

TENDER FILE / TERMS OF REFERENCE

(Competitive bidding procedure / One-off contract)

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Purchase of event management, transportation, visibility and publication services to implement activities in frames of the project "Advancing Participatory and Human Rights-based Local Democracy in Georgia"

Contract N° 3911/2026/09

The Council of Europe is currently implementing until 31 December 2027 a Project on "Advancing Participatory and Human Rights-based Local Democracy in Georgia". In that context, it is looking for a Provider for the provision of event management and transportation services (See Section A of the Act of Engagement).

A. TENDER RULES

This tender procedure is a competitive bidding procedure. **In accordance with Rule 1395 of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe on the procurement procedures of the Council of Europe¹, the Organisation shall invite to tender at least three potential providers for any purchase between €2,000 (or €6,000 for intellectual services) and €184,000 tax exclusive.**

This specific tender procedure aims at concluding a **one-off contract** for the provision of deliverables described in the Act of Engagement (See attached). A tender is considered valid for 180 calendar days as from the closing date for submission. The selection of tenderers will be made in the light of the criteria indicated below. All tenderers will be informed in writing of the outcome of the procedure.

The tenderer must be a legal person or consortia of legal and/or natural persons.

Tenders shall be submitted **by email only** (with attachments) **to the email address indicated in the table below, with the following reference in subject: Tender Event management, transportation, visibility and publication services.** Tenders addressed to another email address **will be rejected.**

The general information and contact details for this procedure are indicated on this page. You are invited to use the CoE Contact details indicated below for any question you may have. **All questions shall be submitted, in English, at least 2 (TWO) working days before the deadline for submission of the tenders and shall be exclusively addressed to the email address indicated below with the following reference in subject: Questions - Event management, transportation, visibility and publication services.**

Type of contract ▶	One-off Contract
Duration ▶	Until complete execution of the obligations of the parties (See Article 2 of the Legal conditions)
Deadline for submission of tenders/offers ▶	11 September 2026 15h00 (Tbilisi time)
Email for submission of tenders/offers ▶	georgia.localgov@coe.int
Email for questions ▶	georgia.localgov@coe.int
Expected starting date of execution ▶	20 September 2026

B. EXPECTED DELIVERABLES

The expected deliverables are described in Section A of the Act of Engagement (See attached)

C. FEES

All tenderers are invited to fill in the **table of fees** as reproduced in **Section A of the Act of Engagement.**

Tenderers **subject to VAT** shall also send **a quote (Pro Forma invoice)** on their letterhead including:

¹ The activities of the Council of Europe are governed by its [Statute](#) and its internal Regulations. Procurement is governed by the Financial Regulations of the Organisation and by [Rule 1395 of 20 June 2019 on the procurement procedures of the Council of Europe.](#)

- the Service Provider's name and address;
- its VAT number;
- the full list of services;
- the fee per type of deliverables (in the currency indicated on the Act of Engagement, tax exclusive);
- the total amount per type of deliverables (in the currency indicated on the Act of Engagement, tax exclusive);
- the total amount (in the currency indicated on the Act of Engagement), tax exclusive, the applicable VAT rate, the amount of VAT and the amount VAT inclusive.

D. ASSESSMENT

Exclusion criteria and absence of conflict of interests

(by submitting a tender, you declare on your honour not being in any of the below situations)²

Tenderers shall be excluded from participating in the tender procedure if they:

- have been sentenced by final judgment on one or more of the following charges: participation in a criminal organisation, corruption, fraud, money laundering, terrorist financing, terrorist offences or offences linked to terrorist activities, child labour or trafficking in human beings;
- are in a situation of bankruptcy, liquidation, termination of activity, insolvency or arrangement with creditors or any like situation arising from a procedure of the same kind, or are subject to a procedure of the same kind;
- have received a judgment with res judicata force, finding an offence that affects their professional integrity or serious professional misconduct;
- do not comply with their obligations as regards payment of social security contributions, taxes and dues, according to the statutory provisions of their country of incorporation, establishment or residence;
- are an entity created to circumvent tax, social or other legal obligations (empty shell company), have ever created or are in the process of creation of such an entity;
- have been involved in mismanagement of the Council of Europe funds or public funds;
- are or appear to be in a situation of an actual, potential or perceived conflict of interest; a conflict of interests arises where any person has a personal interest which is such as to influence, or appear to influence, the impartial and objective exercise of their responsibilities under this procedure. A personal interest includes any advantage to themselves, their relatives or personal relationships (including based on political or national affinity), business or financial interests or any other interest shared with another party. If tenderers have any personal interests that are relevant to this tender procedure, **they must fully disclose these in a separate document submitted with the tender;**
- are retired Council of Europe staff members or are staff members having benefitted from an early departure scheme;
- are currently employed by the Council of Europe or were employed by the Council of Europe on the date of the launch of the procurement procedure;
- have not fulfilled, in the previous three years, their contractual obligations in the performance of a contract concluded with the Council of Europe leading to a total or partial refusal of payment and/or termination of the contract by the Council of Europe;
- are subject to restrictive measures applied by the United Nations Security Council or the European Union. In the case of legal persons, the restrictive measures imposed on the tenderer's owner(s) or executives will also exclude the tenderer from participating in this tender procedure.

Eligibility criteria

The eligibility criteria determine the conditions for participating in a procurement procedure and define the essential requirements that each bidder must comply with. Bidders shall demonstrate that they fulfil the following criteria:

Eligibility criteria	Document/s to be submitted
Being a registered company in Georgia;	Registration documents
At least one (1) year of demonstrated experience in providing hotel and/or event management services, including visibility, publication and transportation	Act of Engagement,

² The Council of Europe reserves the right to ask tenderers, at a later stage, to supply the following supporting documents:

- An extract from the record of convictions or failing that an equivalent document issued by the competent judicial or administrative authority of the country of incorporation, indicating that the first three and sixth above listed exclusion criteria are met;
- A certificate issued by the competent authority of the country of incorporation indicating that the fourth criterion is met;
- For legal persons, an extract from the companies register or other official document proving ownership and control of the Tenderer;
- For natural persons (including owners and executive officers of legal persons), a scanned copy of a valid photographic proof of identity (e.g. passport).

services in the country concerned, with evidence of organising or servicing with a minimum of 10 medium scale (30-80 participants) events during the previous 12 months;	List of at least three comparable assignments completed during the last 12 months, including the scope, duration, and the bidder's role;
Sufficient financial capacity, namely a cumulative turnover of at least €50.000 (fifty thousand euro) during the financial year 2025;	Financial statements, annual turnover
Sufficient human capacity to execute the contract, namely at least two (2) permanent staff members responsible for providing event management services (excluding human capacity of subcontractors).	CVs Act of Engagement
Demonstrated capacity to provide safe and reliable transportation services throughout Georgia in accordance with the requirements of the Act of Engagement.	Confirmation of availability of transportation services
Capacity to design, print and produce visibility and publication services in accordance with Council of Europe visibility requirements.	Portfolio or samples of at least three previous visibility and publication projects

The above eligibility criteria will be assessed **on the basis of the documents listed in the table and, where relevant, on the basis of other supporting documents** listed in Section F.

For legal persons only: legal persons are requested to include in their bids the profiles of **a maximum of 3** natural persons proposed to be assigned to the contract. The status of each natural person included in the bid must be specified, and in particular whether they are employees or subcontractors. **Each natural person included in the bid will be assessed against the above eligibility criteria.** The Council reserves the right not to accept the inclusion in the contract of persons who do not meet the eligibility criteria or to reject a bid entirely if no profiles met the eligibility criteria.³

For consortia only: each consortium member **will be assessed against the eligibility criteria above.** Consortium members who are legal persons are requested to provide the profiles of a maximum of 3 natural persons proposed to be assigned to the contract. The status of each natural person included in the bid must be specified, and in particular whether they are employees or subcontractors.

Each natural person included in the bid submitted by a consortium – whether as an individual consortium member or as a natural person attached to a legal person – will be assessed against the above eligibility criteria. The Council reserves the right not to accept the inclusion in the contract of persons who do not meet the eligibility criteria or to reject a bid entirely if no profiles meet the eligibility criteria.⁴ For a consortium to be validly constituted, at least two consortium members must satisfy the eligibility criteria.

