

## Ex-ante publicity notice in negotiated procurement procedure

**Subject: "Support to ECDC and EU Member States on Lyme borreliosis surveillance and expert advice on tick borne diseases" NP/2019/OCS/9603**

### Short description

On June 22, 2018, the European Commission officially updated the list of communicable diseases for surveillance in the EU. This list now includes Lyme neuroborreliosis, the neurological manifestation of Lyme borreliosis. The decision authorises the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) to begin monitoring the EU-wide distribution of Lyme neuroborreliosis cases starting in 2019 (using 2018 data). On the 15th of November 2018, the European Parliament issued [a non-legislative resolution addressing the issue of Lyme disease \(Borreliosis\) in the European Union](#). The resolution calls for actions - amongst others - from the ECDC to make dedicated efforts to improve diagnostic and treatment options, expand and integrate reporting and surveillance as well as develop and inform the public on preventative measures, particularly for at risk regions and groups within the EU. Within the implementation of this tasks, ECDC would like to rely on opinions of experts with broad and in depth scientific knowledge, as well as clinical and laboratory expertise on Lyme borreliosis.

In this procurement, ECDC's Emerging and Vector-borne Diseases Programme (EVD) is looking for a consultant to contribute to the programme on Lyme neuroborreliosis. The objective of this request for offer is to obtain scientific expert consultancy services primarily to support the ECDC and EU Member States in the reporting of Lyme neuroborreliosis for surveillance purposes. The consultancy will also include services on the development of plans and feasibility studies on the standardisation of Lyme borreliosis diagnostics and treatment and general Lyme borreliosis surveillance within the European Union. Consultancy should also cover communication on other tick borne diseases with public health impact in the EU Member States.

### Description of the procedure:

This ex-ante publicity is the first stage of a negotiated procurement procedure **below 144,000 Euros with a minimum of 5 candidates** through which ECDC may award the above-mentioned contract.

All economic operators established in the European Union, European Economic Area and Stabilisation and Association Agreements countries who are interested in providing the services described above should express their interest **before 28/02/2019, 16h00** (local time Sweden), by e-mail to **tenders@ecdc.europa.eu** with the same subject reference as indicated above.

In their expression of interest interested economic operators should demonstrate their ability to provide the relevant services and provide the following information:

- Name
- Address
- Contact person
- E-mail
- Description of main area of business/expertise (max 500 words)

This information will be taken into account by ECDC in order to identify potential candidates. ECDC may not invite all interested economic operators.

The Request for Offers and related documents will be provided by e-mail only to the identified candidates.

Please note that ECDC reserves the right not to launch the negotiated procedure.

**For candidates established in the United Kingdom (UK):** please be aware that after the UK's withdrawal from the EU, the rules of access to EU procurement procedures of economic operators established in third countries will apply to candidates from the UK depending on the outcome of the negotiations. In case such access is not provided by legal provisions in force candidates from the UK could be rejected from the procurement procedure.