase, intermediate evaluations will be carried out to progressively select the best of the competing solutions. The contractors with the best-value-for-money solutions will be offered a specific contract for the next phase.

The open-sea deployment and testing programme is expected to take place at the European Marine Energy Centre (EMEC) in Scotland and the Biscay Marine Energy Platform (BiMEP) in the Basque Country.

The R&D service contracts for phase 1 are anticipated as starting in January 2022. The final phase contracts are anticipated as concluding in June 2026.

The contract notice is expected to be published in June 2021 with a deadline for receipt of tenders in September 2021.

The selected operators will retain ownership of the intellectual property rights (IPRs) that they generate during the PCP and will be able to use them to exploit the full market potential of the developed solutions *i.e. beyond the procurement*.

This procurement receives funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 Research and Innovation Programme, under grant agreement No 883751 — EuropeWave (www.europewave.eu).

The EU has given a grant for this procurement but is not participating as a contracting authority in the procurement.

The open market consultation event will be in the form of a webinar, details of which will be announced using the following communication channels:

- A notice published through the Public Contracts Scotland portal (all operators that have registered an interest in the PIN will be notified automatically);
- Press releases;
- News items published on the EuropeWave project website and the websites of the EuropeWave project partners;
- News items published on and promoted through social media.

Queries may be raised in advance of the open market consultation using the online "Question and Answer" facility on the Public Contracts Scotland portal. The last date to submit a query will be 7 (seven) calendar days prior to the date of the webinar. Further queries may be raised for a period of 7 (seven) calendar days following the webinar.

More information about the open market consultation is provided in the accompanying Additional Information document.

II.2.5) Award criteria ¹²

- Criteria below
- Quality criterion – Name: / Weighting: ^{1,2,20}
 - Cost criterion – Name: / Weighting: ^{1,20}
 - Price – Weighting: ²¹
- Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

Section II.2.5) not available in a 'For Information' PIN

II.2.6) Estimated value ^{2,5,6,19}

Value excluding VAT: [] Currency: [][][]
(for framework agreements or dynamic purchasing systems – estimated total maximum value for the entire duration of this lot)

Section II.2.6) not available in a 'For Information' PIN

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system ^{5,6,19}

Duration in months: [] or Duration in days: []
 or Start: (dd/mm/yyyy) / End: (dd/mm/yyyy)

- This contract is subject to renewal
 Description of renewals:

Section II.2.7) not available in a 'For Information' PIN

II.2.10) Information about variants ¹²

- Variants will be accepted

Section II.2.10) not available in a 'For Information' PIN

II.2.11) Information about options ^{5,6,19}

- Options
 Description of options:

Section II.2.11) not available in a 'For Information' PIN

II.2.13) Information about European Union funds ^{5,19}

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds yes no
 Identification of the project:

Section II.2.13) not available in a 'For Information' PIN

II.2.14) Additional information:

Use this text:

Additional information is provided in the accompanying document "Additional Information".

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice: ^{9,19} (dd/mm/yyyy)

Enter the date.

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Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information ^{5,6,19}

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers ¹²

List and brief description of conditions:

Section III.1.1) not available in a 'For Information' PIN.

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing ¹²

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

List and brief description of selection criteria:

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: ²

Section III.1.2) not available in a 'For Information' PIN.

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability ¹²

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

List and brief description of selection criteria:

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: ²

Section III.1.3) not available in a 'For Information' PIN.

III.1.5) Information about reserved contracts ²

The contract is reserved to sheltered workshops and economic operators aiming at the social and professional integration of disabled or disadvantaged persons

The execution of the contract is restricted to the framework of sheltered employment programmes

Section III.1.5) not available in a 'For Information' PIN.

III.2) Conditions related to the contract ²

III.2.1) Information about a particular profession *(only for service contracts)*

Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession

Reference to the relevant law, regulation or administrative provision:

Section III.2) not available in a 'For Information' PIN.

III.2.2) Contract performance conditions:

Section III.2.2) not available in a 'For Information' PIN.

III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

Section III.2.3) not available in a 'For Information' PIN.

