**SUPPLY CONTRACT NOTICE**

**Supply of equipment Data migration and aggregation tool and web-portal with digital makerspace and tools  
Location – Senta /North Banat district/Vojvodina/Serbia**

**1. Reference**

RORS00227 – LPSRBVMMI – TD02

**2. Procedure**

Simplified

**3. Programme title**

Interreg IPA Romania Serbia Programme

**4. Financing**

Subsidy contract for the project Banat Heritage Portal (RORS00227)

**5. Contracting authority**

Institute for Hungarian Culture in Vojvodina

(Zavod za kulturu vojvođanskih Mađara),

Poštanska 18.

24420 Senta, Republic of Serbia.

**CONTRACT SPECIFICATION**

**6. Nature of contract**

unit-price

**7. Contract description**

The Tenderer/supplier has to deliver the following articles/equipment to the premises of the Contracting Authority

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| No. | Name of supply | Pieces required |
| 1 | Data migration and aggregation tool | 1 |
| 2 | **Web-portal with digital makerspace and tools** | 1 |

**With delivery, unloading, commissioning (including training.**

**8. Number and titles of lots**

One lot only

**9.**

**CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION**

**10. Legal basis, eligibility and rules of origin**

* The legal basis of this procedure is [REGULATION (EU) 2021/1529 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 15 September 2021 establishing the Instrument for Pre-Accession assistance (IPA III)](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/1529)

***Rule of Nationality:*** participation is open to all natural persons who are nationals of and legal persons (participating either individually or in a grouping) who are effectively established in a Member State of the European Union or in an eligible country or territory as defined under Article 11 of Regulation (EU) No [2021/1529] establishing the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA III).

Participation in the award of procurement contracts, grants and other award procedures for actions financed under the for IPA III shall be open to international and regional organisations and to all other legal entities who are nationals of and, in the case of legal persons, who are also effectively established in, the following countries or territories:

a) EU Member States

b) Beneficiaries listed in the Annex I of the IPA III

c) European Economic Area

d) Neighbourhood partner countries and territories covered by NDICI (annex I of NDICI)

e) Countries for which Commission has adopted a decision approving the request for reciprocal access to external assistance. Currently there are no such countries.

f) Where an agreement on widening the market for procurement of goods or services to which the Union is party applies, the procurement procedures for contracts financed by the budget shall also be open to natural and legal persons established in a third country other than those specified in the basic instruments governing the cooperation sector concerned, under the conditions laid down in that agreement.

***Rule of Origin:*** Goods and materials supplied under a procurement or a grant contract, financed under the INTERREG IPA Romania-Serbia Programme are fully untied and can originate in any country. All supplies and materials are fully untied and no verification of origins required.

* [Financial Regulation 2018 Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012;](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32018R1046)

(**Articles 178 and 179 of the Financial Regulation and points 36 to 41 of Chapter 3 of Annex I)**

* [REGULATION (EU) 2021/1060 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 24 June 2021 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund Plus, the Cohesion Fund, the Just Transition Fund and the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund and financial rules for those and for the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund, the Internal Security Fund and the Instrument for Financial Support for Border Management and Visa Policy](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32021R1060&qid=1645018135461)
* [REGULATION (EU) 2021/1059 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 24 June 2021 on specific provisions for the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) supported by the European Regional Development Fund and external financing instruments](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32021R1059)
* Practical guide on contract procedures for European Union external action (PRAG) 2021.1

**11. Number of tenders**

No more than one tender can be submitted by a natural or legal person whatever the form of participation (as an individual legal entity or as leader or member of a consortium submitting a tender). In the event that a natural or legal person submits more than one tender, all tenders in which that person has participated will be excluded.

Any tenderer may state in its tender that it would offer a discount in the event that its tender is accepted for more than one lot.

**12. Grounds for exclusion**

As part of the tender, tenderers must submit a signed declaration, included in the tender form, to the effect that they are not in any of the exclusion situations listed in Section 2.6.10.1. of the practical guide.

