

Pursuant to the Law on the Ratification of the Loan Agreement (IBRD Loan No. 9558-HR) between Republic of Croatia and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for financing of the Digital Innovation and Green Technology Project (NN MU No. 9/2023), the Project Implementation Unit publishes the following notice:

Contract Award Notice Consulting Services Implementation Support and Advisory Services

The Government of Croatia and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) have signed the Loan Agreement (Loan No. 9558-HR) for the Digital Innovation and Green Technology Project (DIGIT) in the amount of EUR 106 million. The Project aims to fill gaps in institutional and other enabling conditions, as well as to support financing for research and innovation. The interventions will build the capacities of institutions to deliver on the digital and green research and innovation agenda, complement and enhance the effectiveness of EU-funded investments and finance digital and green research and innovation. Part of the funds of the Loan are allocated for Consulting Services for Implementation Support and Advisory Services.

Selection of Consultant was carried out as specified in the World Bank's 'Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers' dated November 2020 ('Procurement Regulations'), using the Consultant's Qualifications Based Selection (CQS) method, under which a Request for Expressions of Interest was addressed to at least three qualified firms.

Under the Project, the Request for Expressions of Interest was issued on 19 May 2026, with a deadline for the submission of Expressions of Interest of 2 June 2026. Two Expressions of Interest were received (on 1 and 2 June 2026). Following the evaluation of the qualifications and relevant experience, the Request for Proposal was issued on 17 June 2026 to the Consultant evaluated as having the best qualifications and relevant experience, and the Consultant submitted its combined technical and financial Proposal on 24 June 2026.

Below is information on the Contract Award for the selection procedure in question:

Name and address of the Client	
Ministry of Science, Education and Youth, Donje Svetice 38, Zagreb 10000, Croatia	
Name and reference number of the contract being awarded, and the selection method used	
Ref No: DIGIT-CS-CQS-042026 Consultant's Qualification Based Selection (CQS) using Request for Expression of Interest (RfEoI) and simplified Request for Proposal (RfP)	
Names of all Consultants that submitted an Expression of Interest	
Consultant's Name	Address and country of the Consultant
EMDA d.o.o.	Ulica Vojina Bakića 1, 10000 Zagreb, Croatia
Notitia d.o.o.	Horvaćanska cesta 174, Zagreb, Croatia
Names of all Consultants whose Expression of Interest evaluated as non-responsive, with the reasons therefor	

No Expression of Interest was evaluated as non-responsive. Both Expressions of Interest received were found to be responsive and were evaluated.

Name of the successful Consultant, the final negotiated contract price, the contract duration, and a summary of its scope

Name of the Successful Consultant:	EMDA d.o.o.
Address of the Successful Consultant:	Ulica Vojina Bakića 1, 10000 Zagreb, Hrvatska
The Final negotiated Contract Price without VAT:	40.000,00 €
The Contract Duration:	24 months from contract signing
Summary of Contract's Scope:	Implementation Support and Advisory Services to the Project Implementation Unit and the Ministry of Science, Education and Youth throughout the entire sub-grant cycle. The assignment comprises advisory support during the preparation and implementation of Calls for Proposals, advisory opinions on complaints and irregularities, implementation support and grant management (including the review of Procurement Plans, Grant Agreement amendments and Requests for Reimbursement), and ongoing advisory support, including the updating of forms and the Implementation Manual for Beneficiaries, with a view to ensuring compliant, transparent and consistent implementation of the DIGIT sub-grant schemes.

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