

MALTA COMPETITION AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS AUTHORITY

REQUEST FOR QUOTE

The Malta Competition and Consumer Affairs Authority (MCCAA) would like to receive quotations for the service of:

DESCRIPTION OF THE PRODUCT OR SERVICE**Description: Project Title**

Market Research and Analysis in relation to the Safety of Chemicals

Relevant Background

The safety of chemicals is a strategic enforcement priority on both national and European levels. [In 2020, the European Commission published a chemicals strategy and followed up with a series of legislation proposals on the classification, labelling and packaging of chemicals; and the registration, evaluation, authorisation and restriction of chemical.](#)

Objectives and Expected Results**Objectives**

The overall objective is to support the Authority in making evidence-based submissions during the legislation process lifecycle at both European and national levels. An analysis of the current national state of play in the sector of chemicals is thereby being sought.

Results to be achieved

A thorough analysis of the national situation in relation to consumer safety, business statistics and trade statistics in the sector of chemicals.

Project Description

The Technical Regulations Division (TRD) within the Malta Competition and Consumer Affairs Authority (MCCAA) is designated as the competent authority in terms of the Classification, Labelling and Packaging of Substances and Mixtures (CLP) (Implementation) Regulations (S.L. 427.69) and the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (Reach) (Implementation) Regulations (S.L. 427.66).

As the competent authority, the TRD is expected to be a lead participant throughout the legislation process lifecycle of the proposal for new safety regulations on chemicals at both European and national levels. An analysis of the current national state of play in terms of consumer safety and market performance in the sector of chemicals is required to ensure that submissions made by the TRD are evidence-based. Through this project, the Contracting Authority expects to have:

- a comprehensive list of the key stakeholders and economic operators in Malta;
- a clear picture of:
 - the issues faced by consumers and economic operators in Malta in relation to the safety of chemicals,
 - how economic operators operating in the sector of chemicals operate, are organised and structured,
 - the supply and marketing chains; and
- the strategic areas which the Authority should focus on and prioritise during the legislation process lifecycle.

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The successful bidder will be required to perform the analysis and write a report in English, including an executive summary, about the findings. The methods used to conduct the analysis and other relevant details shall also be outlined in the report. The successful bidder will be required to present an executive summary of the report to the MCCAAs management. The report will then be thoroughly reviewed by the MCCAAs project manager, or delegate. The successful bidder may be required to address any queries made by the Contracting Authority by updating the report or providing a clarification in writing. The MCCAAs will confirm acceptance of the report once it is satisfied that the analysis and report provide adequate support for it to make evidence-based submissions.

The analysis should, at least, consider:

- Issues faced by consumers;
- Consumer behaviour in relation to chemicals;
- Statistics on non-compliant products and their impact in Malta;
- Statistics on unsafe products and their impact in Malta;
- Injury statistics;
- Issues posed by the current legislation to economic operators in Malta;
- Import and export statistics;
- Business demography, size and legal form;
- Type and degree of operations performed by economic operators in Malta;
- Issues linked with overlapping legislation related to chemicals;
- Main country trading partners; and
- Market trends, supply chains and marketing chains.

Project Management

The Contracting Authority will designate a project manager to act as the main liaison person with the successful bidder.

Logistics and Timing

The successful bidder is expected to present and submit the final report within two (2) calendar months from the date of award of this project. Any amendments and/or clarifications requested by the Contracting Authority are expected to be addressed within two (2) working days from the date of the request.

Commencement Date and Period of Execution

The project will commence upon confirmation in writing by the Competent Authority that the project is awarded to the successful bidder. The project is to be finalised within a maximum of seventy-five (75) calendar days.

Quantity: 1

Delivery: No

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Installation (if applicable): No

SPECIFICATIONS, REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS

The service should have the following requirements: The winning bidder must be in possession of, at least, a recognised qualification at MQF level 7 (subject to a minimum of 90 ECTS credits) in Economics, Statistics, Marketing Science, Strategic Management or an appropriate, recognised, comparable qualification.

Interested bidders are to send their motivation letter, clearly quoting this call for quotes together with a detailed CV; copies of academic qualifications and, if awarded by foreign educational institutions, a recognition statement of qualification at an MQF level as issued by the Malta Qualification Recognition Information Centre (MQRIC), if applicable; and corresponding detailed transcripts demonstrating the ECTS credits acquired to antoine.ellul@mccaa.org.mt.

Late applications will not be considered.

IMPORTANT: Bidders must be VAT registered.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS

Time: 12pm (noon), local time

Date: 11th August 2023

ADJUDICATION CRITERION

Criterion: Cheapest

Details: N/A

IMPORTANT NOTE

The contracted supplier may be bound by a confidentiality and/or non-disclosure agreement. All quotations must include a price breakdown of all expenses involved excluding any applicable VAT and other taxes. Quotations received after the deadline will not be considered. All emails should be sent to antoine.ellul@mccaa.org.mt.