Tenderer included in the lists of EU restrictive measures (see Section 2.4. of the PRAG) at the moment of the award decision cannot be awarded the contract.

**13. Sub-contracting**

Subcontracting is allowed.

**PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE**

**14. Provisional commencement date of the contract**

The implementation of the tasks shall start on the date of the contract signature by both parties.

**15. Implementation period of the tasks**

6 months from contract signature

**SELECTION AND AWARD CRITERIA**

**16. Selection criteria**

Capacity-providing entities

An economic operator (i.e. candidate or tenderer) may, where appropriate and for a particular contract, rely on the capacities of other entities, regardless of the legal nature of the links it has with them. If the economic operator relies on other entities, it must in that case prove to the contracting authority that it will have at its disposal the resources necessary for the performance of the contract by producing a commitment by those entities to place those resources at its disposal. Such entities, for instance the parent company of the economic operator, must respect the same rules of eligibility and notably that of nationality as the economic operator relying on them and must comply with the selection criteria for which the economic operator relies on them. **Furthermore, the data for this third entity for the relevant selection criterion should be included in a separate document**. Proof of the capacity will also have to be provided when requested by the contracting authority.

With regard to technical and professional criteria, an economic operator may only rely on the capacities of other entities where the latter will perform the tasks for which these capacities are required.

With regard to economic and financial criteria, the entities upon whose capacity the economic operator relies, become jointly and severally liable for the performance of the contract.

The following selection criteria will be applied to the tenderers. In the case of tenders submitted by a consortium, these selection criteria will be applied to the consortium as a whole if not specified otherwise. The selection criteria will not be applied to natural persons and single-member companies when they are sub-contractors.

1. **Economic and financial capacity of the tenderer (**based on item 3 of the tender form). In case of tenderer being a public body, equivalent information should be provided. The reference period which will be taken into account will be the last three financial years for which accounts have been closed.

* the average annual turnover of the tenderer must exceed the Tenderer’s financial offer.

**2)** **Professional capacity of the tenderer (**based on items 4 of the tender form).

The reference period which will be taken into account will be the last three years preceding the submission deadline.

* at least four staff members that work for the tenderer (full-time or engaged) in fields related to this contract (1 project manager, 3 staff members) – at least two staff members have to have working knowledge of Hungarian next to working knowledge of Serbian and English (which is a requirement for all staff members)

Staff member profiles:

- 1 project manager with a higher education degree in fields related to this contract and has minimum three years of relevant experience in IT project management in fields related to this contract

- 1 staff member with a higher education degree in fields related to this contract and has minimum three years’ experience in programming/application development in Drupal and related fields

* 1 staff member member with a higher education degree in fields related to this contract and has minimum three years’ experience in Quality Assurance in IT projects
* 1 staff member member with a higher education degree in fields related to this contract and has minimum three years’ experience in the management of big data platforms, giving help-line services and management of administrative back-office interface of big data platforms

**3) Technical capacity of tenderer** (based on items 5 and 6 of the tender form). The reference period which will be taken into account will be the last three years preceding the submission deadline.

* the tenderer has delivered similar supplies under a maximum of 2 contracts with a cummulative value/budget of at least that of this contract (i.e. the tenderer’s financial offer) in fields related to this contract which was/were implemented at any moment within 3 years up to the point of the tender submission date (point 18) – which means that tenderer already owns a ready-made (out of the box/off the shelf) solution that is identical equipment (or similar but can be adapted to the needs) to the described types of equipment (in the c4f\_annexiitechspeciiitechoffer\_en) and has previously used this software for another client.

This means that the contract the tenderer refers to could have been started at any time during the indicated period but it does not necessarily have to be completed during that period, nor implemented during the entire period. Tenderers are allowed to refer either to supply contracts completed within the reference period (although started earlier) or to supply contracts not yet completed. Only the portion satisfactorily completed during the reference period will be taken into consideration. This portion will have to be supported by documentary evidence (statement or certificate from the entity which awarded the contract, proof of payment) also detailing its value. If a tenderer has implemented the supply contract in a consortium, the percentage that the tenderer has successfully completed must be clear from the documentary evidence, together with a description of the nature of the supplies provided if the selection criteria relating to the pertinence of the experience have been used.