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure ⁵

- Restricted procedure
 Competitive procedure with negotiation

Section IV.1.1) not available in a 'For Information' PIN.

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system ^{5,19}

- The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement
 - Framework agreement with a single operator
 - Framework agreement with several operators
 Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement: ² []
- The procurement involves the setting up of a dynamic purchasing system
 - The dynamic purchasing system might be used by additional purchasers

In the case of framework agreements, provide justification for any duration exceeding 4 years:

Section IV.1.3) not available in a 'For Information' PIN.

IV.1.6) Information about electronic auction ¹²

- An electronic auction will be used
 Additional information about electronic auction:

Section IV.1.6) not available in a 'For Information' PIN.

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement yes no

Select the radio button 'no'.

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of expressions of interest ⁵

Date: (dd/mm/yyyy) Local time: (hh:mm)

Section IV.2.2) not available in a 'For Information' PIN.

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted: [] [] ^{1,5}

Section IV.2.4) not available in a 'For Information' PIN.

IV.2.5) Scheduled date for start of award procedures: (dd/mm/yyyy) ^{4,5,19}

Section IV.2.5) not available in a 'For Information' PIN.

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows ^{5,19}

- Electronic ordering will be used
 Electronic invoicing will be accepted
 Electronic payment will be used

Section VI.2) not available in a 'For Information' PIN.

VI.3) Additional information:²

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Use this text:

This PIN is published to announce an open market consultation on a future procurement procedure. The PIN is not a commitment to procure.

Pre-commercial procurement is exempted from the WTO Government Procurement Agreement (GPA), the EU public procurement directives and the national laws that implement them. This is because it concerns the procurement of R&D services where the benefits do not accrue exclusively to the contracting authority for its use in the conduct of its own affairs.

Publication of this Prior Information Notice in the EU Official Journal is not to be understood as a waiver of this exemption. Publication is made on a voluntary basis and the procurement will not follow the procedures under the EU public procurement directives, but rather the procedure described in the tender documentation.

Further information regarding this PIN can be obtained from the Public Contracts Scotland portal (the national public procurement portal of the lead procurer, Wave Energy Scotland) by:

- searching for the title of this PIN stated in II.1.1) at https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_MainPage.aspx ; or,
- selecting the PIN from the current notices on Wave Energy Scotland's buyer profile at https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA24283 .

Operators must register an interest in the PIN to obtain the Additional Information document.

VI.4) Procedures for review^{5,19}

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| VI.4.1) Review body | | |
| Official name: | | |
| Postal address: | | |
| Town: | Postal code: | Country: |
| E-mail: | | Telephone: |
| Internet address: (URL) | | Fax: |

Section VI.4.1) not available in a 'For Information' PIN.

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| VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures ² | | |
| Official name: | | |
| Postal address: | | |
| Town: | Postal code: | Country: |
| E-mail: | | Telephone: |
| Internet address: (URL) | | Fax: |

Section VI.4.2) not available in a 'For Information' PIN.

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| VI.4.3) Review procedure |
| Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures: |

Section VI.4.3) not available in a 'For Information' PIN.

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| VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained ² | | |
| Official name: | | |
| Postal address: | | |
| Town: | Postal code: | Country: |
| E-mail: | | Telephone: |
| Internet address: (URL) | | Fax: |

Section VI.4.4) not available in a 'For Information' PIN.

VI.5) Date of dispatch of this notice: (dd/mm/yyyy)

Enter the date.

It is the contracting authority's/contracting entity's responsibility to ensure compliance with European Union law and any applicable laws.

¹ please repeat as many times as needed

² if applicable

³ please repeat as many times as needed if this notice is for prior information only

⁴ if this information is known

⁵ please provide this information if the notice is a call for competition

⁶ as far as information is already known

⁹ please provide this information only if this notice is a prior information notice

¹² please provide this information here or in the invitation to confirm interest, if the notice is a call for competition or aims at reducing time limits for receipt of tenders

¹⁹ if the notice aims at reducing time limits for receipt of tenders

²⁰ importance may be given instead of weighting

²¹ importance may be given instead of weighting; if price is the only award criterion, weighting is not used