Award criteria

The award criteria aim at assessing the quality of a bid in order to **identify the bid/s offering the best value for money**. Eligible bids will be assessed against the following award criteria:

Award criteria	Document/s to be submitted
Quality of the offer (50 points), including: ○ A proven track record of delivering similar services, understanding of the assignment, proposed approach, organisation of the services, methodology, quality assurance, cancellation policy, and compliance with the requirements. (30 points) ○ Relevant experience and capacity of the bidder – experience delivering comparable services for public bodies and/or international organisations; experience of the proposed contact person; language skills. (20 points)	Act of Engagement A short technical note (2–3 pages maximum) explaining the proposed approach Portfolio of similar assignments, Three references (contact details only) for verification, if requested by the Council of Europe.

³ If awarded a contract, legal persons undertake to entrust the execution of order forms only to the persons approved by the Council for inclusion in the contract. If, during the period of validity of the contract, it becomes necessary to replace one or more of the persons included in the contract, the legal persons undertake to assign to the contract only persons who satisfy the eligibility criteria above and to inform the Council without delay.

⁴ If awarded a contract, consortium members who are legal persons undertake to entrust the execution of order forms only to the persons approved by the Council for inclusion in the contract. If, during the period of validity of the contract, it becomes necessary to replace one or more of the persons included in the contract, consortium members who are legal persons undertake to assign to the contract only persons who satisfy the eligibility criteria above and to inform the Council without delay.

Financial offer (50 points)	Completed and signed Act of Engagement
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The above award criteria will be assessed based on the bidder's capacity, as outlined in the supporting document, or on the basis of a consolidated assessment of the combined capacity of all eligible profiles or consortium members if the bid is submitted by a legal person or a consortium.

Additional rules applicable to the submission and assessment of the bids

The bidders' attention is drawn to the following additional rules governing the assessment of the bids:

- Unless expressly provided otherwise in the tender documents, a bidder may not submit more than one bid for the same procurement procedure. Bidding for more than one lot – where a contract is divided into lots – is allowed;
- In the same procurement procedure, natural person may not submit a bid on his/her own behalf and, at the same time, be included in a bid submitted by a legal person or a consortium. In such cases, the Council of Europe reserves the right to exclude the bid submitted by the natural person from the procurement procedure;
- In the same procurement procedure, a legal person may not submit a bid and, at the same time, be a member of a consortium also bidding under the same procurement procedure. In such cases, the Council of Europe reserves the right to exclude the bid submitted by the legal person from the procurement procedure;
- The Council reserves the right to reject any bid if, in its sole judgment, the financial offer is abnormally low or high. The Council may request clarification from the bidder before making its determination.

E. NEGOTIATIONS

The Council reserves the right to hold negotiations with the bidders in accordance with Article 20 of Rule 1395.

F. DOCUMENTS TO BE PROVIDED

- **One** completed and signed copy of the Act of Engagement;⁵
- A **Pro Forma Invoice** in accordance with the requirements set out in Section C (Fees)
- A short technical note (2–3 pages maximum) explaining the proposed approach, organisation of the services, methodology, quality assurance, cancellation policy and compliance with the requirements
- A list of all owners and executive officers, for legal persons only
- When relevant, a document disclosing the provider's personal interests that are relevant for this procedure, in compliance with the instructions laid down above under the 'Exclusion Criteria' above (Section 'Assessment')
- Registration documents
- A list of at least three comparable assignments completed during the last 12 months, including the scope, duration and the bidder's role
- Three (3) references (contact details only), preferably from public bodies and/or international organisations
- A copy of the financial statements of the company, or any equivalent document, for the year 2025 (profit and loss account) and report indicating the annual turnover over in 2025 according to the company's practice
- CVs of at least two (2) permanent staff members responsible for providing event management services
- Confirmation of ownership or access to the required transportation services/vehicles
- Portfolio or samples of at least three previous visibility and publication projects
- All the documents listed above, under Section F, necessary for the assessment of the bid under the eligibility and award criteria

All documents shall be submitted in English, failure to do so will result in the exclusion of the tender. If any of the documents listed above are missing, the Council of Europe reserves the right to reject the tender.

The Council reserves the right to reject a tender if the scanned documents are of such a quality that the documents cannot be read.

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⁵ The Act of Engagement must be completed, signed and scanned in its entirety (i.e. including all the pages). The scanned Act of Engagement may be sent page by page (attached to a single email) or as a compiled document, although a compiled document would be preferred. For all scanned documents, .pdf files are preferred.