Previous experience which would have led to breach of contract and termination by a contracting authority shall not be used as reference. This is also applicable concerning the previous experience of experts required under a fee-based service contract.

**17. Award criteria**

Price (or, if appropriate after prior approval, the best price-quality ratio which is a combination of quality and price).

**TENDERING**

**18. Deadline for submission of tenders**

The deadline for submission of tenders is **June 16th 2025, 14:00 C.E.T.**

**19. Tender format and details to be provided**

**Tenders must be submitted using the standard tender form.**

The tender must be accompanied by a declaration on honour on exclusion and selection criteria using the template available from the following Internet address:

<https://wikis.ec.europa.eu/display/ExactExternalWiki/Annexes#Annexes-AnnexesA(Ch.2):General>

Any additional documentation (brochure, letter, etc.) sent with a tender will not be taken into consideration.

**20. How tenders may be submitted**

Tenders must be submitted in English exclusively to the contracting authority, using the means specified in point 10 of the instructions to tenderers.

**Tenders submitted by any other means will not be considered.**

By submitting a tender tenderers accept to receive notification of the outcome of the procedure by electronic means.

**21. Alteration or withdrawal of tenders**

Tenderers may alter or withdraw their tenders by written notification prior to the deadline for submission of tenders. No tender may be altered after this deadline.

Any such notification of alteration or withdrawal shall be prepared and submitted in accordance with point 15 of the instructions to tenderers.

**22. Operational language**

All written communications for this tender procedure and contract must be in English.

**23. Additional information**

Financial data to be provided by the candidate in the standard application form must be expressed in EUR or RSD If applicable, where a candidate refers to amounts originally expressed in a different currency, the conversion RSD shall be made in accordance with the InforEuro exchange rate of **MAY 2025** of the applicable InforEuro exchange rate, which can be found at the following address: <http://ec.europa.eu/budget/graphs/inforeuro.html>.

NOTE: For legal entities based in the Republic of Serbia, payments will be made in RSD. In such cases, when payments should be made in RSD, but in case the Conractor stated its financial offer in EUR, the applicable exchange rate will be InforEuro exchange rate for the month of issuing Invoice.

**BACKGROUND**

**The purpose of these supplies under point 7. is the following:**

The main objective is to create a cultural and local history portal (Banat Heritage Portal), easily accessible to lay end-users and tourists, with additional information and comprehensible content, by integrating the digital content of the Contracting Authority and the project partner, which will present the traditions of the once complete Banat region, recorded in tangible, written or any other form, over the last more than a century.

The portal is designed to offer a set of digital tools - digital makerspace - for the targeted communities. The digital makerspace will help the involved contributors to digitize, publish and re- use valuable content about the heritage of Banat.

In order to create a solid database that is compatible with international public collection standards (MARC21, LIDO) data and digital content transformation and aggregation is needed. The data transformation to the standards will significantly lower the risk of data degradation and advance the long-term preservation goals.

Currently, there are multiple systems used at the project partners’ to maintain heritage data and content (see reference: vamadia.rs) these complementary datasets in their current way of operation were not designed to represent the whole and multicultural and multilingual historic Banat area. The solution to have the possibility to interconnect data and content from both sides of the border is to aggregate the data sources into a single repository solution.

The sub-goal of the project is to further develop both partners’ technological capacities in order to enable more and more public collections in the Banat to directly participate in the enrichment of the database, thus providing more and more valuable cultural content for research, education and tourism.

Such an aggregation will allow the institutions to summon partnering institutions (local libraries, museums) and volunteers to take part in the data collection and curation process.

These pieces of supply under point 7 will present unique and unique digital traditions that emphasize relationships, so the diversity of the region is also emphasized, thinking here about the natural, social and geographical diversity, which was also caused by the different development of the countries in the past decades. This duality, based on historical similarities, but also on differences due to different development, gives the strength of the development of a digital platform that jointly presents traditions.